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DISCOVER VALDEZ

Welcome! Take in the beauty of the mountains, glaciers, tree-covered land, the bay, and the ocean. Welcome to the ancestral lands of the Suacit. In March 2021, the Valdez Native Tribe's officially recognized Suacit as the Native place name for Valdez. The name is an Alutiiq/Sugpiat word understood to mean, "people of the place that rises into view."

The Sugpiat people, who have lived upon and used this land for millennia, still enjoy the bounty it provides today, maintaining their connection with the land and sea. Rivers provide water to drink; the land gives wood, berries, and animals; and the ocean offers fish, urchins, and fur.

Appreciate all that Valdez has to offer while visiting; hike the hills and mountains, fish the rivers and sea, think about the people living here and those who came before you, and strive to leave the beauty intact for future generations to experience. Your visit here will leave forever footprints in your memories.

We hope you enjoy our gold rush town that rises into view.

Sharon Anderson

SHARON ANDERSON | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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TRAVEL RESOURCES

For assistance with planning your trip to Valdez, contact the **Valdez Visitors Center** at 907-835-2984 or info@valdezalaska.org. Visitors Center staff are generally able to take phone calls or answer emails during normal business hours.

Don't forget to stop in and visit us while you're here. The Visitors Center is located in the middle of town at 309 Fairbanks Drive. Local and state maps and information are available, along with a welcoming staff ready to assist you in finding your way around. Our lounge offers Wi-Fi and a place to kick up your feet.



Kayleigh Mazzocoli

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

VALDEZ ICE CLIMBING FESTIVAL

The stunning waterfalls of Keystone Canyon serve as a fabulous climbing venue for this event. World class instructors teach clinics for all ages and levels, including specialty classes for youth, women only, and physical adaptation.

MARCH

MAYOR'S CUP SNOWMACHINE RACE

The Mayor's Cup is a 150-mile cross-country snowmachine race set on a 25-mile loop around Hogsback Glacier and the Valdez Glacier Flats. The race has been a tradition in Valdez since 1998; each year, the current mayor of Valdez waves the green flag to start the race.

APRIL

VALDEZ FAT BIKE BASH

This event has something for everyone. Individual races are cross-country and extreme downhill. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded for women's and men's categories. Team races include the triathlon (bike, kayak, and run) and the biathlon (ski and bike).

ALASKA KITE FESTIVAL

Held in Thompson Pass every April, speed-gliding and paragliding athletes from around the world demonstrate acrobatic skills and compete for prizes in the Alaska Kite Festival. The festival also features snowkite instructional clinics for beginners. [ValdezAlaska.org/events/alaska-kite-festival/](https://www.valdezalaska.org/events/alaska-kite-festival/)

MOUNTAIN MAN HILL CLIMB

This event takes place every April in Thompson Pass, 30 miles north of Valdez on the Richardson Highway. Snowmachiners attempt to cruise their machines up a 1,700-foot slope to successfully reach the top and claim a winning time. This is a spectator-oriented event with high-stakes action.

MAY

VALDEZ FLY-IN & AIR SHOW

This premier bush plane competition in the Western United States features the world-famous STOL competition, beach landing, balloon bust, flour bombing, aerobatics show, and pilot round tables. There is a wide array of events for the whole family to watch.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS

The City of Valdez honors military members during Memorial Day weekend. This event is open to the public and includes a halibut fish fry, live music, and kids games.

JUNE

LAST FRONTIER THEATRE CONFERENCE

Hundreds of national and international playwrights, actors, and readers flock to Valdez for this conference. The play lab is the highlight of the week, along with the evening performances.

JULY

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Come join the locals for a family fun day of events and food, including a parade through town.

KIDS PINK SALMON DERBY DAY

Introduce your kids to salmon fishing with the Kids Pink Salmon Derby Day, a one-day event that takes place during the Valdez Fish Derbies. The pinks are plentiful and easy to catch, and the kids can win great prizes!

AUGUST

GOLD RUSH DAYS FESTIVAL

Experience the annual five-day celebration of the Gold Rush era of Valdez. Join in the festivities, like the famous Wine Walk, and don't miss the can-can girls, a parade, the local market, food, live music, and more!

WOMEN'S SILVER SALMON DERBY

This event draws more than 5,000 women anglers to Valdez. Join the Silver Salmon Sisterhood and win great prizes.

OCTOBER

BUSINESS TRICK-OR-TREAT

Have your kids participate in safe and friendly Halloween trick-or-treating through the businesses in downtown Valdez!

YEAR ROUND

Discover more events, festivals, and celebrations happening in Valdez year-round at [ValdezAlaska.org/Events](https://www.valdezalaska.org/events).

Halibut Hullabaloo June 2-11

Halibut Derby May 27

Silver Derby July 22


Big Prize Friday July 28 * Sep 1
Tagged Fish Aug 11-Sep 3

Kids Derby July 22

Womens Derby August 12

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PHOTO CONTEST

Discover Valdez is asking for your best shot! We're looking for photos of fishing, hiking, glaciers, wildlife, activities, events around town, and beautiful landscapes; all that Valdez has to offer. The best part? Six winners will be chosen to receive cash prizes and be featured in next year's Valdez Visitors Guide!



SADONA KATHRYN

PRIZES One grand prize winner may be featured on the cover of the 2023 Valdez Visitors Guide and receive \$500. Five additional winners will be featured inside the guide and receive \$50 each.



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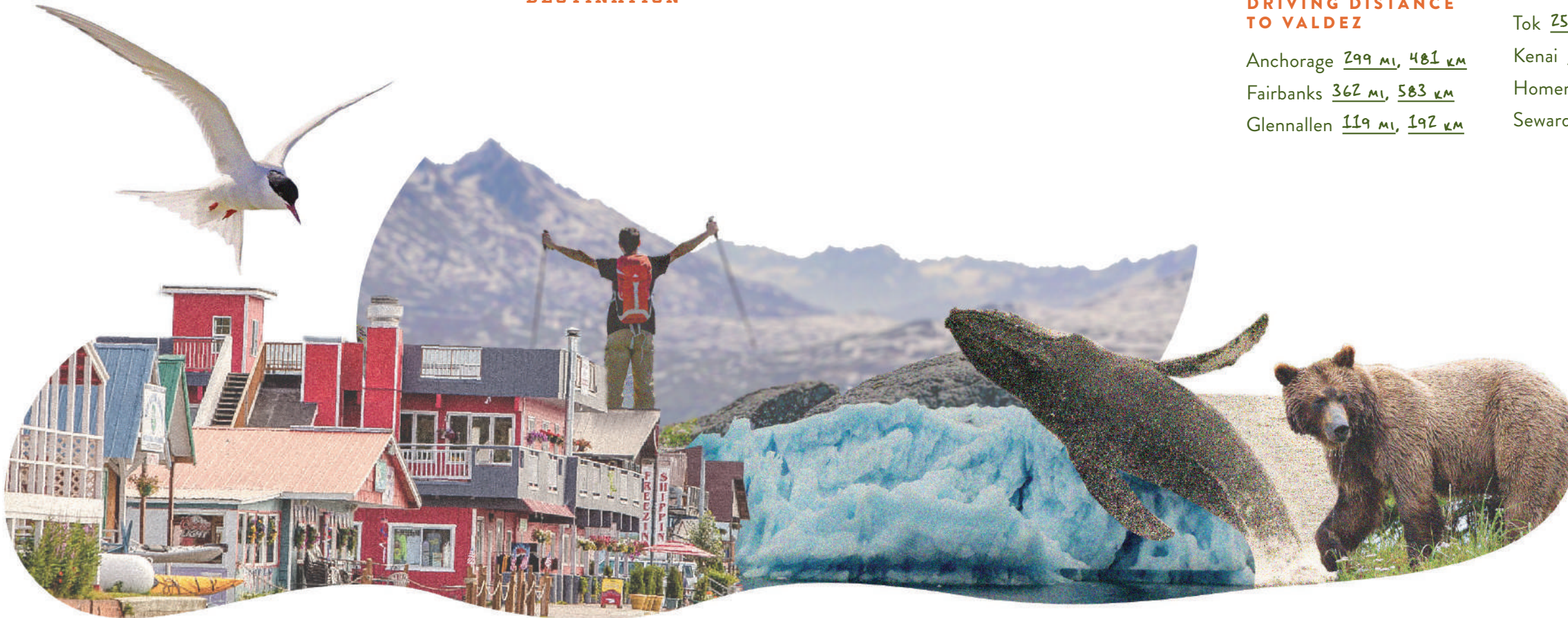


NILOPAL ROY

HOW TO ENTER
Send your best snapshots of Valdez to info@valdezalaska.org. Contest entries are accepted from May 1 to August 15. 300 DPI or higher is preferred. For more information check out: ValdezAlaska.org/Photo-Contest.

GETTING HERE

THE JOURNEY IS JUST AS STUNNING AS THE DESTINATION



DRIVING DISTANCE TO VALDEZ

Anchorage 299 MI, 481 KM

Fairbanks 362 MI, 583 KM

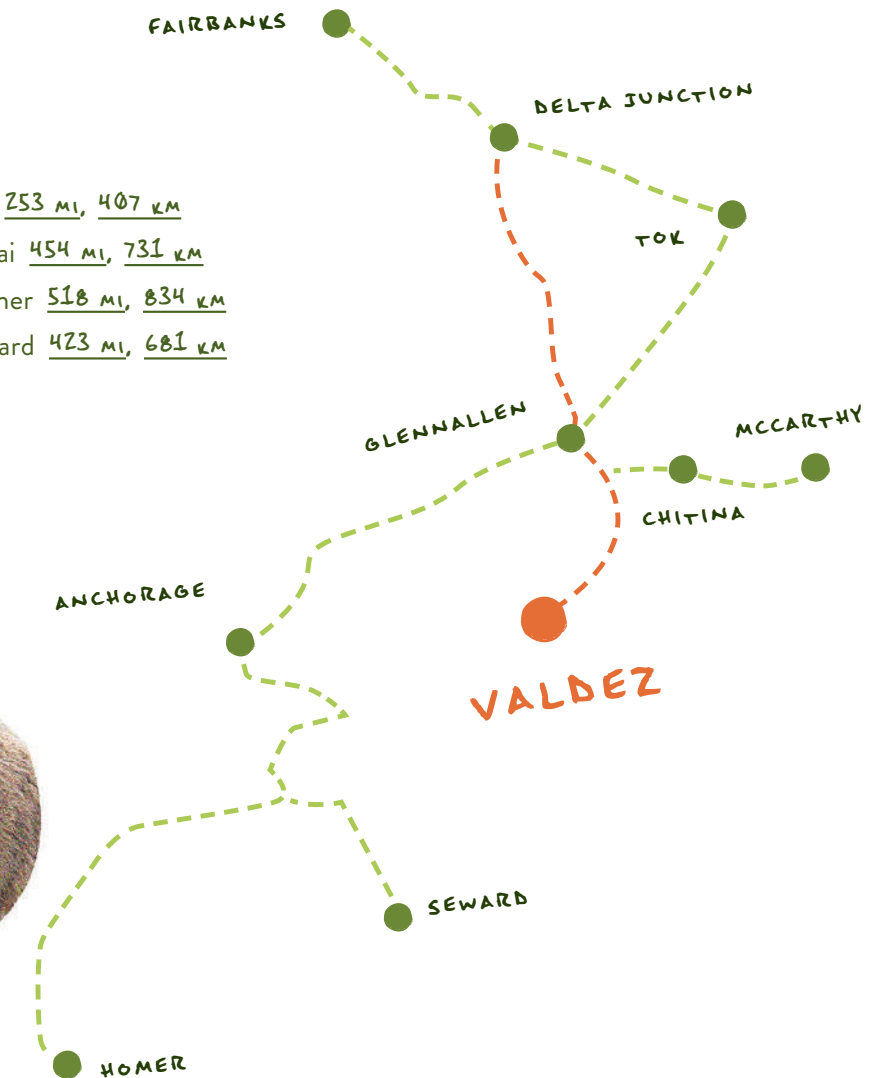
Glennallen 119 MI, 192 KM

Tok 253 MI, 407 KM

Kenai 454 MI, 731 KM

Homer 518 MI, 834 KM

Seward 423 MI, 681 KM



Travel + Leisure named the *Richardson Highway* one of **AMERICA'S MOST SCENIC ROADS**

BY LAND

The drive to Valdez provides breathtaking views of glaciers, waterfalls, towering mountains, and incredible scenery. The picturesque Glenn and Richardson Highways converge along the nation's largest national park—Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—holding nine of the 16 tallest peaks in the United States.

Visitors can stretch their legs, eat, and fuel up in the community of Glennallen, or stop at Copper Center, Mile 100 of the Richardson Highway near the confluence of the Klutina and Copper Rivers, to grab a burger or fish. The National Park Service operates the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Copper Center Visitor Center Complex, which sits approximately 10 miles south of

Glennallen on the Richardson Highway. The Ahtna Cultural Heritage Center is at the same location showcasing the Ahtna People who have lived in the area for millennia.

As you approach Valdez, you'll drive through Thompson Pass, where sky-high mountains surround the road on either side. Watch for the sign to Worthington Glacier, one of Alaska's most accessible and must-see glaciers. Coming down the mountain be ready to take in the majesty of the awe-inspiring Keystone Canyon, where cascading waterfalls greet you from towering canyon walls before entering Valdez.

BY SEA

Alaska's Prince William Sound is ringed by the coastal mountains of the Chugach Range and situated amid the Chugach National Forest. Its 2,700 miles of coastline are home to the towns and villages of Chenega Bay, Cordova, Tatitlek, Whittier, and Valdez. The Alaska Marine Highway ferry system provides passage to Valdez from Whittier and Cordova. Local operators offer water taxis to cabins, bays, and islands in Prince William Sound.

BY AIR

In a 45-minute flight from Anchorage, visitors can reach Valdez on one of Ravn Alaska's commuter planes flying over the towering peaks of the Chugach Mountains and across vast glacial ice fields. Private charters are also available through smaller air carriers.

THE LAY OF THE LAND

A TRUE ALASKAN SMALL TOWN

Valdez, nestled on a jut of land fanning out from the Chugach Mountains to Prince William Sound, is a true Alaskan small town. Valdez's downtown and harbor areas are walkable, with many businesses and attractions only a few blocks from most local accommodations.



Jody Overstreet

THOMPSON PASS

Winter or summer, snow or sunshine, Thompson Pass is a playground for outdoor enthusiasts and sightseers at any time of the year. As drivers cruise down the highway surrounded by a horizon of mountain peaks, flowing streams, gushing waterfalls, and endless natural beauty, they'll feel like they're leaving the rest of the world behind.

Hot spots on Thompson Pass include Blueberry Lake, Worthington Glacier, and the Thompson Pass Pack Trail.



Jiyeon Juno Kim

THE WATERFRONT

The best views, people-watching, shopping, and food can be found along the waterfront in downtown Valdez.

Stroll along the boardwalk on North Harbor Drive or head over to Galena Street for drinks and local culture.

DAYVILLE ROAD

Dayville Road, located "Across the Bay" from downtown, offers some of Valdez's biggest attractions, including the best wildlife viewing and fishing spots. Look for the Dayville Road turnoff along the Richardson Highway, about six miles out of town.

MINERAL CREEK AREA

Head just west of downtown Valdez on Egan Drive to discover secluded trails and scenic sightseeing opportunities along Mineral Creek. The area is home to a few residential neighborhoods, but parking is available at each trailhead. A small playground is available at the head of Shoup Bay Trail.



GETTING AROUND

One of the best parts of Valdez's small-town charm is how easy it is to get around. With restaurants, museums, shops, and hiking trails just mere blocks from most of our hotels and B&Bs, our town is one of the most walkable towns in Alaska. Valdez stretches only about a mile from the Chugach Mountains to the waterfront along Port of Valdez.

Additionally, visitors can rent bikes and explore the town like locals. If you're interested in wildlife viewing, you can pedal along the Crooked Creek Bike Path that leads from town along the Duck Flats and out the highway to Dayville Road and the Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery, where bears, seals, and eagles may be seen feeding on returning salmon.

Valdez has many creative ways to get around. Methods of transportation include the local taxi company, hotel shuttles, and Turo, as well as helicopters and water taxis for those trying to reach more remote areas.

Jody Overstreet

WHETHER IT'S IN TOWN OR IN THE MOUNTAINS, BIKE RENTALS ARE A GREAT WAY TO GET AROUND VALDEZ. TRAVEL LIKE THE LOCALS, ON TWO WHEELS!



Magdalena McCay



PLANNING YOUR TRIP

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER...JUST BAD GEAR!

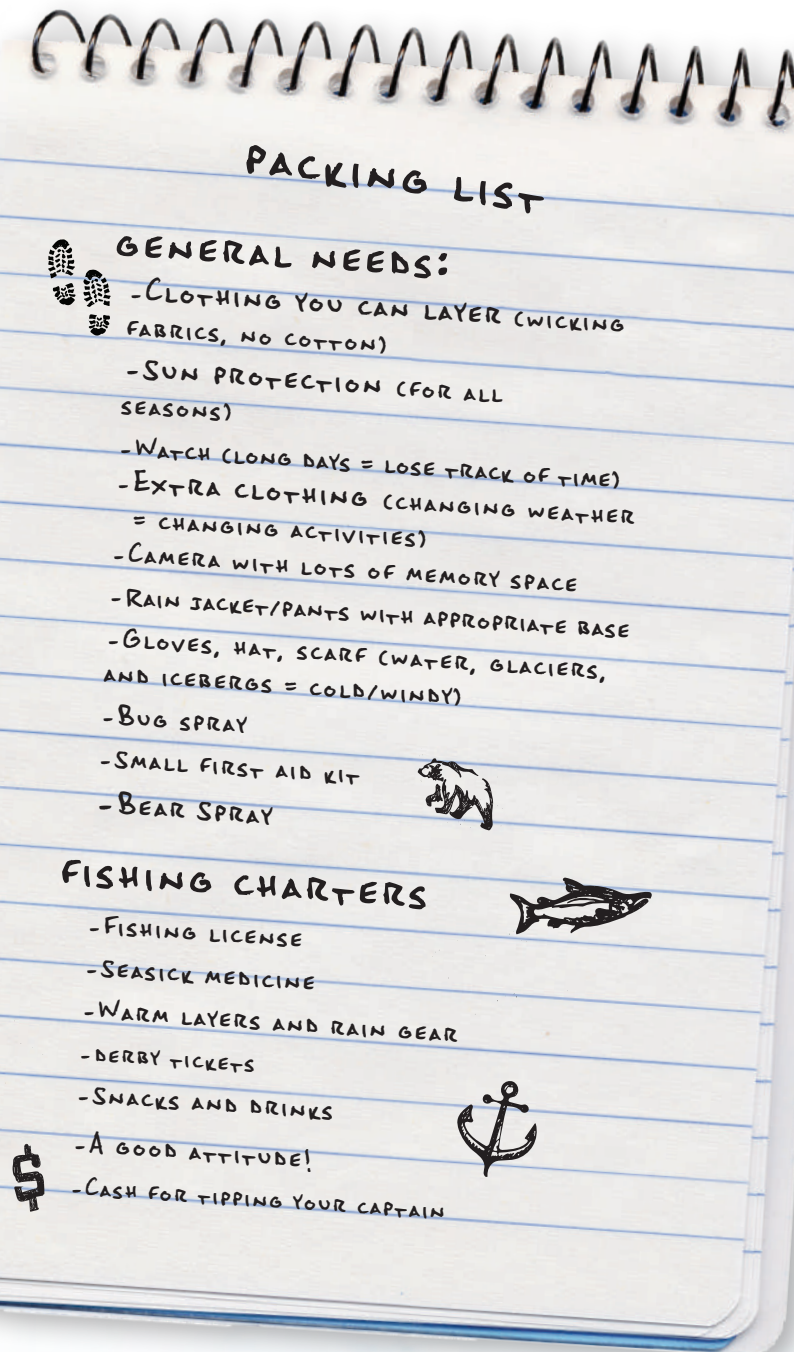
Come to Valdez prepared for an *unforgettable experience* with the right essentials. Valdez weather reports are notoriously inaccurate; therefore, any forecast further than three days out should not be considered reliable. There are a number of "microclimates" in the area, so weather in town, for example, can be different than in the Sound or on Thompson Pass.

Be suspicious of weather reports that call for days or weeks of rain, as these could indicate intermittent gray and sprinkling weather or steady rain. Due to the unreliable nature of our weather, be sure to plan accordingly and bring layers and rain gear.

FOR REGULAR WEATHER UPDATES ON THE RADIO, TUNE INTO KVAK 93.3 FM OR TO KCHU 770 AM.

SAFETY & ETIQUETTE

WHILE THE BUNNIES HERE SEEM CUTE, PLEASE REMEMBER THEY ARE FERAL ANIMALS AND REFRAIN FROM PETTING THEM OR PICKING THEM UP. RESPECT THEIR SPACE, JUST AS YOU WOULD ANY OTHER WILD OR FERAL ANIMAL.



HISTORY OF VALDEZ



Valdez Museum & Historical Archive

SEE HOW YOU CAN DISCOVER THE RICH HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF VALDEZ.

MUSEUMS

Valdez offers three museums in town. The **Valdez Museum** on Egan Drive presents the full history of the region, while the Museum's "Remembering Old Valdez" Exhibit on south Hazelet Avenue focuses on the town as it was just before the 1964 earthquake. Additionally, the **Maxine & Jesse Whitney Museum** at Prince William Sound College is home to one of the largest collections of Alaska Native art and artifacts in the state.

SUACIT

TRADITIONAL: The area around present-day Valdez was known as Suacit by the Chugach people of Prince William Sound. The area was used as a trade route between the coast and Interior Alaska by Chugach and Ahtna people from the Copper River Valley.

1778: Captain James Cook explored the sound, naming it Sandwich Sound for the Earl of Sandwich. British mapmakers later changed the name to Prince William Sound.

1790: Explorer Salvador Fidalgo entered the sound to claim the region for Spain and named the Suacit area "Valdez" after a Spanish admiral.

1800s: Chugach from the village of Tatitlek, located about 25 miles from Valdez, began trading sea otter pelts with Russian traders at the village of Nuchek on Hinchinbrook Island.

OLD TOWN

1897-1898: Gold seekers came into the bay to follow the "All American Route" over Valdez Glacier to the Interior. A tent city sprang up, and the town of Valdez was formed.

1899: The U.S. Army cut a trail through Keystone Canyon, providing an alternate route to the Interior. The trail is now the Richardson Highway.

1907: A shootout between two rival railroad companies

ended Valdez's hopes of becoming a railroad town. A half-completed tunnel is still visible in Keystone Canyon.

1910s -1950s: Valdez served as a crucial port for shipping supplies into the Interior on the Richardson Highway.

1964: The Good Friday Earthquake, the largest in American history, struck 45 miles from Valdez, devastating the town, and claiming the lives of more than 30 people.



THE GOOD FRIDAY EARTHQUAKE
1964

HISTORIC SITES

Walk through the remains of the **original Valdez townsite**, "Old Valdez," located three miles down the Richardson Highway.

Walk through the **old railroad tunnel** abandoned after the 1907 shootout in Keystone Canyon.

The **Valdez Marine Terminal of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline** is not open for tours, but it can be viewed from several vantage points around town.

More adventurous travelers can hike, bike, or ATV the six-mile-long **Mineral Creek Trail** (see page 21), which leads to the ruins of a gold rush era stamp mill used to crush rocks.

Valdez Museum & Historical Archive



NEW TOWN

1964-1967: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assisted locals in transporting houses and buildings to a new townsite four miles away. The original townsite close to the Valdez Glacier Stream is accessible and may be visited.

1975-1977: The 800-mile-long Trans-Alaska Pipeline was built to carry oil from Alaska's North Slope to a terminal in Valdez, the nearest ice-free port.

1989: The largest oil spill in American history occurred when the oil tanker

Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef, 25 miles south of Valdez. The oil spread out of the sound across coastal Alaska; Valdez, though not affected, became the center of the oil cleanup effort.

1991-2000: Valdez hosted the World Extreme Skiing Championships, tapping into the 1990s zeitgeist for extreme sports. The championships helped to stimulate Valdez's winter economy and made a name for the town as a winter destination.

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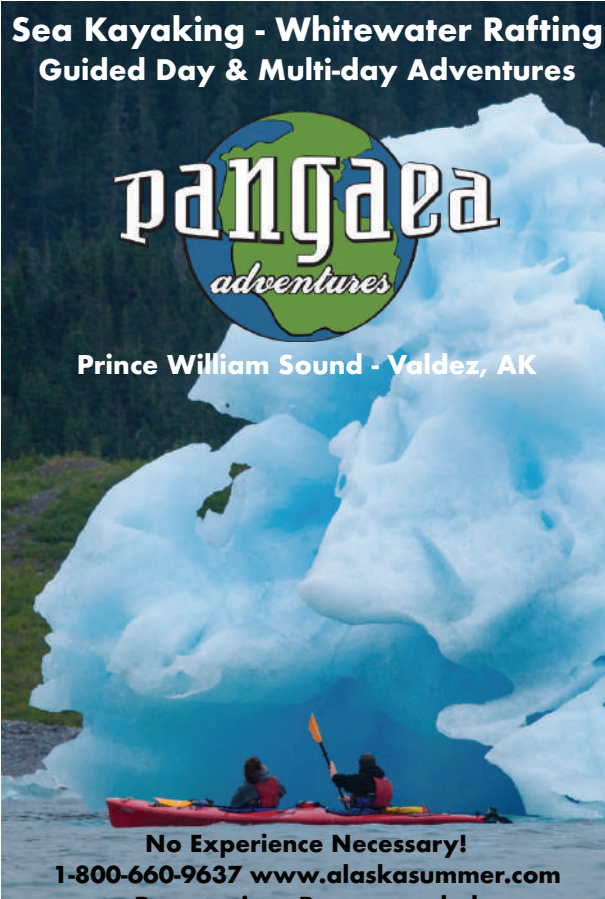
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OCEAN ADVENTURES

OCEAN TOURS

Orca and humpback whales, otters, sea lions, and birds are among the many animals that make their home in Prince William Sound. During the spring and summer, day-long cruises will take you to some of the best vantage points for viewing mountains, glaciers, and wildlife. Don't have a full day? Helicopter tours can cover the same area in less time and even land you on top of a glacier!



Jiyeon Juno Kim

KAYAK TOURS

Those looking for more adventure can spend a day kayaking glacial waters. Glaciers, wildlife, ice caves, and waterfalls can be viewed up close by kayak. It is even possible to take a kayak out fishing if you've got the right setup.

Kayak companies in Valdez operate guided tours or rent out equipment and safety gear. Independent kayakers can paddle in scenic lakes around Valdez and Thompson Pass. A kayak and small boat launch are available along the beach near Kelsey Dock.

Another popular destination for kayakers and paddle-boarders is Valdez Glacier Lake, accessible at the end of Airport Road. The lake is known for the numerous icebergs in the lake that have calved off Valdez Glacier. Kayakers should exercise extreme caution near icebergs as they have a larger underwater mass, are dangerously unstable, and can flip over.

RECOMMENDED SAFETY INFORMATION

ValdezAlaska.org/Valdez-Glacier



GLACIER VIEWING

Valdez hosts five major glaciers for travelers to visit by guided tour or independently. Whether you charter a helicopter, take a boat, or hike, Valdez has many accessible, breathtaking glaciers to explore.

COLUMBIA GLACIER is the second largest tidewater glacier in North America and the largest in Prince William Sound.

MEARES GLACIER is unique because while most glaciers throughout the world are retreating, Meares Glacier is one of the few advancing tidewater glaciers.

SHOUP GLACIER is tucked away in Shoup Bay, a rugged 8 miles west of town, and is accessible by foot, boat, kayak, and helicopter.

VALDEZ GLACIER is located east, beyond the airport, and plays a large part in the history of the town. Known as the All-American Route, gold seekers traveled over the glacier into the interior of Alaska during the Gold Rush of 1898.

WORTHINGTON GLACIER is one of the most accessible glaciers in Alaska. Located in Thompson Pass, within view of the Richardson Highway, this glacier is a must-see, driving in or out of Valdez. Watch for the turnout at milepost 29, park your vehicle, and then walk up to the glacier for an up-close experience.

Chris Thoma/
Stan Stephens Cruises

Jody Overstreet

DOWN AT SEA LEVEL OR UP ON THOMPSON PASS, THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLACIER VIEWING AROUND IN VALDEZ. YOU CAN ACCESS GLACIERS BY FOOT, PADDLE, BOAT, OR PLANE.

LOCAL HIKING TRAILS

VALDEZ BOASTS SOME OF THE MOST SCENIC AND HISTORIC TRAILS IN ALASKA.

Ranging in length and difficulty, our hiking trails offer something for everyone.

SHORTER/EASIER TRAILS (well-maintained & less than a mile)

Spot shorebirds and bald eagles along the Dock Point Trail, which runs along a headland between the Duck Flats and Port Valdez. Take the stairs up the Overlook Trail by the Civic Center for a view of the town and the bay. Enjoy a walk through the woods on the gravel path of Homestead Trail, where you'll see salmon heading upstream in late summer.

LONGER/MODERATE TRAILS (increased elevations, gravel, or paved paths)

Bike, jog, or walk along the paved Bike Path that follows the road out of town for great wildlife viewing opportunities. Hike up the Meals Hill Trail across from Ruth Pond for views that overlook the town and Port Valdez, or access Solomon Lake and Solomon Gulch from the John Hunter Memorial Trail off of Dayville Road. Discover Valdez's gold rush history on Mineral Creek Trail, which winds through Mineral Creek Canyon 6 miles to an abandoned stamp mill.

THE "TRAIL OF '98"

(historic trails of variable length and difficulty)

Hike through history on the Trail of 1898/1899 that led prospectors from Valdez to Interior Alaska during the Gold Rush. The present trail is broken into four sections: the Keystone Canyon Pack Trail, the Goat Trail, the Wagon Road, and the Thompson Pass Pack Trail.



CHALLENGING/ADVENTUROUS TRAILS

(longer trails with less trail maintenance)

Explore Shoup Bay Trail for an Alaskan adventure. The trail is broken into two sections. Section A is better maintained and leads from town to a remote camping site at Gold Creek. Section B continues from Gold Creek through the overgrown brush before reaching Shoup Bay and views of Shoup Glacier.



SUMMER TRAIL DETAILS

DOCK POINT TRAIL

EASY | .83 mi RT | 30 mins | 50 ft

HOMESTEAD TRAIL

EASY | ~1 mi RT | 30 mins RT
~20 ft

OVERLOOK TRAIL

EASY | .4 mi RT | 20 mins | 75 ft

MINERAL CREEK TRAIL

MODERATE | 12.2 mi RT (from the bridge) | 6 hrs RT | 800 ft

SHOUP BAY TRAIL SECTION A

MODERATE | 6.5 mi RT | 4 hrs RT | 680 ft

SHOUP BAY TRAIL SECTION B

DIFFICULT | 12.6 mi RT | 10 hrs RT | 1,100 ft

JOHN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRAIL

(solomon gulch trail)

MODERATE | 3.8 mi RT | 2-2.5 hrs RT | 700 ft

KEYSTONE CANYON PACK TRAIL

EASY TO MODERATE | 2.6 mi one way | 2 hrs one way | 250 ft

GOAT TRAIL

MODERATE | 3.2 mi RT (1.6 miles to S viewing area) | 2 hrs RT | 500 ft

WAGON TRAIL

EASY | 6.6 mi RT (3.3 mi to N viewing area) | 4 hrs RT | 350 ft

TRAIL & SAFETY TIPS

STAY ON THE TRAILS: THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENT.

PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT! KEEP THE TRAILS WASTE FREE FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY.

DRESS IN LAYERS: THE WEATHER IN VALDEZ CAN CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. PACK EXTRA CLOTHES AND SOCKS, MOISTURE-WICKING AND WATERPROOF GEAR.

TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING: LET THEM KNOW WHEN YOU WILL BE BACK. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS AND WHEN HIKING AROUND BIG WILDLIFE.

DO NOT APPROACH WILDLIFE: THE BEARS MAY LOOK SOFT, BUT THEY ARE WILD.

HIKE IN A GROUP: HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS IS A GOOD WAY TO LET ANIMALS KNOW YOUR LOCATION.

BRING ENOUGH WATER AND STAY HYDRATED: DON'T RELY ON LOCAL WATER SOURCES, THEY MAY NOT BE CLEAN. A GOOD RULE IS TWO CUPS PER HOUR OF HIKING AND ONE TO TWO FOR KIDS.

BRING A FIRST AID KIT: YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'LL NEED IT, A BANDAGE MAY HELP THOSE HIKING BOOTS FEEL BETTER.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN: LONG DAYS OF DAYLIGHT MAY BE A NOVELTY, BUT IT ALSO MEANS LONGER EXPOSURE, SO PROTECT YOURSELF.

DON'T FORGET BUG SPRAY!



HALIBUT

PINK SALMON

SILVER SALMON

FISHING IN VALDEZ

A PREMIER ALASKAN FISHING DESTINATION

As a premier fishing destination, Prince William Sound is open year-round, and our waters are home to all species of salmon, rockfish, lingcod, and halibut. Whether you drop a line from shore, take a boat, or take a fishing charter into deeper seas, you're likely to catch enough fish to eat for dinner or fill your freezer.

CHARTERS

Half-day and full-day charters are available, and most charge per person and include tackle, bait, and cleaning your catch. Trips typically last from 5 to 12 hours, depending on the location you are fishing, the species you're fishing for, when everyone limits out, and of course, the weather. Remember, Alaska's weather is unpredictable and could force alternate plans.

From reeling in giant halibut to fighting an Alaska silver salmon, anglers visiting Valdez are sure to be pleased with the variety of fishing trips available to them. Excursions for novice and seasoned fishers depart from the town's small boat harbor, and exciting opportunities for freshwater fishing are also available.

DERBIES

Valdez is home to the oldest fishing derbies in the state of Alaska, awarding thousands of dollars in prize money each year. All skill levels and both young and old can experience the thrill of reeling in a record-breaking fish. The Valdez fishing derbies are a time for locals and travelers alike to string up a line, spend quality time with friends and family and enjoy long days out in Prince William Sound.

If you're planning on fishing via charter boat, **remember to book in advance** as spots fill up quick during derby season. Derby tickets can be purchased at a number of local businesses, May through September.

DERBY DATES

Halibut Derby:

May – Sept

Halibut Hullabaloo:

June

Silver Derby:

July – Sept

Big Prize Fridays:

Check the Derbies' website

Tagged Fish Contest:

Aug – Sept

Kids Pink Salmon Derby Day:

July

Women's Silver Salmon Derby:

August

DON'T FORGET YOUR FISHING LICENSE!



Amy Bragg

FISHING SPOTS

SOLOMON GULCH HATCHERY

One of the best spots for viewing wildlife around Valdez is the Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery on Dayville Road. Solomon Gulch Hatchery presents a unique opportunity to observe one of Alaska's largest fisheries enhancement programs. The facility, permitted to incubate and rear millions of salmon, releases an impressive 250 million pink salmon fry and 1.8 million coho salmon smolts each year.

Millions of pink and silver salmon return to the hatchery each summer, and the area becomes a hotspot for bears, eagles, and marine mammals coming to feed on the salmon. The best time to view the returning salmon at the hatchery is July through September. Free self-guided tours are available along the hatchery walkway from May through September. View the fish ladder and learn the history and economic benefits of the hatchery, as well as the types and life cycles of salmon, through interpretive display panels and interactive videos.

Fishers of all types may also be observed harvesting the pink and coho salmon near the hatchery. However, sport fishing is prohibited within 300 feet of the weir, fish ladder, and brood pond area. Please respect all wildlife and maintain a safe distance from any bears in the area.

ALLISON POINT

Allison Point is a campground with beach access at the end of Dayville Road. Depending on the tides and time of year, Allison Point is a great location for fishing for silver salmon and pink salmon. Though access is prohibited, Allison Point also offers a view of the nearby terminus of the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

Parking is available alongside the road, but do be respectful of the nearby Allison Point Campground. The campground is usually open between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, and campsites are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.



Jiyeon Juno Kim

WATERFALLS

VALDEZ: THE WATERFALL CAPITAL OF ALASKA

Valdez is the land of waterfalls, with more than 27 feet of average snowfall during the winter, the snow melt creates amazing sights to see all summer long. Pouring over rugged rocks and surrounded by lush greenery, countless waterfalls cascade down almost every mountainside in Valdez.

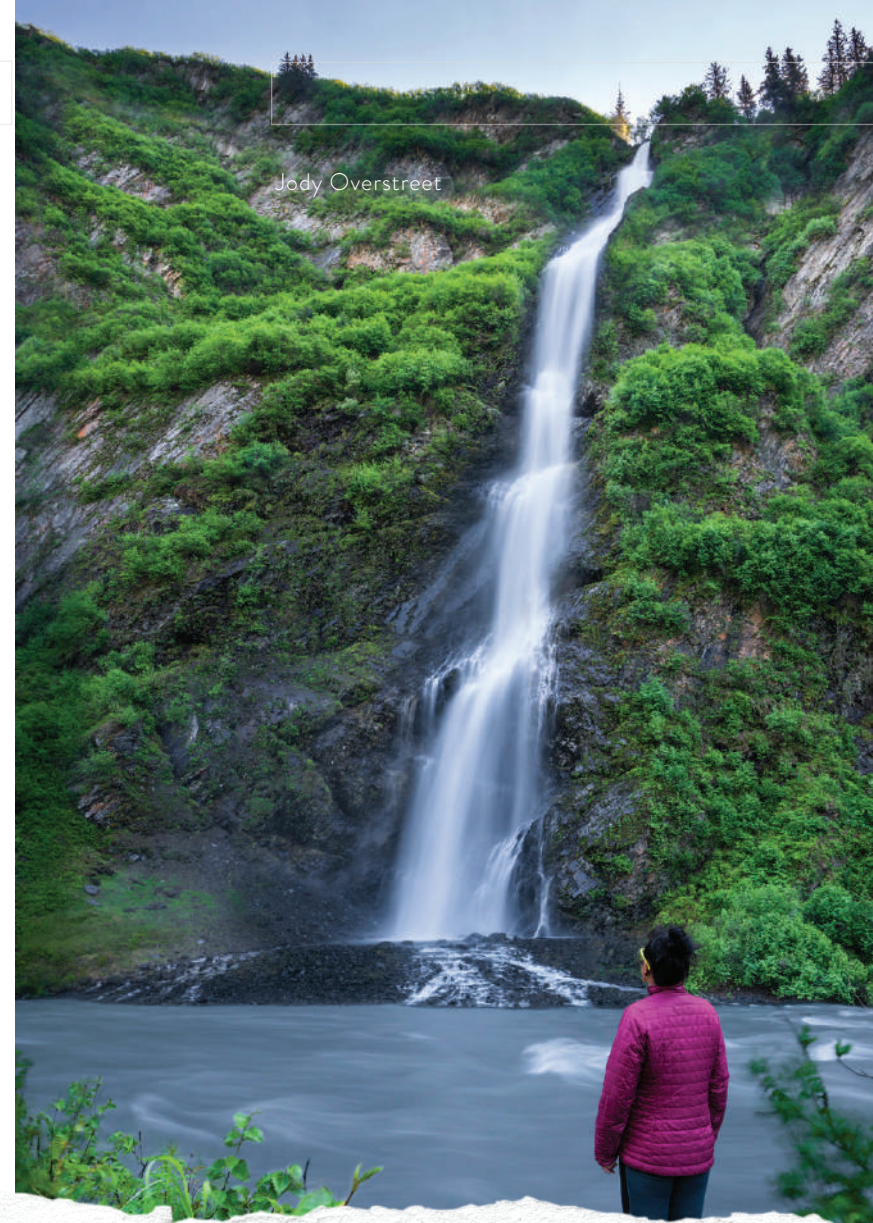
The drive to Valdez includes a captivating stretch through the Keystone Canyon, a place of spectacular waterfalls, magnificent geology, and fascinating history. Located at miles 14 through 17 on the Richardson Highway, the Keystone Canyon is home to Horsetail Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and Rudleston Falls. These cool waters flow over towering canyon walls and greet travelers from above.

Adventure seekers can also experience the waterfalls by rafting or kayaking the Lowe River,

which runs directly in front of Bridal Veil Falls. Or hiking on the five-mile (round-trip) Keystone Canyon Pack Trail, which puts hikers above the Horsetail Falls for a breathtaking bird's-eye view.

During the winter, Valdez's waterfalls freeze into towers of ice. These frozen waterfalls make for excellent sightseeing and photography opportunities and attract winter sports enthusiasts, who use the frozen falls for ice climbing. Keystone Canyon is also home to Valdez's annual Ice Climbing Festival held in February.

Other waterfalls around Valdez can be seen along the region's many hiking trails. Look for the waterfalls flowing through Solomon Gulch on the John Hunter Memorial Trail, the Gold Creek waterfall along Shoup Bay Trail, or the Horsetail Creek Falls by the washout on Mineral Creek Trail.



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MUST SEE SPOTS

CROOKED CREEK

Crooked Creek is a natural spawning area teeming with pink salmon in July and chum salmon in August. The pond and stream, locally called Salmon Turnaround, are situated on the Valdez Duck Flats, and an overlook platform allows visitors to view the salmon spawning process up close. The U.S. Forest Service cabin is also along Crooked Creek, where friendly and informative staff educate visitors on the surrounding habitat and wildlife. Their interactive displays and lectures are available from May to September, and free parking is available on-site. The spawning salmon also attract bears to the area, so remember to stay bear-aware.



Jody Overstreet

DUCK FLATS

The tidal wetland areas known as the Duck Flats define the east edge of town. Along the flats, visitors can spot bald eagles, Harlequin ducks, Arctic terns, red-necked grebes, and great blue herons. Salmon spawn in Crooked Creek across from the Duck Flats.

Visitors can explore the Duck Flats from a paved path that runs along the Richardson Highway or from Dock Point Trail. Kayakers can also navigate outside the flats; an excellent option for beginners. Kayak tours of the Duck Flats are available with local kayak tour operators.



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WILDLIFE

BEARS

As you explore Valdez, you'll discover wildlife throughout town. Both brown bears and black bears are frequently spotted around Valdez between April through September. They feed on plants in the spring and fish and berries in the summer and early fall. Two great areas to look for bears are along the Richardson Highway leaving town and Dayville Road.

On the Richardson Highway, less than a mile out of town, stop at the U.S. Forest Service cabin at Crooked Creek. A viewing platform over the creek gives it the local name of the Salmon Turnaround, allowing visitors to watch spawning pink and chum salmon, where black and brown bear frequent the area to feed on them! Across the highway from Crooked Creek is the Duck Flats, a muddy marshland where bears may also be spotted foraging for fish or edible plants.



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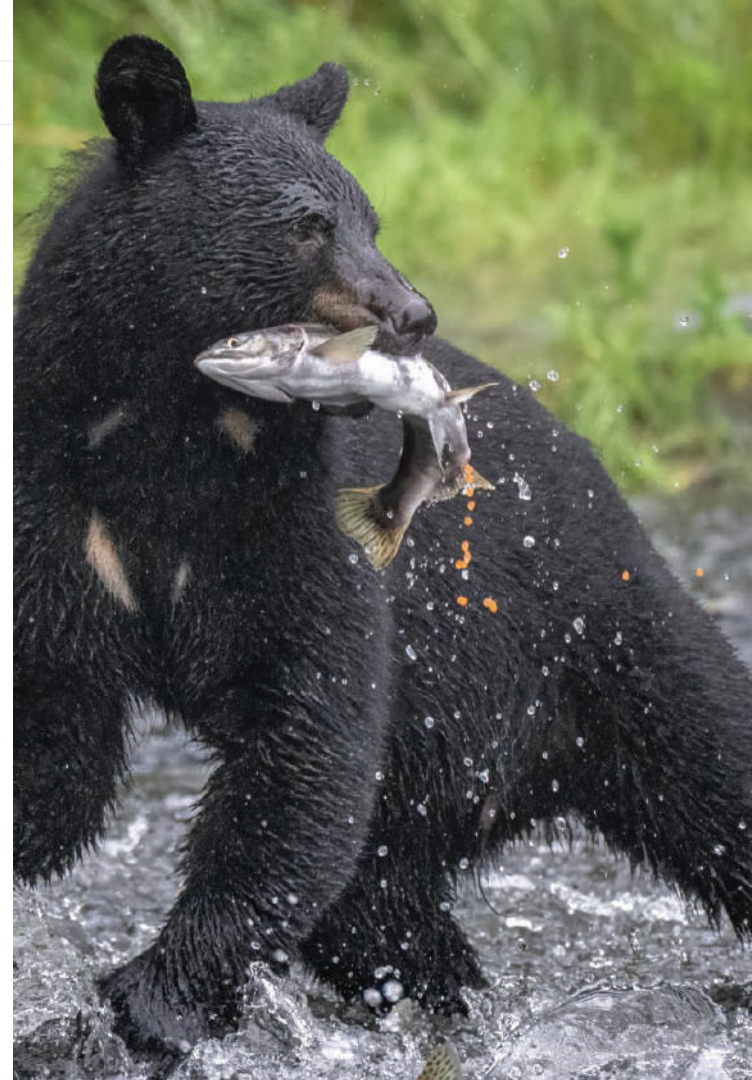
YOU CAN SPOT BEARS ALONG BOTH THE RICHARDSON HIGHWAY LEAVING TOWN AND DAYVILLE ROAD.

APRIL - SEPTEMBER: BLACK AND BROWN BEAR VIEWING

Drive out to "across the bay" to Dayville Road for more bear-spotting. Bears may be seen feeding near the Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery (see page 23) or all along Dayville Road's beaches and wetlands. Look for them at low tide looking for trapped salmon. Remember to stay "bear aware" while in Valdez. Bears are wild animals and should not be approached.

DISCOVER MORE:
ValdezAlaska.org/Bears

SPRING, SUMMER, AND FALL ARE PRIME TIME FOR BEAR VIEWING - AND JUST LIKE ALL VISITORS TO VALDEZ, THEY ENJOY FRESH FISH!



Mark Devereaux



MARINE WILDLIFE

Whales, sea lions, seals, and otters are just a few of the marine mammals that call the Port of Valdez home, and Valdez is the ideal port to explore Prince William Sound. Wildlife cruises and tours depart daily from Port Valdez during the summer, offering visitors the opportunity to see ocean life up close. Orca whales, typically spotted on longer glacier cruises or kayak trips, can be seen throughout the summer. Humpback whales return to the sound to feed every spring. Look for them on a wildlife cruise during May and June.

Steller sea lions are a sure sight on any ocean tour, but you can also spot them locally feeding on salmon at the Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery (see page 8) during the summer months. Harbor seals are often spotted resting on icebergs in areas like Columbia Bay or bobbing around near the Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery. Sea otters often float together in groups called "rafts." You may also see otters diving for food alongshore or playing in the small boat harbor.

DISCOVER MORE:
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BIRDS

Many bird species can be seen around Valdez or in Prince William Sound. Access puffin and kittiwake rookeries via a local tour operator or take a long walk around town to spot bald eagles, swans, ducks, and magpies. Valdez boasts many hiking trails that can offer opportunities to check more birds off your list!



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ARCTIC TERNS ARE WORLD TRAVELLERS, AND YOU CAN SPOT THEM DURING THEIR STOP IN VALDEZ.



BIKING IN VALDEZ

FROM PAVED PATHS TO SNOW-COVERED TRAILS, BIKING IS AN OPTION IN VALDEZ NO MATTER THE SEASON!

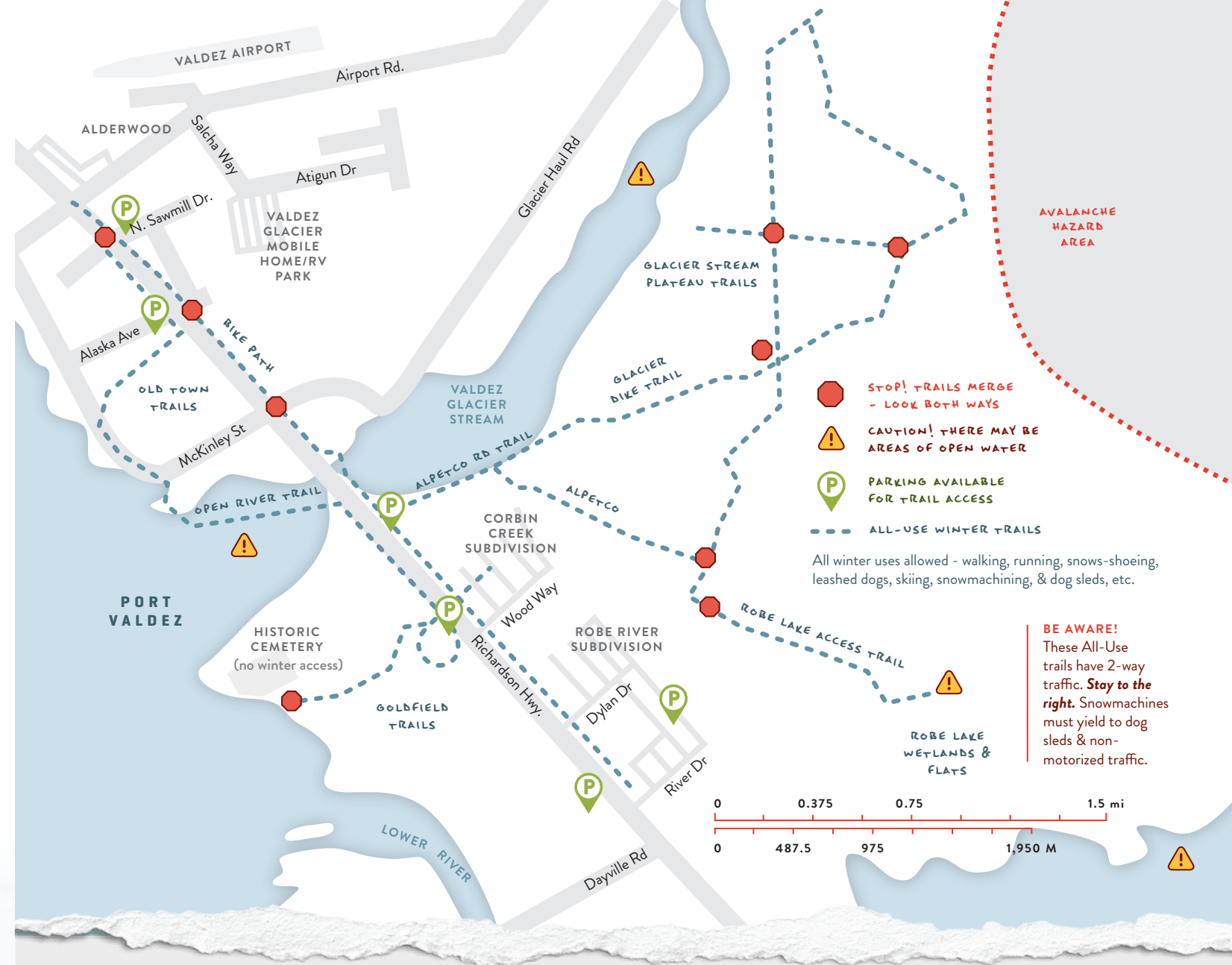
Several well-maintained paths wind around town, including the Valdez Bike Path, a paved, 6.5-mile trail that starts in town following the highway out towards Dayville Road; offering opportunities to spot wildlife. For riders who enjoy more rugged terrain, mountain biking trails are also prevalent, such as up Mineral Creek Trail's waterfall-studded canyon. For a wonderful ride to the beach head down on the Homestead Trail to see the Port of Valdez.

Come winter, fat tire biking in Valdez is a popular outdoor activity that's unlike anywhere else in Alaska. Multi-use, winter groomed trails are accessible, family-friendly, and can be found right in town. Valdez Adventure Alliance pays for regular grooming of Shoup Bay Trail, to the bay is level

and short—perfect for a quick or easy ride. Just past Valdez Airport, the fat tire fun kicks up a notch; the type of scenery that makes Valdez so memorable is just a short ride across frozen Valdez Glacier Lake, where glacial alleyways, ice caves, icebergs, and other selfie-worthy scenes await discovery. Adventurous riders can take advantage of the packed snow conditions, which open endless riding along snowmachine tracks to popular cross country and downhill descents on Thompson Pass, options limited only by a rider's energy and imagination. In April, riders roll into Valdez for the annual Fat Bike Bash, which features a kid-friendly bike parade and several races. Last year, it included a thrilling downhill race on Thompson Pass.



Freya Fennwood



WINTER TRAILS

ALL-USE, "OUT OF TOWN" WINTER TRAILS

Many of these All-Use Winter Trails are groomed by the City of Valdez when time and weather conditions allow. The area of these trails are so extensive, trail conditions can vary greatly. Use caution when recreating in these areas and always be aware of the possibility of multiple types of users. Be especially cautious on blind corners and near open water.

NOTE: During one Saturday in March, the Valdez Mayor's Cup - 150 mile cross-country snow machine race - takes place. For maximum safety, all Glacier Stream Plateau Trails will be closed to all other users during this event.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

With more snowfall than any other American town and winter temperatures that are warmer than most areas of Alaska, Valdez is a paradise for those who want to explore the outdoors during the winter months.

Cross-country skiing, heli-skiing, snowboarding, ice climbing, and fat tire bike riding can all be accomplished in the Chugach mountains of Alaska. With more than 300 inches measured annually in the city, and 600 inches of snow in nearby Thompson Pass, Valdez holds a long-standing and appropriate reputation for great snow. Nothing is more thrilling to snow sports enthusiasts than the prospect of lots of fresh powder. Valdez and nearby Thompson Pass have a vast amount of untouched backcountry wilderness accessible for snow activities of all kinds. Most areas in Valdez are heavily glaciated, creating an incredible variety of terrains, such as steep mountain faces, large powder bowls, and longer couloirs. Whether you want to hike, snowmachine, snowcat, heli-ski, or just want to take your kids sledding, Valdez is the perfect place to go off in search of the next awe-inspiring adventure.

Jiyeon Juno Kim

WINTER TRAILS

Valdez offers miles of maintained and easily accessible trails for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. For the novice to experienced skier, the Valdez Parks and Recreation Department grooms and maintains ski trails of varying difficulties. These trails are great for both classic and skate skiing, and many are closed to motorized use. Don't have your equipment? No problem! The Prince William Sound College Wellness Center offers free checkout of snowshoes and cross-country ski equipment.

A favorite winter activity for many of the locals is to visit Valdez Glacier Lake at the end of Airport Road and ski, skate, or snowshoe over the lake to explore the frozen icebergs that broke off the glacier during the summer, hoping to find a breathtaking ice cave.

SNOWMACHINES

Snowmachines (aka snowmobiles) are what most Alaskans call their winter ride of choice. They can take you places during the winter that only helicopters and airplanes can access any other time of year. Trails exist in the mountains surrounding Valdez as well as in the townsite itself. The Valdez Parks and Recreation Department maintains

an extensive winter trail system for multi-use purposes. Other nearby backcountry riding opportunities include the intermittently groomed trail access to Hogsback Glacier and the pipeline access road to Solomon Lake. Thompson Pass, with its mountainsides, meadows, and wide-open playground, is approximately 30 minutes from downtown Valdez. Thompson Pass is above the tree line covered in ungroomed snow. Its proximity to the Richardson Highway and its varied terrain make this area a popular destination for riders of all abilities.

Don't have your own snowmachine? No problem. Guided sled tours are available with local winter operators who can help you access the terrain with expert local knowledge.

Valdez is also home to annual snowmachine races, the Mayor's Cup that goes up Hogsback Mountain, and the Mountain Man Hill Climb (page 3). These races offer a thrill to competitors and spectators alike.



AURORA

You may have a chance to spot the Aurora in Valdez if you're visiting between September and May and the skies are clear. For your best chance of catching the aurora, check the weather forecast for clear skies and high aurora activity. While the aurora may be seen around downtown at night, the best viewing will be a few miles drive out of town away from the streetlights. Remember to dress warm and bring your camera!

BEST SPOTS FOR AURORA VIEWING AROUND VALDEZ

Valdez Glacier Lake
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Thompson Pass

DISCOVER MORE WINTER OPERATORS AND ACTIVITIES:

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ARTS & CULTURE

A THRIVING CREATIVE COMMUNITY ON ALASKA'S COAST

The locals of Valdez are very passionate about expression as you can see in the many different mediums of art throughout town. We have numerous murals that can be spotted all around. Across from the Post Office there is a mural that depicts a man panning for gold back during the Klondike Goldrush – try to spot the other murals placed on other businesses that add a little extra flair. There are also some amazing wood carvings to be tracked down. Valdez is known for having a wood carving competition and the carvings are donated to the city each year to add some additional beauty to the area.

The community hosts many local events that bring out the locals and tourists alike from all corners of the world. “Gold Rush Days” is celebrated the first week of August each year, and is comprised of a multi-day vender market, live music, and the “Height of Fashion Wine Walk.” Make sure to hit the town during the weekend to see all the action from live shows to shopping. It is always a treat to see the different pop-up vendors at the festivals and live events that go on throughout the summer season.

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SHOPPING

From gift shops and grocery stores to seafood markets and gear outfitters, you'll be sure to find what you need in the shops in Valdez. Throughout the year, various open-air markets with specialty vendors come to town as well. While shopping in Valdez, grab some local art and souvenirs, buy fresh vegetables, or snag some seafood to bring home. If you prefer to catch your own feast, our outfitting stores can help you gear up. The possibilities are endless!

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STAY FROM HOTELS TO CAMPGROUNDS

HOTELS & MOTELS

Five hotels are available in downtown Valdez, and all of them are less than a 10-minute walk from the waters of Port of Valdez. Guests will wake up near the waterfront dining district and a small boat harbor, where glacier cruises and fishing charters depart. Three of our hotels are open year-round.

RV & TENT CAMPING

There are many options for camping in Valdez, including both campgrounds and RV parks. Visitors can choose from a full hookup, partial hookup, and tent camping, and most of our RV parks have on-site convenience stores. Fishing, wildlife viewing, and hiking are so close by, you may never want to leave.

BED & BREAKFASTS

Several B&Bs are in Valdez and its surrounding area. The cozy, domestic accommodations allow visitors to experience Valdez like a local. Ask your host about their favorite things to do around town, as many of them have decades of experience fishing, hiking, and sightseeing.

CABINS & LODGES

Cabin rentals are available for those seeking an Alaskan experience. Wilderness lodges are located farther out of town, providing relaxing comfort paired with scenic beauty. Lodging is also available along the Glenn and Richardson Highways leading to Valdez.

Jiyeon Juno Kim





EAT

VALDEZ BOASTS A WIDE VARIETY OF RESTAURANTS AMIDST STUNNING SURROUNDINGS

Start your walk along North Harbor Drive and take in the majestic Chugach Mountains surrounding the town. You will see marine life, like sea otters basking in the summer sun, and eagles grabbing a seafood feast of their own. Valdez has a variety of restaurants to satisfy your hunger. From seafood and burgers to food trucks and restaurants, you're sure to find something delicious, authentically Alaskan, and all within walking distance of most RV parks, campgrounds, hotels, and B&Bs.

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Jody Overstreet

DRINK

COFFEE

Coffee culture is big in any Alaskan town, and Valdez is no exception. Alaska has been rated as one of the most caffeinated places in the country! From traditional indoor coffee shops to drive-through coffee huts and open-air cafes, Valdez has the caffeine to keep you fueled for your Alaskan adventures.

During the summer, we stay up late and take advantage of long sunny days, and during the short winter days, we need a little pick-me-up to keep us wide-eyed and warm. Valdez is home to more than half a dozen places to grab a cup of Joe or a Red Bull kicker when you need something to boost your day.



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BREWERIES

Valdez is also home to two local breweries: Valdez Brewing and Growler Bay Brewing! These breweries are excellent spots to relax with friends and find local art. Valdez Brewing usually has a featured artist each month, and Growler Bay often has artist pop-ups. Those aren't the only crafts to admire there, though; the brew-masters are often on-site and willing to talk about how they produce our fine local beer. Looking for something other than beer? Valdez Brewing also makes craft sodas!



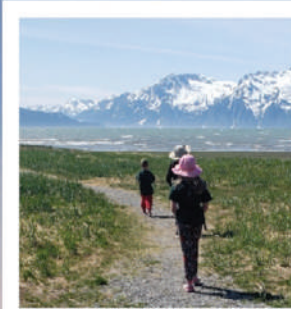
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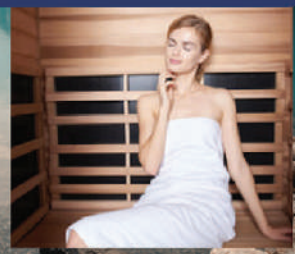
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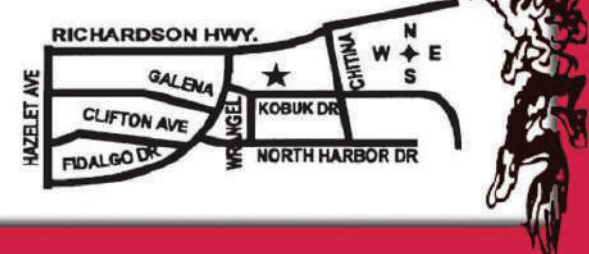
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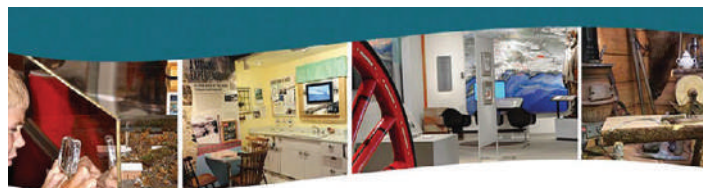
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