

Take a **HIKE** in your National Forest

Gary Williams Moraine Nature Trail

Chugach National Forest

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USGS Map: Seward D5

Trip Time (loop): 15 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

Condition: Excellent

Public Use: Heavy

Recommended Season: May-October

Length (loop trip): 0.15 miles

Elevation Gain: 50 feet

Recreational Opportunities

This trail is a short, easy stroll. Many signs along this small loop trail help the visitor to understand the process of glacial advance/recession and its effects upon the landscape.

Numerous *wildflowers* decorate the trail in summer. Migratory birds stop to rest and feed in Portage Valley in the spring, heading north, and in the fall, traveling south. The highest point of this trail is an excellent viewing platform for *bird watching*.

Wildlife includes black bear, moose, eagles, and migrating birds.

Hunting for big game is closed in Portage Valley. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on the north side of Portage Creek. Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game hunting and fishing regulations.

Trail Access

At Mile 79, Seward Highway (49 miles south of Anchorage), turn onto Portage Glacier Road. Travel 5 miles, turn at Portage Lake Loop Road to Begich, Boggs Visitor Center.

The trailhead is just south of the visitor center between the lake side parking lot and Portage Glacier Day Lodge, near the restroom buildings.

Trail Description

The trail is an easy self-guided loop that is paved and accessible to people with disabilities half of the way, before the steps.

There are interpretive signs and a bench midway, good for bird watching, a nice lunch spot, and views of Portage Lake.

Steps lead up to another view point; followed by steps leading downhill looping back to the beginning.

Special Considerations

Portage Valley can get high winds and driving rain. Be prepared for rapid weather changes. Use caution with all wildlife. Remember to pack it in pack it out! You can contact a U.S. Forest Service office to receive more detailed information on safety precautions.



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