

Take a **HIKE** in your National Forest



Crow Pass Trail

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Chugach National Forest (907) 743-9500

USGS Map: Anchorage A6
Trip Time (one way): 3 hours
Difficulty: More Difficult
Condition: Good
Public Use: Heavy
Recommended Season: Mid June-October
Length (one way): 4 miles
Elevation Gain: 2080 feet

Recreational Opportunities

Trail offers a majestic mountain wilderness *day hike* or an extended *multi-day trip*. A good *family outing* for those able to go longer distances and hike a steeper trail.

Variety is the key along this picturesque trail. A quarter of a mile past the “Y” intersection you will find the *ruins of the Monarch Mine*, including remains of the mill and crew’s quarters. Hike ¼ mile beyond the ruins for a side-trip to the Crow Creek cascades west of the main trail. At Mile 3 is a U.S. Forest Service *cabin*, (there is no stove for heat in the cabin). Nearby is Crystal Lake, and a mile farther north past the cabin is the spectacular *Raven Glacier*.

Wildlife includes black and brown bears, mountain goat, Dall sheep, and ptarmigan. *Hunting* is tightly regulated with limited permits available. Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game hunting regulations.

Trail Access

At mile 90, Seward Highway (35 miles south of Anchorage), turn north onto Alyeska Highway. After 2 miles turn left onto Crow Creek Road (gravel). Continue 5 miles to a bridge and immediately thereafter take a right uphill. The last mile of road to the trailhead is extremely narrow; please use caution.

Trail Description

Steady uphill climb that includes some steep sections with switchbacks. The trail switchbacks through the alder for the first mile and then breaks out above brushline. About a mile and a half up the trail you will come to a “Y” intersection. Turning right at this intersection will lead you to the pass, Raven Glacier and eventually to Chugach State Park. This is a gradual high route that crosses along several rock scree slopes and provides evidence of the old mine. Go left at the “Y” and continue about half a mile to see the mine ruins and Crow Creek cascades.

Special Considerations

Winter travel is unsafe and not recommended due to potential avalanche danger. Storms and whiteouts are frequent above tree line at any time of the year. Snow is usually in the area until late August. Be prepared for rapid weather changes. Use caution with bear and moose. Boil surface water for 5 minutes before drinking. Remember to pack out your trash. Mining equipment belongs to the miners and should be treated as private property. Mountain biking is not allowed in Chugach State Park (other side of pass). You can contact a U.S. Forest Service office to receive more detailed information on safety precautions.

Cabin Reservations

Occupancy of Forest Service cabins is by permit only (\$35 per night per party). Reservations may be made up to 180 days in advance by calling 1-877-444-6777 (518-885-3639 overseas) or via the Internet at www.reserveusa.com. Maximum stay for this cabin is 3 consecutive nights. Reservations are taken for June 1-September 30; it is unavailable during winter and spring due to high avalanche danger.



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