GOLD RUSH CEMETERY AND LOWER REID FALLS

cairns mark the way, but the trail is easily lost on steep rocky

Above tree line, some rock

view of Skagway can be seen

from a large rock just off the

trail goes through mixed coastal forest to a grassy tidal inlet

set of rock stairs, there is a trail leading off to the right. This

Follow the Yakutania Point trail. At the bottom of the third

footpath narrows and ascends rock steps. Continue along past

the privacy and down more rock

steps, past the picnic shelter where rock outcroppings

provide a view looking down the Lynn Canal toward the Chilkat

Mountains. There is a covered picnic shelter at this site.

YAKUTANIA POINT

AREA TRAILS

YAKUTANIA POINT

Time: 1 hour
Distance: 1.6 miles (2.6 km)
Rating: Easy
Elevation Gain: 100 feet (30 meters)

SWIMMERS COVE

Time: 1-2 hours
Distance: 2 miles (3.2 km)
Rating: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 500 feet (150 meters)

The Skagway Police Department, (907) 983-2232, must be informed
quired from the Skagway Fire Department, located at 17th & State.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Overnight camping is permissible on some trails. A free permit
must be obtained at the Skagway Police Station, located at 17th and
State St. for camping along the Dewey Lake Trail System. Permits are
required for the Chilkoot Trail and can be obtained through Parks
Canada by calling 1-800-661-0486.

Fires are allowed in designated fire pits only. A Burn permit is re-
quired from the Skagway Fire Department, located at 17th & State.
The Skagway Police Department, (907) 983-2232, must be informed
prior to building fires. Do not cut live trees for fires.

Never leave a fire burning.

You are in bear country! Stay alert, make noise, do not approach
or feed bears, keep food and smells away from bears. If you do
encounter a bear, stay calm, talk calmly and firmly, back away slowly
and never run.

*All distances & times are roundtrip from trailhead unless indic-
ated otherwise.

Please pack out all garbage and leave nothing behind.

DEWY LAKE TRAIL SYSTEM

LOWER DEWEY LAKE LOOP

Time: 1-2 hours
Distance: 3 miles (4.8 km) to lake. 3.6 miles (5.8 km) around lake
Rating: Moderate/Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 500 feet (150 meters)

From Lower Dewey Lake, turn left at the junction sign and
follow the trail north. Cross several wooden foot-
bridges, continuing north through spruce and hem-
lock forest, past the inter-
section with the trail to Up-
per Dewey Lake and the privy. Just past the power company
main road, the trail heads uphill. Expect muddy plac-
es along the shore of icy Lake, because the north end of
the lake is fenced with galvanized silt. To reach Upper Reid Falls, follow
the trail along the west side of icy Lake. At the north end of
the lake, the trail turns left to Upper Reid Falls. There is no
safe way to descend from this point to Lower Reid Falls.

STURGILL’S LANDING

Time: 4 hours
Distance: 5.5 miles (8.6 km)
Rating: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 500 feet (152 meters)

Climb to Lower Dewey Lake turning right at the junctions
sign and follow the trail to the south end of the lake. Here
follow the trail to the right (south) through a mixed stand of
spruce, hemlock, and lodgepole pine. Follow the arrow sign
for the right for great views and a rocky descent to the Land-
Ing. As you near the water, follow the trail to the right leading
toward a picnic table and privy. From here, the trail continues
south to the rocky beach. Remains of the sawmill can be seen
across the creek.

UPPER DEWEY LAKE

Time: All Day
Distance: 6.9 miles (11.1 km)
Rating: Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 1,300 feet (404 meters)

From Lower Dewey Lake go left at the junction sign. Follow
the trail north across several wooden foot-
bridges to the Upper
Dewey Lake trail junc-
tion sign and turn right up the trail. The route climbs steeply
through a series of switchbacks. About 800 feet above
Lower Dewey Lake there is a view of town. Near the trail’s end, the
climb eases, and the route follows Dewey Creek closely for a short way. It
finally emerges from the trees into a muskox meadow, where
there are views of Mt. Harding and the inlet below. A primi-
tive cabin sits by the lake and is open to the public. Follow
the trail to the left from this cabin across a spawly to a new cabin
perched on the northeast end of the lake. This cabin is avail-
able for rent through the Skagway Recreation Center (907-
books should carry a cooking stove and not cut any live wood.

DEVLIN’S PUNCHBOWL

Time: All Day
Distance: 9.5 miles (15.3 km)
Rating: Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 3,700 feet (110 meters)

From Upper Dewey Lake, follow the narrow footpath south
from the primitive cabin up the alpine ridge to a spectacular
overlook. Watch for rock cairns where the trail crosses boul-
der fields. Devil’s Punchbowl is a tarn nestled in a deep, rocky
bowl. It is not a recommended camping spot.

DEYEA LAKE TRAIL

Time: 3 to 5 days
Distance: 33 miles (53 km) Dyea to Lake Bennett
Rating: Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 3,739 feet (1,140 meters)

Chilkoot’s most famous trail, the 33 mile Chilkoot Trail fol-
lows the route that thousands of stampers traversed over one hundred
years ago. Join the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898.

The Chilkoot Trail is administered jointly by the National
Park Service and by Parks Canada who issue the required
permits. Reservations are required for the Chilkoot Trail. For detailed
information, maps, current trail conditions and to obtain a
trail permit visit the National Park Service Trail Center in
Skagway at 5th and Broadway (907-983-9234, June-Sept),
call Parks Canada Reservations (1-800-661-0486) or visit

The WP&R railroad offers a Chilkoot trail hiker’s service from
Lake Bennett. Purchase a ticket from the WP&R (at depot on
2nd Ave, 1-800-343-7373, or www.wprry.com).