

5 SPRUCE BEETLE TRAIL

Distance: 2 km (1.2 mi) loop

Time: 30-60 minutes

Elevation gain: 15 m (50')

Maximum elevation: 930 m (3,051')

Trailhead: 18 km (11 mi) north of Haines Junction on the Alaska Highway.

IN SUMMARY

A well-marked self-guiding interpretive trail about the life cycle of the spruce beetle and its consequences on Yukon forests. This loop trail has a viewing platform from where you can have a mountain view about the midway point.

THE DETAILS

The Spruce Beetle Trail is a family hike that is considered easy going, leading you to a viewing platform. From there you can have a break and enjoy the valley view. You will also see a lot of brown spruce trees along the way. These trees were killed by the spruce beetle and you will learn from the interpretive signs, how this insect contributes to the natural lifecycle of the boreal forest. A few sections of this trail are lined with exposed tree roots and rocks.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bear sightings are common in the area. Review recommendations for travel within the **YOU ARE IN BEAR COUNTRY** brochure. All bear sightings should be reported to the staff at the Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre in Haines Junction or at the Thechàl Dhäl Visitor Centre.

Cellular telephones do not work in most of the park. Satellite phones or satellite messaging devices are strongly recommended. **For emergencies please call 1-780-852-3100.**

If you need a topo map: Kloo Lake 115 A/13.