

RECREATION GUIDE



Time to Explore

Kluane National Park and Reserve is a spectacular natural area with so much to discover. Whether you are here for a day, a week or a lifetime you can enjoy the many recreational options the park offers.

- Hike for an hour or a week
- Mountain bike an old mining road or a long distance trail
- Camp at the campground or in a wilderness backcountry location
- Tour both visitor centres and learn about the landscape and its residents
- Take a leisurely afternoon paddle or raft for days on the beautiful Alsek River
- Attend an interpretive program around an evening campfire
- Cast your fishing line from the shore or from your boat

A Homeland

Much of Kluane National Park and Reserve has been homeland to First Nations for thousands of years. The park is found within the traditional territories of the Kluane First Nation and the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. Southern Tutchone people are involved in park management both as staff and through a cooperative management agreement. During your visit, you may encounter local First Nations people engaged in their traditional activities of hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering.

Visitor Centres



Photo: M. Capellades

The Kluane National Park Visitor Centre in Haines Junction, houses numerous exhibits, both hands on and digital, that are a must to explore. A HD video gives visitors a chance to see Canada's highest peaks and immense glaciers as well as landscapes spotted with vegetation, wildlife and people.

Tachàl Dhǎi, a small visitor centre located an hour north of Haines Junction, provides opportunities to learn about Dall sheep and the surrounding area. Staff are available at either centre to help you plan your stay and travel safely and gently on this land.

Kathleen Lake

Kathleen Lake located 26 kms south of Haines Junction is road



Photo: Parks Canada / F. Mueller

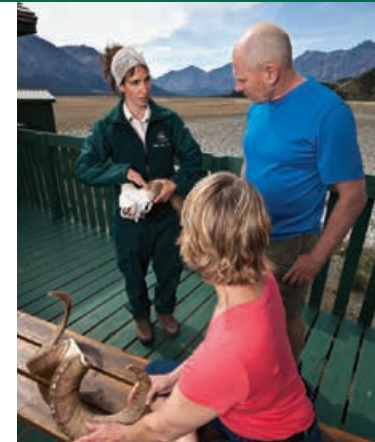


Photo: Government of Yukon

accessible, and a perfect place to spend some time. The area offers a scenic waterfront day-use area with kitchen shelter, boat launch, trailheads and picnic facilities, as well as a 39-site campground with potable water, firewood, bear-proof storage lockers and outhouses.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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Overnight Trips

Between April 1 and November 15, you must register at one of the park's two visitor centres before going on an overnight trip and de-register when you return (fees apply).

Bear Resistant Food Canisters

are required for overnight trips in most areas

of the park. (April 1 – November 15) and are available upon registration. Contact staff for a complete list of approved containers.

Pets can harass wildlife or other visitors if they are unrestrained, and must be kept on a leash at all times.

Fishing in the park requires a Kluane National Park and Reserve fishing license. Separate regulations, allowed tackle, and catch limits also apply.



Photo: Parks Canada / A. Chillibeck

Possession of Firearms

outside of a motor vehicle is prohibited in the National Park & Reserve, except for local First Nations engaged in subsistence harvesting.

Do Not Remove or disturb anything that is part of the natural ecosystem or cultural heritage of the park.

Motor Boats are only allowed on Kathleen and Mush Lakes.



Photo: Parks Canada / F. Mueller

Leaving No Trace of your trip helps keep Kluane in its natural state. Pack out all garbage and left over food. Choose durable surfaces for camping and use a stove instead of a campfire. Dispose of strained grey water at least 100m from water sources. When no outhouse is available, bury human waste at least 100m from water, camps and the trail.

STAYING SAFE



Photo: N. van Vliet

Be Prepared: You are responsible for your own safety. Make a trip plan allowing some extra time. Emergency assistance may be significantly delayed due to remoteness and weather. Cell phones are out of range in most areas of the park. For longer trips, visitors are encouraged to carry satellite phones or personal locator beacons.

Be Bear Aware: Most incidents occur when bears are surprised, particularly when protecting cubs or food. Learn about being safe in bear country by reading the brochure 'You are in Bear Country', watching the 'Staying Safe in Bear Country' video and talking to staff at the visitor centres.

Wildlife: Use caution around all wildlife and do not feed or approach them. Wildlife may become aggressive if they feel their food, young or space is being threatened.

Animal Carcasses are occasionally encountered in the park. If you encounter one, note the location, leave the area immediately, and report it to park staff.



Photo: S. Donker

Creek Crossings:

There are no bridges across most of the creeks and streams in the park. Water levels change dramatically throughout the summer and even over the course of a day. Cross creeks early in the day when water levels tend to be lower. If a creek crossing appears too difficult do not cross. Park staff can provide information on creek crossings.

Hypothermia occurs when your body loses more heat than it produces. Hypothermia can be life threatening and can occur at any time of the year. Look at the forecast, plan for poor weather, and wear layered clothing to stay warm and dry.

Drinking Water: Avoid contracting water born diseases such as giardia by treating all drinking water you obtain from natural sources.

Campfires are allowed unless there is a fire ban. Never leave a fire unattended, and extinguish it completely. If building a fire in the backcountry, keep it small and burn only dead and down wood.

Cold Water: Lakes in Kluane are very cold. Sudden winds can make travel in rough water very dangerous. Always wear approved floatation devices, plan to travel early in the morning and stay close to shore.



Photo: Parks Canada / F. Mueller

Avalanche: During winter, spring and early summer travellers must be aware when they are in avalanche terrain. For more information on how to recognize and travel safely in avalanche terrain contact Avalanche Canada

TRAILS vs. ROUTES



Photo: Parks Canada / F. Mueller

Trails are marked and maintained by the park.

Routes are not marked or maintained in any manner.

Good navigational skills are required for all routes and some trails.

ACTIVITY RATINGS

Easy: well marked trail, no or easy creek crossings, little to moderate elevation gain.

Moderate: well marked trail, moderate to considerable elevation gain, creek crossings likely.

Difficult: marked trail, some route finding might be required, moderate to considerable elevation gain, several creek crossings, possible terrain hazards (i.e. downed trees, slides, rocky terrain, rock fall).

Very Difficult: generally unmarked and unmaintained, route finding skills required, considerable to major elevation gain, terrain hazards (i.e. downed trees, slides, rocky terrain, rock fall) challenging creek crossings.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Summer Season:

Kluane National Park & Reserve Visitor Centre in Haines Junction (867)-634-7207
Tachàl Dhǎi Visitor Centre (867)-841-4500

Year Round:

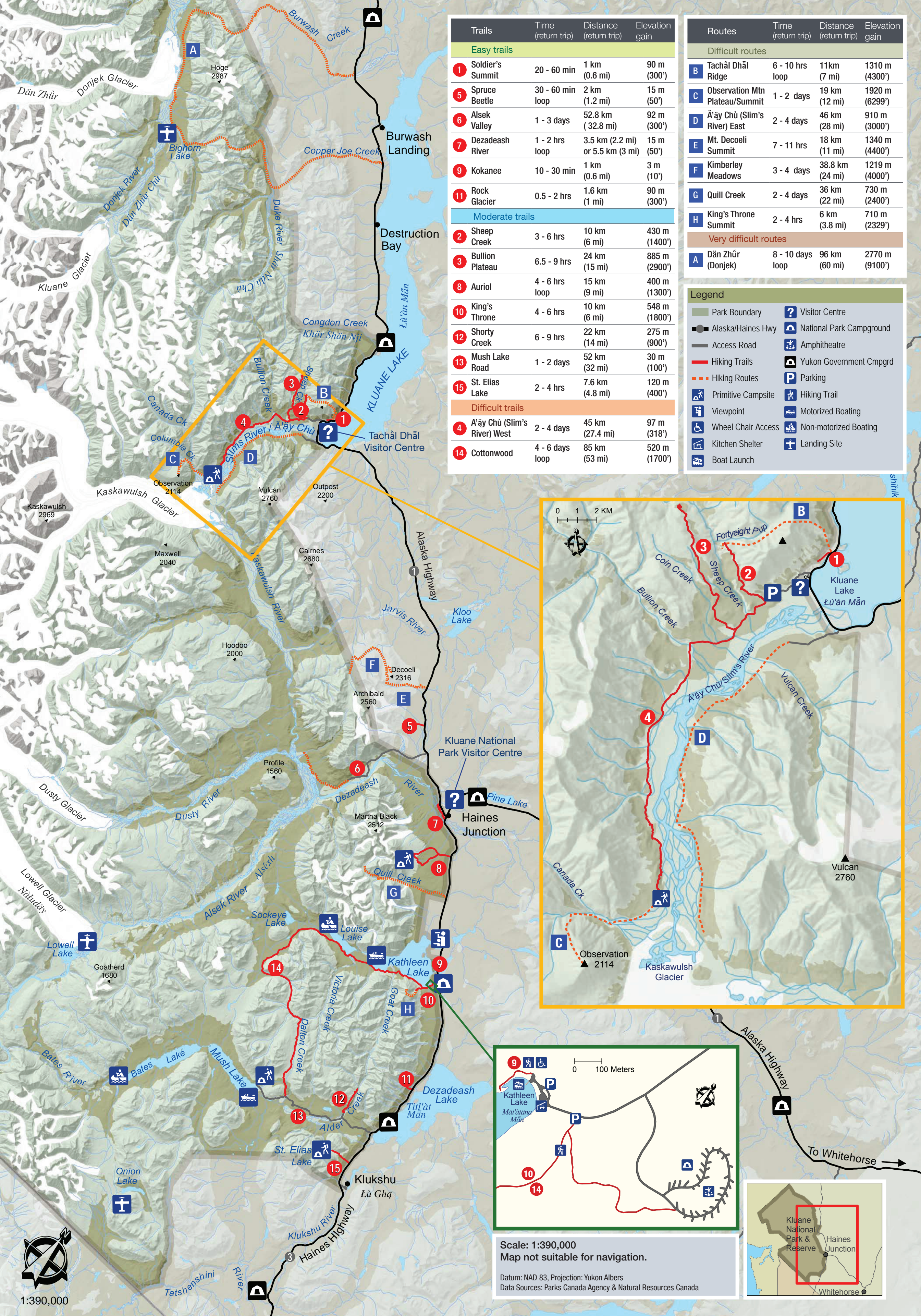
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(867) 634 7250

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EMERGENCY CONTACT - 24 HOUR

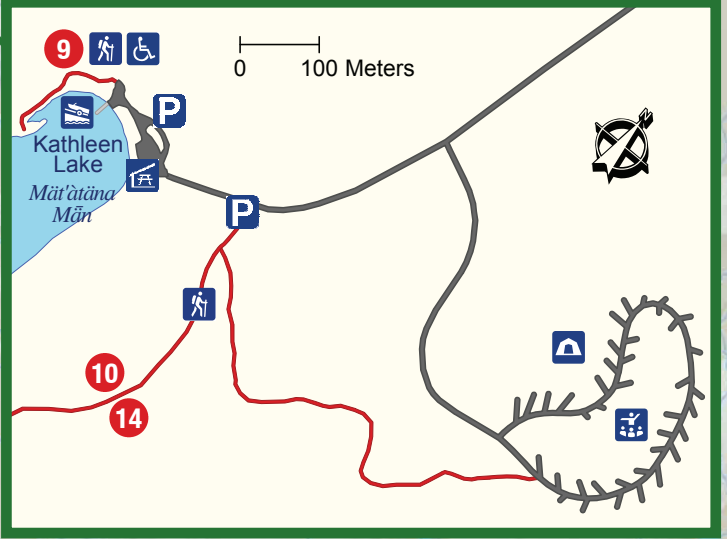
1-877-852-3100 (toll free) or 1-780-852-3100



Trails	Time (return trip)	Distance (return trip)	Elevation gain
Easy trails			
1 Soldier's Summit	20 - 60 min	1 km (0.6 mi)	90 m (300')
5 Spruce Beetle	30 - 60 min loop	2 km (1.2 mi)	15 m (50')
6 Alesk Valley	1 - 3 days	52.8 km (32.8 mi)	92 m (300')
7 Dezadeash River	1 - 2 hrs loop	3.5 km (2.2 mi) or 5.5 km (3 mi)	15 m (50')
9 Kokanee	10 - 30 min	1 km (0.6 mi)	3 m (10')
11 Rock Glacier	0.5 - 2 hrs	1.6 km (1 mi)	90 m (300')
Moderate trails			
2 Sheep Creek	3 - 6 hrs	10 km (6 mi)	430 m (1400')
3 Bullion Plateau	6.5 - 9 hrs	24 km (15 mi)	885 m (2900')
8 Auriol	4 - 6 hrs loop	15 km (9 mi)	400 m (1300')
10 King's Throne	4 - 6 hrs	10 km (6 mi)	548 m (1800')
12 Shorty Creek	6 - 9 hrs	22 km (14 mi)	275 m (900')
13 Mush Lake Road	1 - 2 days	52 km (32 mi)	30 m (100')
15 St. Elias Lake	2 - 4 hrs	7.6 km (4.8 mi)	120 m (400')
Difficult trails			
4 A'ay Chu (Slim's River) West	2 - 4 days	45 km (27.4 mi)	97 m (318')
14 Cottonwood	4 - 6 days loop	85 km (53 mi)	520 m (1700')

Routes	Time (return trip)	Distance (return trip)	Elevation gain
Difficult routes			
B Tachai Dhal Ridge	6 - 10 hrs loop	11 km (7 mi)	1310 m (4300')
C Observation Mtn Plateau/Summit	1 - 2 days	19 km (12 mi)	1920 m (6299')
D A'ay Chu (Slim's River) East	2 - 4 days	46 km (28 mi)	910 m (3000')
E Mt. Decoeli Summit	7 - 11 hrs	18 km (11 mi)	1340 m (4400')
F Kimberley Meadows	3 - 4 days	38.8 km (24 mi)	1219 m (4000')
G Quill Creek	2 - 4 days	36 km (22 mi)	730 m (2400')
H King's Throne Summit	2 - 4 hrs	6 km (3.8 mi)	710 m (2329')
Very difficult routes			
A Dan Zhur (Donjek)	8 - 10 days loop	96 km (60 mi)	2770 m (9100')

Legend	
	Park Boundary
	Alaska/Haines Hwy
	Access Road
	Hiking Trails
	Hiking Routes
	Primitive Campsite
	Viewpoint
	Wheel Chair Access
	Kitchen Shelter
	Boat Launch
	Visitor Centre
	National Park Campground
	Amphitheatre
	Yukon Government Cmpgrd
	Parking
	Hiking Trail
	Motorized Boating
	Non-motorized Boating
	Landing Site



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