



## WATERFALLS

Valdez, Alaska has some of the most breathtaking waterfalls in the world. With more than 27 feet of average snowfall during the winter, Valdez becomes the land of waterfalls when the snow melts in the spring and summertime. Countless waterfalls cascade down almost every mountainside in Valdez.

When driving into Valdez, you will pass through Keystone Canyon, a place of spectacular waterfalls, magnificent geology and fascinating history. **Horsetail Falls** and **Bridal Veil Falls** cascade over towering canyon walls, greeting travelers from above. Keystone Canyon is located at miles 14 through 17 on the Richardson Highway.

There are various ways to get up close to these spectacular waterfalls: drive through the Keystone Canyon and park at one of the pull-outs to take beautiful photos. Raft or kayak the Lowe River which runs directly in front of Bridal Veil Falls. Hike through the **Keystone Canyon Pack Trail** that puts hikers above the Horsetail Falls or the **Goat Trail** for amazing views of Bridal Veil.

ATV tours of **Mineral Creek Trail** are available for viewing the countless waterfalls that cascade down the Chugach Mountains. More waterfalls can be discovered out on the waters of Prince William Sound with a glacier cruise or private charter departing from Port Valdez.

During the winter, Valdez's waterfalls freeze into towers of ice. These frozen waterfalls make for excellent sightseeing and photography opportunities, and also attract winter sports enthusiasts who use the frozen falls for ice climbing.

The **Valdez Ice Climbing Festival** is held in Valdez every February. The stunning waterfalls of Keystone Canyon serve as just a few of the fabulous climbing venues for this event. World class instructors teach clinics for all ages and levels, including specialty classes for youth, women only, and physical adaptations. The event is organized by the Valdez Adventure Alliance.



## DISCOVER MORE

### Keystone Canyon Rafting

- Pangaea Adventures: [www.alaskasummer.com](http://www.alaskasummer.com)

### Mineral Creek ATV Tours

- Valdez Off-Road Adventures: [www.valdezooffroad.com](http://www.valdezooffroad.com)

### Prince William Sound Cruises and Charters

- Auklet Charter Services: [www.auklet.com](http://www.auklet.com)
- Aurelia Charters: [www.schooneraurelia.com](http://www.schooneraurelia.com)
- Lu-Lu Belle Glacier Wildlife Cruises: [www.lulubelletours.com](http://www.lulubelletours.com)
- Stan Stephens Glacier & Wildlife Cruises: [www.stanstephenscruises.com](http://www.stanstephenscruises.com)
- Valdez Water Taxi & Charters: [www.valdezwatertaxiandcharters.com](http://www.valdezwatertaxiandcharters.com)

### Ice Climbing Festival

- Alaska Guide Co: [www.alaska.guide](http://www.alaska.guide)
- Valdez Adventure Alliance: [www.valdezadventurealliance.com](http://www.valdezadventurealliance.com)

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