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Valdez is a place that awakens your sense of wonder. We're thrilled to help you experience it, whether you've come for glaciers and wildlife, rich history and culture, or just the peace of a place that feels both rugged and welcoming.

At Discover Valdez, our purpose is simple: to help you experience the best of Valdez with confidence, connection, and clarity. Whether you're here for the first time or returning for more, we believe every visit to Valdez should feel like a discovery of beauty, of adventure, and of something deeply personal.

This Visitors Guide is not just a map or brochure. It's a tool to turn inspiration into action, and questions into a plan. Inside, you'll find stories from real travelers, local tips, and curated recommendations that reflect the rhythm of the seasons, the heart of the community, and the richness of One Destination - Alaska's Best.

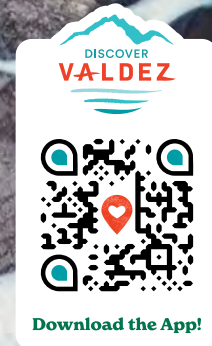
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Valdez is the Sugpiat ancestral **Suacit** lands, meaning "*people of the place that rises into view.*" The name Suacit is derived from Alutiiq/Sugpiat languages. Many Alaska Native tribes gathered here for subsistence, trade, and bountiful foods from land and sea.

The Sugpiat people are descended from seafarers, living and thriving in Prince William Sound and the Alaska Peninsula area. The region's subsistence resources have nourished them for over 7,500 years and into today.

We respect *ling'aklluku* and are grateful to the Sugpiat people for their care and stewardship of these lands, and to all those before us who have built the foundation of this beautiful city.

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Hello and Thank You
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WHY DISCOVER VALDEZ IS Your Local Guide

Planning a trip to Alaska can feel overwhelming. With so much to see and do, it's hard to know where to start or how to make the most of your time. That's where we come in.

At Discover Valdez, we don't just promote this place, we call it home. We live here, we work here, and we play here. We've walked these trails, kayaked these waters, and shared stories with visitors over cups of coffee and campfires under the midnight sun. We know what's worth seeing, when to see it, and how to experience Valdez in a way that feels personal and unforgettable.

For years, we've helped travelers from all over the world go beyond the guidebook to turn curiosity into confidence and questions into plans. Whether you're here for a weekend getaway or the adventure of a lifetime, we're here to help you explore safely, connect meaningfully, and uncover the best of what Valdez has to offer.

You don't need to figure it all out on your own. Just follow the locals. We'll show you why Valdez is truly **One Destination – Alaska's Best.**

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☀ 6.5 hours	☀ 9 hours	☀ 12 hours	☀ 15 hours	☀ 17.5 hours	☀ 19.5 hours
💧 4.8 inches	💧 4.9 inches	💧 4 inches	💧 3.2 inches	💧 2.9 inches	💧 3.1 inches
❄ 66.8 inches	❄ 57.0 inches	❄ 47.7 inches	❄ 14.1 inches	❄ 0.8 inches	❄ 0 inches

☀ Average Daylight 💧 Average Rainfall ❄ Average Snowfall

Data sources: The temperature and precipitation figures are averages based on climate data from the Western Regional Climate Center and the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI).



5 FACTS ABOUT VALDEZ



The Northernmost Ice-Free Port in North America

Thanks to the deep fjord of Port Valdez and warm currents from the Pacific, the port remains ice free year-round, making it a vital link in Alaska's marine and oil transport industries.



The Snowiest City in the United States

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☀ 18.5 hours

💧 4.2 inches

❄ 0 inches

AUG

62° / 47°

☀ 16 hours

💧 6.4 inches

❄ 0 inches

SEP

55° / 40°

☀ 12.5 hours

💧 8.4 inches

❄ 0.4 inches

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☀ 9.5 hours

💧 6.8 inches

❄ 15.3 inches

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☀ 7 hours

💧 5.3 inches

❄ 55.4 inches

DEC

28° / 17°

☀ 5.5 hours

💧 5 inches

❄ 67.9 inches



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**Surrounded by Glaciers**

Valdez is nestled in a dramatic, mountain-framed valley, with tidewater and alpine glaciers — including the famous Columbia Glacier, the second-largest tidewater glacier in all of North America.

**Valdez Has Starred on the Big Screen**

Over 100 films have included parts of Valdez in their production, including documentaries about the Exxon Valdez oil spill, which brought international attention to the town.

**Wildlife Is All Around You**

Valdez offers a front-row seat to bears feeding on salmon, sea lions lounging in the harbor, bald eagles soaring above town, and even whales breaching in Prince William Sound—often all in a single day.

TRAVELER'S STORY

Chasing the Seasons in Alaska

By Amber Deery, Trondheim Studios

Two seasons. One wild heart. A photographer captures Alaska's beauty in both winter's stillness and autumn's glow.

As a photographer, I've chased beauty across countless landscapes, but Alaska has captured my heart like no other place. I first visited in the dead of winter, when snow blanketed the mountains and silence filled the air. Months later, I returned in the fall to find a completely different world—one bursting with color and life. Experiencing both seasons was like seeing two sides of the same soul, each wild and breathtaking in its own way.

My first trip began in Anchorage, where the cold hit sharp and clean the moment I stepped off the plane. With my camera gear packed, I hit the road for an unforgettable drive to Valdez. The three-hundred-mile journey was a visual masterpiece. The Matanuska Glacier came into view like a frozen river of time, stretching for miles between jagged peaks. I pulled over, stunned by the scale and silence. Just before the intersection of the Glenn and Richardson Highways, Mt. Drum rose from the tundra—its snow-capped peak framed perfectly by the road ahead. It felt like a glimpse into the wild heart of Alaska.



Explore the Gallery



Winding through Thompson Pass was like entering another world. Snowfields shimmered beneath the pale winter sun, and waterfalls froze mid-cascade, caught in a moment of stillness. In Valdez, I joined a group heading deep into the backcountry by snowmobile. The ride was an adrenaline rush—ice crystals whipping through the air as we climbed into the mountains. Photographing skiers carving through untouched powder, surrounded by jagged peaks and endless white, became one of the most thrilling experiences of my career.

When I returned in the fall, the entire landscape had transformed. The snow had retreated to the mountaintops, revealing deep green valleys and forests painted in gold and crimson. Horsetail and Bridal Veil Falls thundered again, cascading down the cliffs that flanked the road. The air was crisp with rain and pine, and every bend revealed something new and impossibly beautiful.

Arriving in Valdez felt like reuniting with an old friend. The harbor shimmered under a soft, golden light, reflecting the fiery hues of the mountains that surrounded it. I spent my days photographing fishermen, sea otters floating lazily in the water, and bald eagles circling overhead. Evenings were spent sharing

stories with locals who spoke of winter's quick return and the rhythm of life that follows the changing seasons. Wildlife seemed to greet me at every turn—a moose wandering through the brush, a bear lumbering in the distance, eagles soaring above. Each sighting reminded me that this place belongs to the wild, and we are only guests here.

Valdez is a treasure—a town that glows with color in the fall and shines with stillness in the winter. Both trips left me changed. I drove away with a full heart, a camera full of memories, and a quiet promise to return. Because once Alaska calls your name, you can't help but answer—and when you do, you'll **Discover Valdez: One Destination - Alaska's Best.**



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HERE'S YOUR 3-STEP Adventure Plan

Planning your Valdez adventure just got easier. Follow these three simple steps to make the most of your stay, whether you're here for a day, a weekend, or the trip of a lifetime.

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Explore Top Things to See and Do

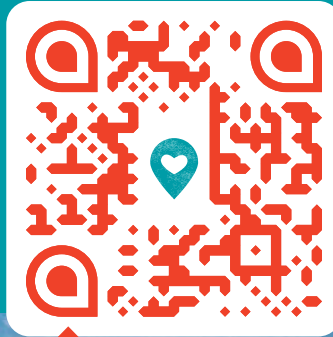
From glacier cruises to hiking trails and cultural sites, discover experiences that make Valdez truly memorable. Visit valdezalaska.org to discover more!



2

Plan Your Adventure

Customize your Valdez experience. Save your favorite spots, map out your days, and create an itinerary that fits your style.



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3

Experience the Best of Alaska

Now go Discover Valdez to experience an adventure of a lifetime! You will gather some incredible stories to tell. One Destination - Alaska's Best.





GETTING HERE IS PART OF The Adventure

Valdez is nestled between the Chugach Mountains and Prince William Sound. It's a town where history meets adventure and wild beauty is around every corner. From glaciers and waterfalls to festivals and fishing, every season offers something new to explore. Spot bald eagles soaring overhead, sea otters playing in the harbor, and bears feeding at the hatchery. Savor the fresh-caught seafood, Alaskan roasted coffee, and craft brews from our hometown breweries. And don't leave without discovering handcrafted goods and one-of-a-kind souvenirs made right here in Alaska.

BY ROAD

Valdez is accessible via the Richardson Highway—one of Alaska's most breathtaking drives. Whether you're cruising in from Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Tok, crank up your playlist and prepare to be in awe as you travel through mountain passes, past towering waterfalls, and alongside massive glaciers.

Wildlife sightings are common, so keep your camera ready. You'll want to pull over every few miles for those unforgettable views.

MUST-SEE MILEPOSTS ALONG THE WAY:

- **Mile 100 – Copper Center**

Step off the highway loop for fuel, snacks, and a peek into history at the George Ashby Museum and the Ahtna Cultural Heritage Center.

- **Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Visitor Center**

Just 10 miles south of the Glenn & Richardson Hwy junction. Stop here to take in views of North America's largest national park.

- **Mile 29 – Worthington Glacier**

One of Alaska's most accessible glaciers! Easy trail, epic photos. Don't miss it.

- **Thompson Pass**

You'll swear you're driving through the clouds! Jaw-dropping mountain views year-round.

- **Mile 14 – Keystone Canyon**

Roll down the windows. Waterfalls like Bridal Veil Falls and Horsetail Falls crash down right beside you.



BY AIR

Flights from Anchorage make getting here quick and easy. Flights into Valdez Airport (VDZ), via Reeve Air, are located just minutes from downtown. No matter how you arrive, Valdez welcomes you with stunning views and small-town charm.

BY WATER

Valdez is a year-round port on the Alaska Marine Highway System, offering one of the most scenic ferry experiences in the state. As you sail across the glacial waters of Prince William Sound, dramatic Chugach Mountain peaks rise in every direction. With breathtaking views around every turn, this isn't just transportation—it's part of the adventure. Be sure to check the Alaska Marine Highway schedule for the most up-to-date sailing information.

Want something more off the beaten path? Local operators offer water taxis to nearby bays, islands, and remote communities in the Prince William Sound.



Fuel & Food Tip

Glennallen offers the last gas station and store before heading to Valdez, while Capt'n Joe's Gas Station is your final stop for fuel and supplies before leaving Valdez.



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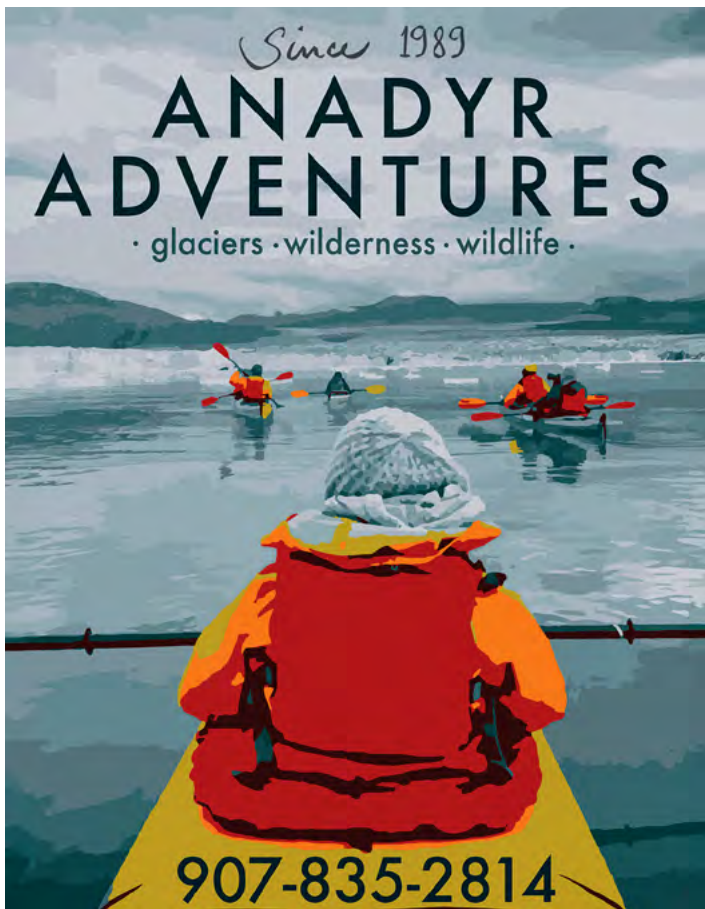
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What to Do

In Valdez, adventure and tranquility meet in every direction. Encompassed by mountains, glaciers, and sea, this small town offers unforgettable moments year-round. Cast a line into rich waters, hike alpine trails, or take to the skies for sweeping views. In winter, carve fresh powder, climb frozen waterfalls, or explore the backcountry by snowmachine.



Set out across Prince William Sound to witness tidewater glaciers crash into the sea. Cruise to Columbia or Meares Glacier, paddle Valdez Glacier Lake, or drift through ice-filled fjords. However you explore, Valdez invites you to experience the wild heart of Alaska.





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Wildlife

VIEWING

Valdez is a wildlife lover's dream, where Alaska's untamed beauty is always within view—no binoculars required. From the shoreline to the mountains, nature thrives in every direction. Watch sea otters float lazily in the harbor, bald eagles nesting overhead, and sea lions bask on nearby rocks. Bears roam the forests and rivers, while whales breach in the surrounding waters, offering unforgettable glimpses of Alaska's wild side.

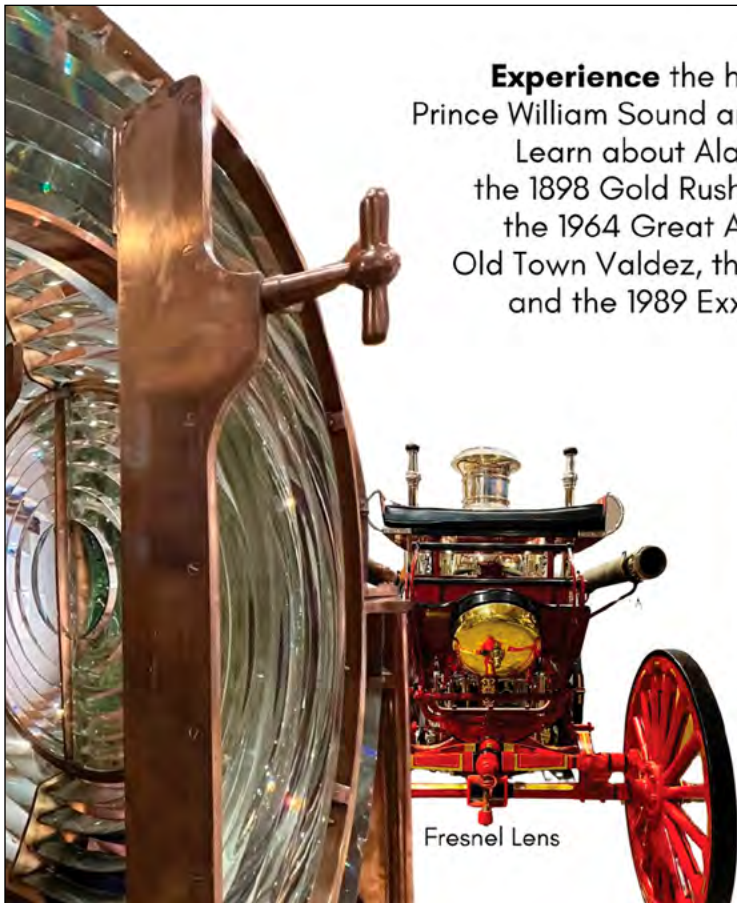
Along hiking trails and waterways, you'll also find an abundance of smaller wonders—rabbits darting through brush, vibrant wildflowers blanketing meadows, and a rich variety of native plants that change with the seasons. Welcome to nature's raw, inspiring rhythm.



HISTORY, ARTS, & CULTURE

Discover Valdez's rich cultural heritage through its Alaska Native roots, gold rush history, and the resilience shown after the 1964 earthquake, all brought to life in local museums and historic sites. Then dive into the town's creative spirit with galleries, artisan shops, and exhibits that celebrate Valdez's past and present through art and storytelling.

- Valdez Museum
- Maxine & Jesse Whitney Museum
- Discover Valdez Visitors Center



Fresnel Lens

Experience the history and culture of Prince William Sound and the Copper River Basin.

Learn about Alaskan First Peoples, the 1898 Gold Rush, Pioneering Aviators, the 1964 Great Alaskan Earthquake, Old Town Valdez, the Trans Alaska Pipeline and the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.



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FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Bring the whole crew. Valdez is full of family-friendly adventures! Wander the scenic harbor, visit the fish hatchery, or let curiosity run wild at interactive museums. Enjoy easy trails perfect for little explorers, and join in the excitement of kids' carnivals and the Kids Pink Salmon Derby. Celebrate local traditions during the Fourth of July Parade or Gold Rush Days. There's fun for every age, all year long!



RAINY DAY RELAXATION

When the rain starts to fall, it's the perfect excuse to slow down and savor the cozy side of Valdez. Browse local shops, explore indoor museums, or settle into a café for a warm drink and good conversation. Treat yourself to a relaxing sauna session, or simply curl up for a well-earned nap. Rainy days here are made for rest, reflection, and recharging.



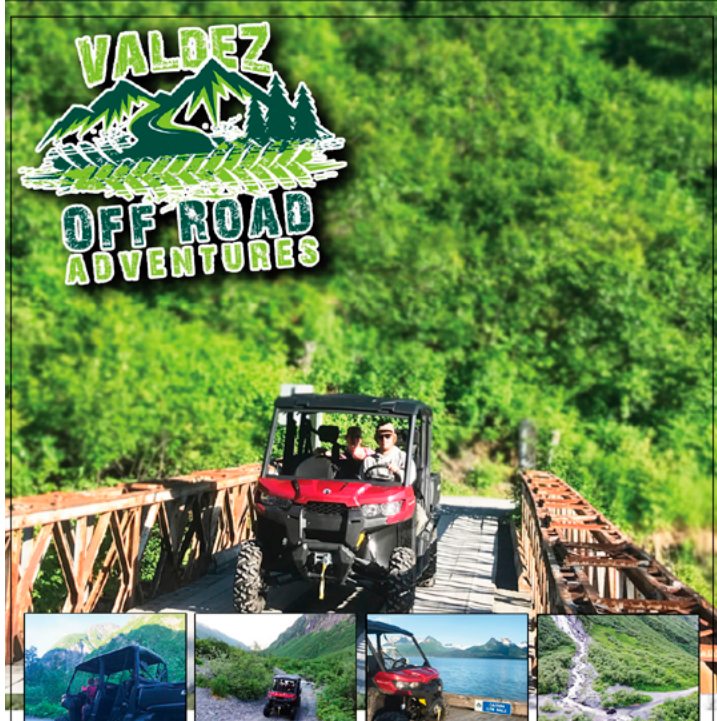


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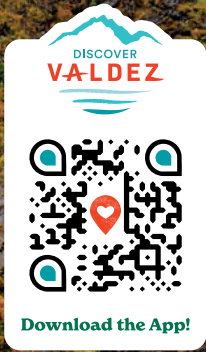
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TRAVELER'S STORY

Above the Ice: Visiting Glacier Lookout



By Alex Long, Seed Media

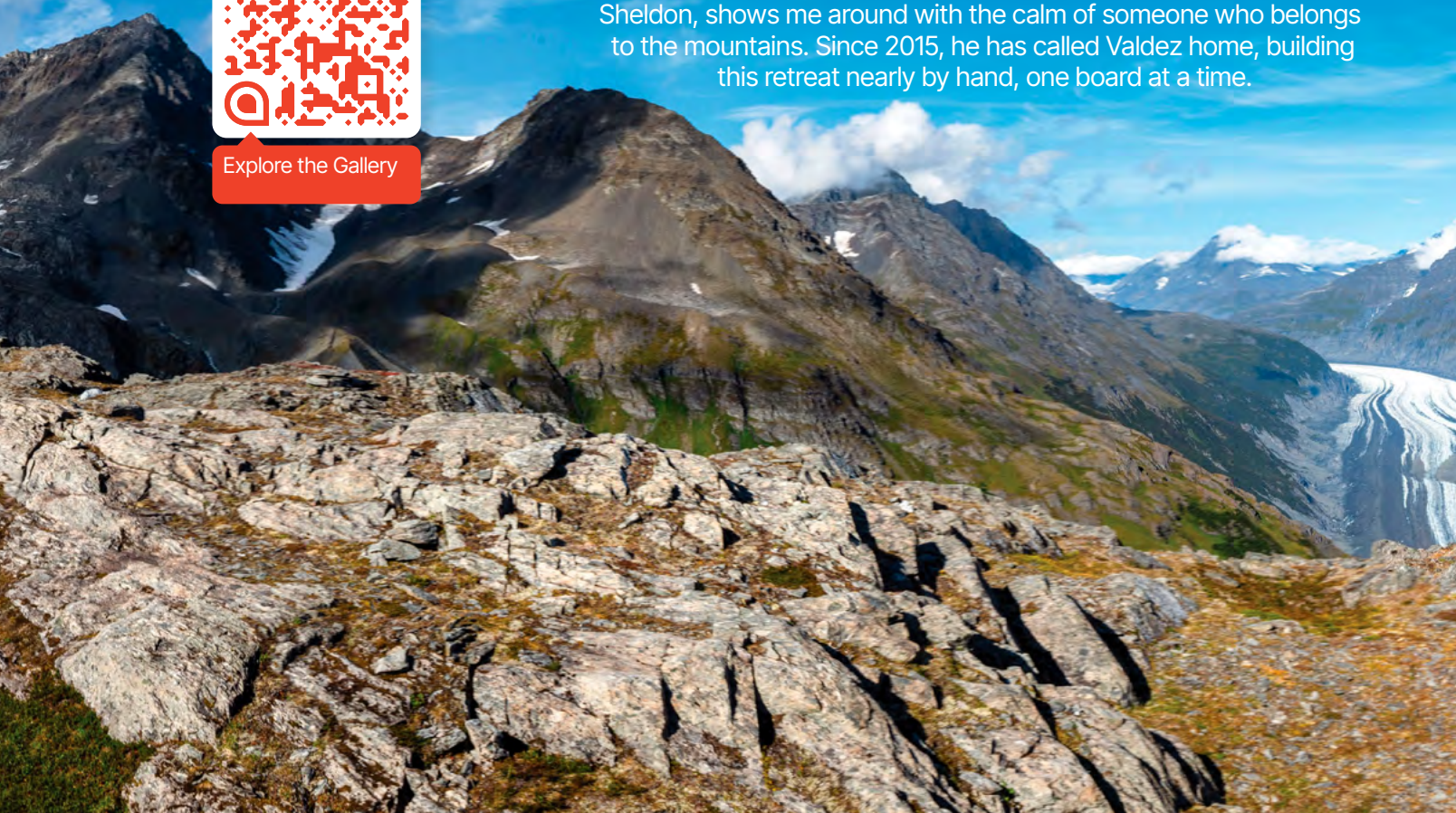
As we ascend toward West Peak by helicopter, I'm already framing shots through the cabin door. Three thousand feet below, icebergs gleam in the midday sun; braided streams of glacial runoff unravel like fine silver threads out to Valdez Arm. I feel as if I'm looking back in time, witnessing the slow conversation between ice, mountain, and sea that shaped this extraordinary landscape.

When we touch down, the wind stills and a quiet settles over the ridge. Before me stands Glacier Lookout, a handcrafted 1930s-style fire tower perched 3,600 feet above Valdez Glacier. Sunlight filters through wraparound windows, warming the cozy cabin interior.

The lookout's creator, backcountry guide and craftsman Zachary Sheldon, shows me around with the calm of someone who belongs to the mountains. Since 2015, he has called Valdez home, building this retreat nearly by hand, one board at a time.



Explore the Gallery



"I love exploring Alaska—not just for myself, but to help others connect to it in a real way," Sheldon says. Staying at the lookout means stepping into something he created for those who want to feel Alaska not as an image on a postcard, but as a lived experience. With his knowledge of the land and deep respect for its beauty, visitors like myself experience the comfort of having an expert by their side in a setting that feels both remote and accessible.

A talented photographer himself, Zach shares tips on where to find the best angles. He tells me that as the day progresses, snowmelt from above will trickle down and fill the shallow gully alongside the lookout, becoming a steady stream by evening. I set up a timelapse to capture the event, while he heads off to work on the construction of a guide cabin beyond a nearby ridge.

From the lookout, the world expands in every direction: the glacier gleaming in blue tones, mountains receding like waves. There's no Wi-Fi, no hum of civilization, only the hush of wind and the slow pulse of meltwater. I don't stay overnight, but even in a few hours, something shifts. The stillness here redefines solitude: not emptiness, but presence.

I imagine the night unfolding with stars unbroken by city glow, or the northern lights rippling across the ice; I imagine sunrise spilling across the eastern peaks, a luminous cloudscape flowing through the valley below—moments that would feel less like seeing and more like remembering what it means to simply be.

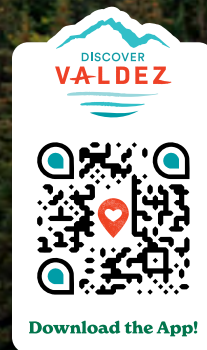
Near the end of my visit, Zach finds me and points upslope. I see it: a wolverine darting across a sunlit snowfield—dark, quick, vanishing into the white. Even as a lifelong Alaskan accustomed to bears, moose, and orcas, I'm enthralled to finally catch sight of one of these elusive creatures. The lookout seems to invite such moments—glimpses of wild beauty that feel wholly personal.

On the flight down, my pilot, Al Carbono—who grew up in Panama and later lived in Hawaii—remarks that he's found nowhere better than Valdez, neither for its land nor its people. I watch the ridge where Zach is still at work recede, the glacier below folding into light and shadow. He's right. This is what makes Valdez singular: not only its wild, varied terrain, but the community that has chosen to root itself here. Within a small radius of town, mountains meet sea, glaciers meet rainforest, and people embrace the wilderness in a harmony that distills Alaska at its best.



EXAMPLE ITINERARIES & Seasonal Planning

Whether you're a first-time visitor, a seasoned explorer, or chasing snowy thrills, Valdez welcomes you with unforgettable experiences year-round. Use these sample itineraries to plan your perfect trip.



EXAMPLE 1: FIRST-TIME VISITOR / WEEKEND GETAWAY (3 DAYS)

Suggested Season: May–September

Highlights: Iconic sights, easy adventures, and small-town charm

Great for: Families, couples, cruise or road trip stopovers

Day 1: Arrival + Local Flavor

- Drive or fly into Valdez, taking in the epic views of the Richardson Highway or Prince William Sound.
- Grab lunch and stroll the Valdez Boardwalk.
- Visit the Valdez Museum and Remembering Old Town Exhibit.
- Enjoy a sunset dinner at a local restaurant with views of the boat harbor.
- Take a pleasant stroll along the nearby Dock Point Trail.

Day 2: Glacier + Wildlife

- Take a morning glacier cruise to Columbia Glacier or Meares Glacier with a local outfitter.
- Keep your eyes open for whales, sea otters, puffins, and sea lions.
- Visit the Solomon Gulch Hatchery in the afternoon at high tide. Watch for the salmon that return by the millions in mid- to late-summer, and the bears and sea lions that feast on them.
- Optional: Paddleboard or kayak around Port Valdez.

Day 3: Nature & Farewell

- Hike the John Hunter Memorial Trail or Homestead Trail for panoramic views.
- Coffee and souvenirs in town before your departure.



EXAMPLE 2: OUTDOOR EXPLORER (4 - 5 DAYS)

Suggested Season: June–September

Highlights: High adventure, remote wilderness, and hands-on exploration

Great for: Backpackers, climbers, photographers, or solo travelers

Day 1: Settle In + Local Orientation

- Arrive and orient yourself with a visit to the Discover Valdez Visitors Center.
- Gear up at local shops.

Day 2: Fishing

- Go fishing (halibut, salmon, rockfish) on a charter trip.
- Find a hot meal, sip on Valdez-crafted brews, and sing your heart out at the local open mic.

Day 3: Waterfall + Wildlife

- Visit Bridal Veil Falls and Horsetail Falls in Keystone Canyon.
- Spend the afternoon mountain biking or trail running on the Mineral Creek route.

Day 4-5: Optional Add-Ons

- Paddle the Valdez Arm, viewing the wildlife in the distance.
- Camp overnight near Blueberry Lake or Thompson Pass under the midnight sun.



Alex Long, Seed Media | Solomon Gulch Hatchery



EXAMPLE 3: WINTER ADVENTURE GETAWAY (2 – 4 DAYS)

Suggested Season: February–April

Highlights: Deep powder, quiet trails, and Alaskan hospitality

Great for: Winter athletes, photographers, couples seeking a cozy escape

Day 1: Arrival + Local Eats

- Arrive via commercial air flight or scenic winter drive through the snow-covered pass.
- Warm up with comfort food from a cozy local restaurant.

Day 2: Snow Sports & Helicopter Ride

- View Valdez from the sky on a helicopter tour.
- Traverse the backcountry on snowshoes, snowboards, or cross-country skis.

Day 3: Ice + Lights

- Visit Valdez Glacier Lake and explore otherworldly blue ice caves.
- Relax at a local hotel or B&B with views of the snowy harbor.
- If you're lucky, catch a glimpse of the northern lights.

Optional Day 4: Ice Climbing or Fat Biking

- Take a half-day ice climbing course.
- Explore groomed fat bike trails.



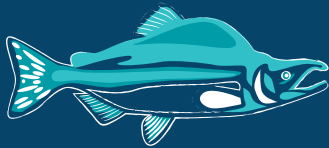
Valdez Fish Derbies | Allison Point



Jeremy Kirby, Seed Media | Port Valdez

VALDEZ FISHING

Valdez is one of Alaska’s premier fishing destinations where locals and visitors alike compete for trophy halibut, salmon runs, and the thrill of reeling in something legendary. Whether you’re casting from the shore, dropping lines from the harbor, or venturing into Prince William Sound on a charter, Valdez offers some of the most accessible and rewarding fishing in the state.



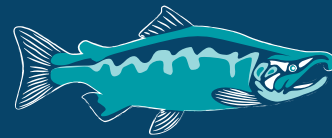
PINK SALMON (HUMPY)

Season: Mid-July to mid-August

Where to Fish: Allison Point, Dayville Road, and 300 feet or more on either side of Solomon Gulch Hatchery shoreline.

Average Size: 3–6 lbs

Tip: Use pink or chartreuse spinners or spoons. Fishing with the incoming tide is best.



SILVER SALMON (COHO)

Season: Early August to early September

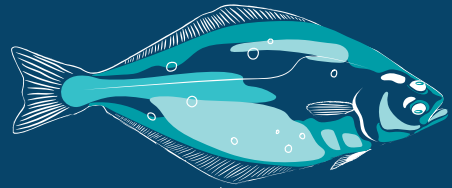
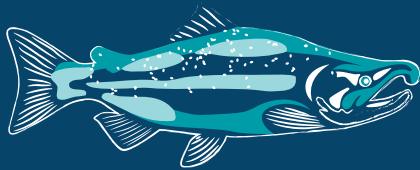
Where to Fish: Allison Point, harbor breakwater, fly-outs to nearby streams, offshore trolling.

Average Size: 8–12 lbs

Trophy Size: 15+ lbs

All-Time Record Winner: 22.14 lbs, Chuck Gard, 2009

Tip: Early silvers arrive offshore and in deeper water. Boat fishing shines in early August, while shore action heats up later in the month.



KING SALMON (CHINOOK)

Season: June to early July (strongest runs)

Where to Fish: Offshore in Prince William Sound or guided fly-outs to specific streams.

Average Size: 20–40 lbs

Trophy Size: 50+ lbs

Tip: Kings are elusive. Your best bet is booking a targeted charter or checking with local outfitters for timing updates.

HALIBUT

Season: Late May to early September

Where to Fish: Offshore in Prince William Sound, typically 1–3 hours by boat.

Average Size: 20–50 lbs

Trophy Size: Anything over 100 lbs

All-Time Record Winner: 374 lbs, Frieda Wiley, 2017

Tip: Book a full-day charter for halibut. Bonus catches often include lingcod and rockfish.

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Dates: Aug 28 - Sept 6

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EVENTS & FESTIVITIES

In Valdez, the calendar is filled with celebrations that bring the community and visitors together in every season. From summer fishing derbies and music in the park to winter carnivals and holiday traditions, there's always something happening against the stunning backdrop of mountains and sea. These gatherings showcase the heart of Valdez—its friendly spirit, adventurous energy, and love for the outdoors—making every visit a chance to join the fun.



JANUARY – FEBRUARY

- **Frosty Fever Winter Carnival** – A ten-day celebration filled with community festivities, winter sports, and great deals.
- **Valdez Ice Fest** – Thrill-seekers scale the majestic frozen waterfalls of Keystone Canyon with expert guides.

MARCH – APRIL

- **Mayor's Cup** – A cross-country snowmachine race looping around the Valdez Glacier Flats.
- **Mountain Man Hillclimb** – Four days of daring snowmachine races up the epic slopes of Thompson Pass.
- **Valdez Fat Bike Bash** – Fat tire biking races and group rides through snowy backdrops.
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MAY

- **Valdez Halibut Derby Begins** – Kicking off the fishing season with weekly prizes and the chance to land a trophy halibut.
- **Memorial Day Weekend Celebrations** – Ceremonies, live music, and a free community picnic in remembrance.
- **Valdez Fly-In & Air Show** – Dazzling aerobatic performances and family activities.
- **Sea Kayaking Symposium** – Presented by Prince William Sound College and Discover Valdez Visitors Center.



JUNE

- **Valdez Halibut Derby Continues** – Prime time for big catches.
- **End of the Road Ren Fair** – A Renaissance reenactment that includes knights, street performers, and fair ladies, all in period attire.
- **Valdez Theatre Conference** – Theatrical productions, workshops, and panels from nationwide talent.



JULY

- **4th of July Celebration** – A festive parade, music, games, and a free community BBQ.
- **Kids Pink Salmon Derby** – Fun for young anglers as pink salmon fill the waters.
- **Valdez Silver Salmon Derby Begins** – The chase for feisty silvers is on.



AUGUST

- **Gold Rush Days** - An annual 5-day celebration honoring the past, present, and future of Valdez.
- **Richardson Highway Rendezvous** – A music and art festival featuring regional food, crafts, and performances.
- **Women's Silver Salmon Derby** – A spirited one-day event filled with costumes, camaraderie, and big fish.
- **Derbies Wrap-Up & Awards** – Final weigh-ins, celebrations, and big prize announcements.

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- **Fall Festivities** – Traditional fare, family games, and community fun.



Aurora Forecast

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- **Holiday Bazaar** – Local artisans selling handmade goods, perfect for unique gifts.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Festivities** – Caroling, cocoa, a visit from Santa Claus, and the sparkle of the season.
- **New Year's Eve Fireworks** – A dazzling send-off to the year over the snowy harbor.
- **Northern lights sightings are possible** – Check the aurora forecast for your visit.

TRAVELER'S STORY

Chasing Powder Dreams

A Chilean Family's Journey to Valdez, Alaska

By Alex Long, Seed Media

Valdez is a place where mountains rise straight from the sea, their rugged faces glistening with powder snow and the promise of adventure. For those who chase the thrill of untouched slopes, this remote outpost at the edge of Prince William Sound is a kind of whispered legend—a place that lives in ski films and free-rider dreams. For the Goñi family of Chile, that dream began more than a decade ago, with a single trip that planted a seed.

"I came here about ten years ago," recalls Sebastián Goñi, a lifelong snowboarder and mountain guide from Viña del Mar. "I wanted to professionalize myself as a freerider, to explore these free mountains. Valdez gave me knowledge, confidence, and the sense of community that I wanted to bring back to the Andes." He returned to Chile with lessons about avalanche safety, mountain protocols, and the ethos of sharing knowledge—lessons that would shape not only his career but also the legacy he hoped to pass on to his children.

In the spring, Sebastián returned to Valdez, but this time he wasn't alone. His 23-year-old daughter, Saga, a professional freeride skier and North Face athlete, and his nine-year-old son, Thor, joined him on the long journey north. Alongside their family friend and videographer Chavi, they arrived to film and ski the Chugach Mountains—a pilgrimage for anyone who loves steep lines, deep powder, and the raw beauty of Alaska.

Where the Mountains Meet the Sea

"We realized that it's not just about the snow," Saga says, her voice tinged with awe. "It has beautiful landscapes with the sea right next to it, which makes it even more wonderful... the mountains are far from the sea [in Chile], and here you have everything together."



Explore the Gallery

From their temporary base near Thompson Pass—a mecca for backcountry skiers and snowmobilers—the Goñi family watched as the weather played its Alaskan games. “The weather has been challenging,” Saga admits with a grin, “but that’s part of Alaska. When the sun comes out, and you’re standing on top of these rugged peaks, it’s all worth it. Skiing here feels like floating—you become one with the mountain.”

Thor, wide-eyed and brimming with youthful energy, noticed something else: the sheer scale of it all. “The mountains are very big and imposing,” he says, choosing his words carefully. “I felt nervous before my first big run... but when I reached the bottom, I felt really happy. It was a lot of fun.” His honesty reflects the truth of Valdez: it’s a place that humbles even the most confident skiers, while gifting moments of unforgettable joy.

A Culture of Adventure and Community

For Sebastián, Valdez is not just a collection of dramatic peaks; it’s a living classroom and a warm, if unconventional, village. “Valdez has epic mountains, but it’s the community that attracts me,” he explains. “People welcome you with open arms. They share knowledge, they share their snowmobiles, their stories, even their food. That generosity is part of the magic here.”

Saga, who grew up chasing lines with her father across Chile and North America, was struck by the mountain culture she found in Thompson Pass. “Arriving and seeing the pass full of people camping, staying all night in the cold, making bonfires... everyone wants to share,” she says. “They invite you to try their food, their snowmobiles. It’s very beautiful.”

Legacy in Motion

The trip to Valdez was more than a family vacation; it was a living chapter in a story about legacy. Sebastián speaks of it with quiet pride, his words echoing the patience and reverence of a life spent in the mountains. “Part of the non-ego is to transmit,” he says. “When you give everything you know to others, you are filled with joy. My daughter received this knowledge at twenty-three. My son at nine. And one day, they will pass it on.”

Saga understands her role in that lineage. Her career as a freeride skier has already carried her to podiums and film projects, but traveling with her father and little brother to the far edge of Alaska carried a different weight. “This is the first trip where the three of us traveled so far together,” she says. “Seeing Thor laugh at the simple things, being out there with my dad... it reminds me why I fell in love with the mountains in the first place.”

Thor, still at the start of his journey, summed it up with the clarity only a child can offer: “When I have kids, I would love to pass on this legacy,” he says. “To come to Alaska with my family.”



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Easy | 0.4 miles round trip

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3 Homestead Trail

Easy | 1.4 miles round trip

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4 Nayurluku Park at Meals Hill

Easy | 2.3 miles round trip

This gravel trail winds up Blueberry Hill with overlooks of Port Valdez and Mineral Creek Canyon. In late summer, pick wild blueberries along the way.

5 Mineral Creek Trail

Moderate | 12.2 miles round trip

Journey deep into a glacier-carved valley, passing waterfalls, wildflowers, and remnants of gold rush history before reaching an old stamp mill.

6 Gold Creek & Shoup Bay

Easy to Difficult | 2.2-19.1 miles

A rugged hike through overgrown forest leads to views of Shoup Bay, though its cabins are now water-access only. For an easier option, head 1.1 miles to Gold Beach.

7 John Hunter Memorial Trail

Moderate | 3.8 miles round trip

Climb through coastal forest to the Solomon Gulch Reservoir overlook, with views of the spillway and dam along the way.

8 Keystone Canyon Trails

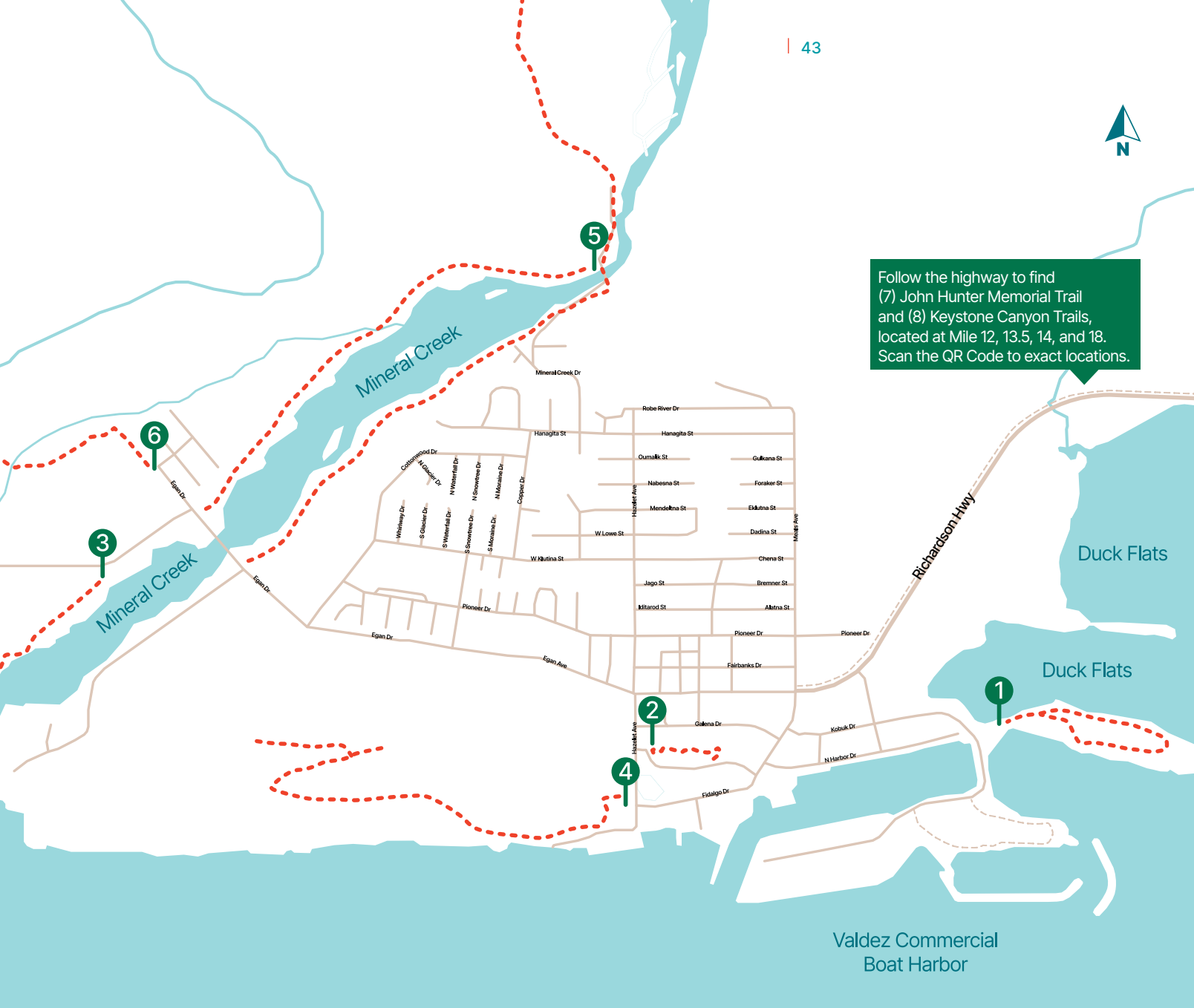
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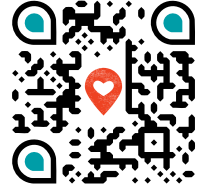
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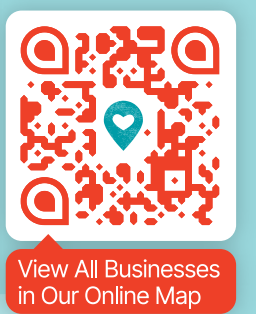
POINTS OF INTEREST AND LOCAL SERVICES

Airport	Park & Picnic Area
Gas Station	Trailhead
Fish Spot	Campground
Wildlife Spot	

FEATURED LOCATIONS

1. Alpine Air Alaska	5. Valdez KOA Journey
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3. Naruyaq Enterprises, LLC	Salmon Grove Campground & Charters (See Directory)
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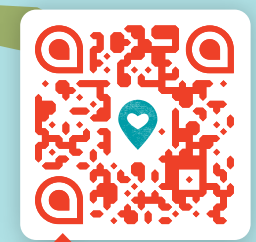
VALDEZ WALKING MAP



- Highways
- Roads
- Walking trail / bike path

POINTS OF INTEREST AND LOCAL SERVICES

Discover Valdez Visitor Center	Playground
Parking Area	Gas Station
Post Office	Trailhead
Museum	Fish Spot
Hospital	Boat Launch
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- FEATURED LOCATIONS**
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| 7. Anadyr Adventures | 16. Valdez Brewing |
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| 9. Capt'n Joe's Gas Station | 18. Valdez Consortium Library |
| 10. Ike "Woody" Woodman Rec Center | 19. Valdez Convention and Civic Center |
| 11. Lu-Lu Belle Glacier Wildlife Cruises | 20. Valdez Fish Derbies |
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