

### **GLACIERS**

Visitors looking to experience the grandeur of breathtaking glaciers on their next trip to Alaska should look no further than Valdez. Located in Southcentral Alaska, Valdez is set between towering mountains and the gorgeous Prince William Sound. Hear the thunderous crack of ice calving from massive glaciers. There are a variety of ways to enjoy both tidewater and valley glaciers, and options for every budget. Drive to Worthington Glacier and walk the paved path to the incredible vantage point. Or take a glacier and wildlife cruise or kayaking expedition to get an up-close encounter with some of the largest and most spectacular tidewater glaciers in Prince William Sound. Helicopter tours are also available and offer visitors an unforgettable trip.

**Columbia Glacier** is the second largest tidewater glacier in North America and the largest in Prince William Sound. Visitors can navigate though chunks of glacial ice on a wildlife cruise, kayak day trip or helicopter tour and experience the Columbia Glacier spilling from the Chugach Mountains.

**Meares Glacier** is one of the only advancing tidewater glaciers in North America. It is located at the head of the Unakwik Inlet in Prince William Sound. Visitors can book a day boat cruise and get as close as a quarter mile from the face of Meares Glacier. Guests onboard are likely to see whales, porpoise, sea lions and other wildlife along the way.

**Shoup Glacier** is tucked away in Shoup Bay and is accessible by boat, kayak, helicopter and on foot. Experienced hikers can take the 8.5-mile hike to Shoup Bay for remarkable views of the surrounding terrain and animal habitats, including a nearby kittiwake rookery. \*Please check current conditions of trail before hiking.

**Valdez Glacier** is located on the outskirts of Valdez and provides not only breathtaking sights, but also insight into the local history and culture of the area. Known as the All- American Route, gold seekers traveled over the glacier into the interior of Alaska during the Gold Rush of 1898. In the summer, Valdez Glacier can be accessed by kayak with one of the many experienced local adventure companies. At certain times during the winter, visitors can hike, ski or snowmobile to the face of the glacier as well.

**Worthington Glacier** is located in Thompson Pass just off the Richardson Highway. Worthington Glacier is a popular stop and a definite must-see when driving in or out of Valdez. Watch for the turnout area to the glacier around milepost 29 and then walk to the glacier for an up-close experience.



### **DISCOVER MORE**

#### **Glacier Cruises and Charters**

- Lu-Lu Belle Glacier Wildlife Cruises: <u>www.LuLuBelleTours.com</u>
- Stan Stephens Glacier & Wildlife Cruises: www.StanStephensCruises.com
- Valdez Water Taxi & Charters: <u>www.ValdezWaterTaxiAndCharters.com</u>

### **Kayak & Canoe Tours**

• Alaska Guide Co: www.Alaska.guide

• Anadyr Adventures: <u>www.AnadyrAdventures.com</u>

• Pangaea Adventures: <u>www.AlaskaSummer.com</u>

# **Helicopter Tours**

• VS Helicopters: <u>www.VSHelicopters.com</u>

## **Worthington Glacier State Recreation Site**

• Valdez Adventure Alliance: www.ValdezAdventureAlliance.com

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