

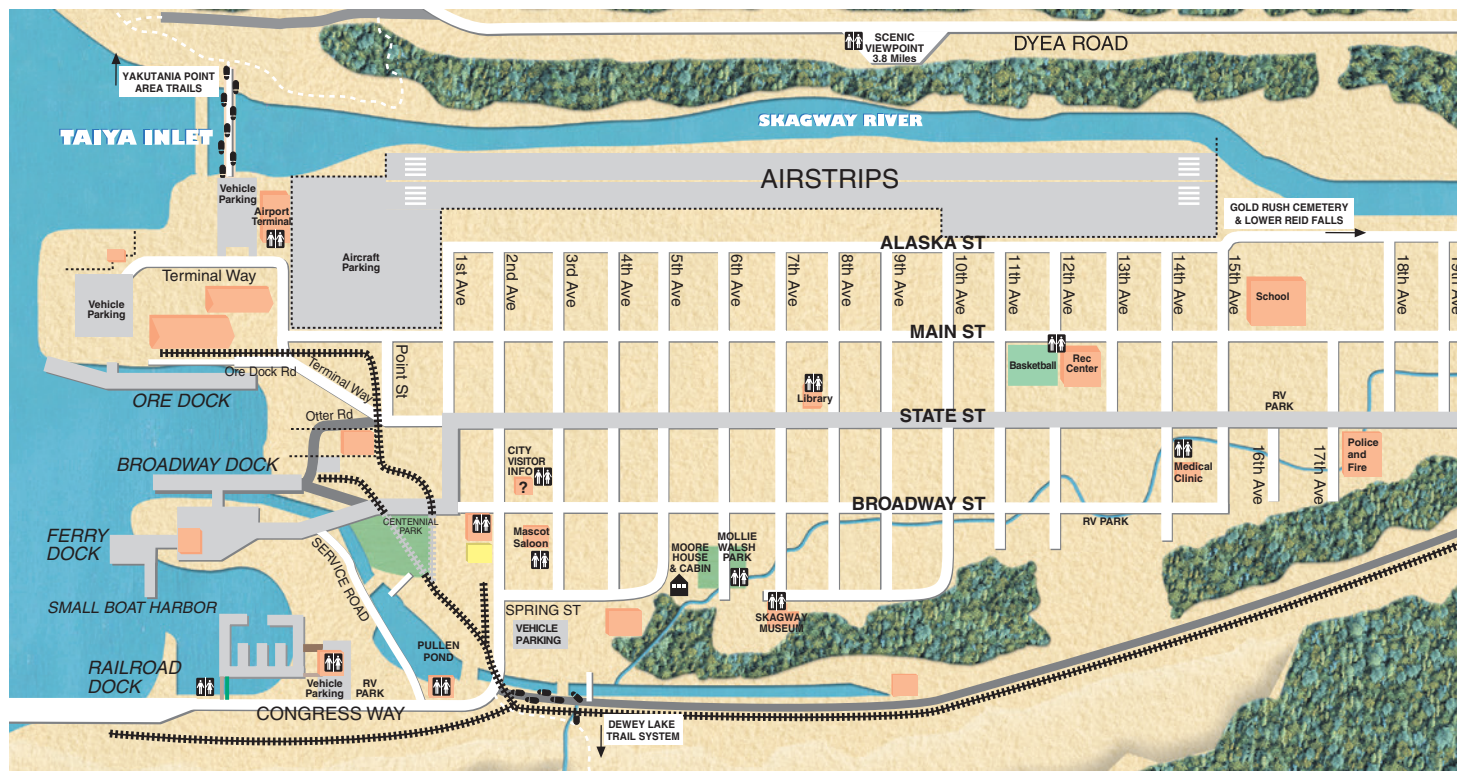
Skagway TRAIL MAP



GOLD RUSH CEMETERY AND LOWER REID FALLS

Time: 2 hours
Distance: 4 miles round trip from 2nd & Broadway (6.4 km)
Rating: Easy
Elevation Gain: 50 feet (15 meters)

Follow Main St. or Alaska St. north to 23rd Ave. Cross over 23rd Ave. and follow the gravel road around and behind the railroad yards. Continue to follow the road across the railroad tracks. The cemetery is located in the woods just past the parking area. A short forest trail behind the cemetery leads to spectacular Lower Reid Falls. **Beware of vehicles and trains when walking to the cemetery!** There is a privy located in the parking area.



DENVER GLACIER

Time: All day, or reserve USFS caboose cabin
Distance: 4-6 miles (6-10 km)
Rating: Moderate (difficult beyond trail end)
Elevation Gain: 1,200 feet (360 meters)

The trail begins from the flag stop at mile 5.8 on the WP&YR railroad. The trail leaves the tracks at the caboose and parallels the east fork of the Skagway River, climbing slowly for 1.5 miles through an immature birch and hemlock forest until you reach a nice view of the Skagway River and the Sawtooth range. From here, the trail begins to climb more steeply for another 1.5 miles, eventually giving way to a large stand of old growth spruce and hemlocks until it turns right and heads up to Lower Elway Falls. From the lower falls you leave the old growth and climb steeply south up the valley through more immature forest that gives way to thick alder. The upper 2.5 miles of the trail receives little use and is often overgrown with alder and fern. The trail dead ends at the end of a box canyon with spectacular views of the hanging seracs of the Denver Glacier and Upper Elway Falls.



YAKUTANIA POINT AREA TRAILS



YAKUTANIA POINT

Time: 1 hour
Distance: 1.6 miles (2.6 km)
Rating: Easy
Elevation Gain: 20 feet (6 meters)

Walk west along 1st Ave., turn left at Main St. and travel south two blocks. Follow the sidewalk west past the airport terminal. Cross the Skagway River on the footbridge and turn left. Follow the trail past exercise station #3 and through the alders. Past exercise station #4, the footpath narrows and ascends rock steps. Continue along past the privy 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.



SMUGGLER'S COVE

Time: 1-2 hours
Distance: 2 miles (3.2 km)
Rating: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 100 feet (30 meters)



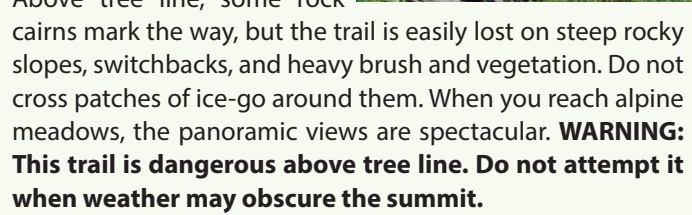
Follow the Yakutania Point trail. At the bottom of the third set of rock stairs, there is a trail leading off to the right. This trail goes through mixed coastal forest to a grassy tidal inlet with the legendary name of "Smuggler's Cove." There is a picnic shelter and a privy at this peaceful site. Return to Skagway by the route back through the forest or walk up the grassy slope to the dirt road. Turning left where the dirt road splits will take you to the Dyea Road, turning right will return you to exercise station #4 on the Yakutania Point Trail.



A.B. MOUNTAIN

Time: All day
Distance: 11 miles (16 km)
Rating: Difficult / Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 4,900 feet (1,500 meters)

From the trailhead on Dyea Road, the route follows the ridgeline through spruce and hemlock forest to the base of AB Mountain. About 30 minutes into the hike, a good view of Skagway can be seen from a large rock just off the trail to the right. Beyond the stream crossing, the trail may not be clearly visible because of thick brush. Be sure to note landmarks for your return. Above tree line, some rock cairns mark the way, but the trail is easily lost on steep rocky slopes, switchbacks, and heavy brush and vegetation. Do not cross patches of ice-go around them. When you reach alpine meadows, the panoramic views are spectacular. **WARNING: This trail is dangerous above tree line. Do not attempt it when weather may obscure the summit.**



DEWEY LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM



LOWER DEWEY LAKE LOOP

Time: 1-2 hours
Distance: .9 miles (1.4 km) to lake. 3.6 miles (5.8 km) around lake
Rating: Moderate/ Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 500 feet (150 meters)

Go east on 2nd Ave, past the railroad depot. Turn left just before the railroad tracks cross the road. Follow the trail between the creek and the railroad tracks 400 feet north to the trailhead. Beware of trains when crossing the tracks. Please do not walk on the tracks or the access road which runs next to them. A short distance up the hill the trail branches off to the right (continuing straight up the hill is a steep power company maintenance road). Descend the wooden staircase, duck under the water pipe, and continue up the hill. The trail jogs left and crosses a short footbridge. Here the trail continues on a steep uphill for about 350 feet. There is a clearing and rock bench at the top of this incline with a view of town and the harbor. Continue up the steep switchback trail staying generally to the right at intersections. There is another rock bench 3/4 of the way up the trail. Continue up the switchbacks, past the privy. Shortly ahead at the junction sign the terrain levels out. Turn right to walk along the west shore of the lake. Follow the rolling trail to the south end of the lake. Turn left here across the earthen levy and spillway to hike the rougher trail around the east side of the lake, where you will have to scramble over a few rocks before bearing left to rejoin the main trail and return to the trailhead.



STURGILL'S LANDING

Time: 4 hours
Distance: 7.9 miles (12.6 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 to the right for great views and a rocky descent to the Landing. 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.

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 required 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.

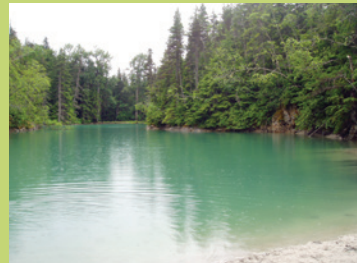
***all distances & times are roundtrip from trailhead unless indicated otherwise.**

Please pack out all garbage and leave nothing behind.



ICY LAKE AND UPPER REID FALLS

Time: 3 hours
Distance: 6.9 miles (11.1 km)
Rating: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 850 feet (260 meters)

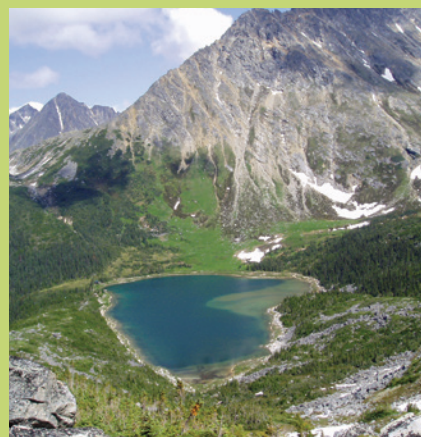


At Lower Dewey Lake, turn left at the junction sign and follow the trail north. Cross several wooden footbridges, continuing north through spruce and hemlock forest, past the intersection with the trail to Upper Dewey Lake and the privy. Just past the power company maintenance road, the trail heads uphill. Expect muddy places along the shore of Icy Lake, because the north end of the lake is filling with glacial 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.**



UPPER DEWEY LAKE

Time: All day
Distance: 6.9 miles (11.1 km)
Rating: Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 3,100 feet (945 meters)



From Lower Dewey Lake go left at the junction sign, follow the trail north across several wooden footbridges to the Upper Dewey Lake trail junction 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 muskeg meadow, where there are views of Mt. Harding and the inlet below. A primitive cabin sits by the lake and is open to the public. Follow the trail to the left from this cabin across a spillway to a new cabin perched on the northwest end of the lake. This cabin is available for rent through the Skagway Recreation Center (907-983-2679, www.skagwayrecreation.org). Overnight campers should carry a cooking stove and not cut any live wood.



DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL

Time: All Day
Distance: 9.4 miles (15.1 km)
Rating: Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 3,700 feet (1,130 meters)
 600 feet (180 meters) from Upper Dewey Lake



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 boulder fields. Devil's Punchbowl is a tarn nestled in a deep, rocky bowl. It is not a recommended camping spot.

LAUGHTON GLACIER

Time: All day, or reserve USFS cabin
Distance: 3-5 miles (5-8 km)
Rating: Moderate (difficult beyond trail end)
Elevation Gain: 200-600 feet (60-185 meters)

The trail begins from the flag stop at mile 14 of the WP&YR railroad and heads east along Skagway River toward the Warm Pass valley. The trail meanders along the river and through a subalpine forest for 2 miles, gaining 500 feet in elevation. Prior to reaching the lookout, there is a fork in the trail leading to the Forest Service rental cabin. Unless you have reserved the cabin, please continue to the lookout. As you head up to the lookout, there is a fork in the trail that goes to the right; this is the access to the lateral moraine. Stay left to reach the lookout and the first views of the glacier. From here the trail leads through alder to the riverbed. Continue climbing until the alder fades away and you reach the base of the glacier. The trail disappears here, but you can continue by picking your way up the talus covering the ice. This area is always changing so exercise extreme caution. Once on the glacier, travel gets easier but remains rocky. Use extreme caution in venturing out on the glacier, especially during spring and summer thaws and fresh snow that may conceal crevasses. The lateral moraine trail leaves the main trail on the right as you head to the lookout. This trail is difficult and climbs high above the glacier with no access to the ice. This is only recommended for people with extensive hiking experience! The trail climbs through a large talus field thick with alder growth, eventually giving way to a narrow trail atop the moraine that fades into the alpine tundra. It is important to note that the moraine is very narrow, very steep, unstable in places, and has a lot of exposure on both sides!



CHILKOOT 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)



Skagway's most famous trail, the 33 mile Chilkoot Trail follows the route that thousands of stampeders traversed over one-hundred years ago during 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 www.nps.gov/klgo and www.pc.gc.ca/chilkoot. The WP&YR railroad offers a Chilkoot trail hiker's service from Lake Bennett. Purchase a ticket from the WP&YR (at depot on 2nd Ave., 1-800-343-7373, or www.wpyr.com).