

Trip Selection Matrix

Trip Name	Why Choose This Trip?	Trip Type	Region	Distance(s)	# Days	Backcountry Starting Point	Backcountry Ending Point	Logistics	Experience Level Required	Hazards of Note	Will you see other parties on this trip?	Land Manager	Land Manager Website	GPS Coordinates	USGS Maps	Cost
20 Mile	The Winner Creek to 20 Mile River loop is a great first packrafting trip. For those with packrafting skills, this route offers a quick, easy-to-access, multi-sport adventure. The hike up to Berry Pass is seriously underrated and the views of the 20 Mile watershed are not to be missed. Camp beneath the iconic Arrigetch Peaks - a great destination for backpackers and hardcore climbers alike.	Packraft	Southcentral	11 miles hiking; 15 miles packrafting	2	Winner Creek Trailhead at Alyeska Resort (Girdwood, AK)	20 Mile River Bridge on the Seward Highway	Moderate	Novice backpacker, Beginner packrafter	Wood hazards; in upper 20 mile, tide, bear country, stream crossings	Probably	Chugach National Forest, Glacier Ranger District	https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/chugach/home	Starting Point - Winner Creek Trailhead: 60.97003, -149.09692 Berry Pass: 60.97678, -148.95175 Ending Point - 20 miles river bridge: 60.84454, -148.98732	Seward D-6 Seward D-5	\$
Arrigetch Peaks Basecamp		Backpacking	Northern	24+ (13 miles each way from drop-off/pick-up location to the Arrigetch Peaks)	6+	Circle Lake	Circle Lake	Complex	Intermediate Backpacker	Stream and river crossings; bear country	Possibly	Gates of the Arctic National Park	https://www.nps.gov/gaar/index.htm	Starting/Ending Point - Circle Lake: 67.48528, -153.87998 Starting Point - Upper Chena Hot Springs Road Trailhead: 65.03514, -146.21500 Chena Dome (highpoint): 65.08318, -146.46738 Trail Shelter: 65.013750, -146.555167 Ending Point - Lower Chena Hot Springs Road Trailhead: 65.01371, -146.22322	Survey Pass B-2 Survey Pass B-3	\$\$\$\$
Chena Dome	One of the best trips near Fairbanks with incredible views, excellent walking and easy logistics.	Backpacking	Central	29 miles	2-4	50.5 Miles down the Chena Hot Springs Road (NE of Fairbanks)	49.4 miles down the Chena Hot Springs Road (NE of Fairbanks)	Simple	Beginner Backpacker	scarce water; weather; bear country	Probably	Chena River State Recreation Area	http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/northern/chenaoverlook.htm	Starting Point - Chilkoot Trailhead: 59.51185, -135.34663; Chilkoot Pass: 59.69654, -135.23828; Ending Point - Bennett, BC: 59.84527, -134.99562	Circle A-5 Circle A-6	\$
Chilkoot Trail	An amazing look at the history of the Alaskan Gold Rush with the added novelty of hiking from Alaska to Canada - two countries, one trip!	Backpacking	Southeast	33 miles	2-4	Dyes (outside of Skagway, AK)	Bennet, BC, Canada	Complex	Novice Backpacker	Bear country	Definitely	Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park	https://www.nps.gov/klgo/planyourvisit/chilkoottrail.htm	Starting Point - Crow Creek Trailhead: 61.02825, -149.13602 Crow Pass: 61.06076, -149.11645 Ending Point - Eagle River Nature Center: 61.23390, -149.27075	Skagway C-1	\$\$\$
Crow Pass	A Chugach Classic with big glacier views, this trail is widely considered one of the best in Alaska!	Backpack or Packraft	Southcentral	23 miles	2-3	Crow Creek Trailhead (Girdwood, AK)	Eagle River Nature Center	Simple to Moderate (depending on shuttle)	Novice backpacker, Beginner packrafter	Stream and river crossings; bear country	Probably	Chugach National Forest and Chugach State Park	https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/chugach/home ; http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/chugach/chugachindex.htm		Anchorage A-7, Anchorage A-6	\$-\$
Crow Pass	Follow the footsteps of the Porcupine Caribou Herd and test your off-trail travel skills in some of Alaska's best hiking terrain.	Backpacking	Northern		6+	Airstrip on the Hulahula River (local name: Grasser's Strip)	Airstrip on the upper Chandalar	Complex	Intermediate Backpacker	Stream and river crossings; bear country	Unlikely	Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	https://www.fws.gov/refuge/arctic/		Mt. Michelon A-1 Arctic D-1	\$\$\$\$
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Kesugi Ridge	Unparalleled views of Denali (formerly Mt. McKinley)	Backpacking	Central	17.8 to 37 miles	2-4	Little Coal Creek Trailhead (other options detailed on Trip Page)	Upper Troublesome Creek Trailhead (other options detailed on Trip Page)	Moderate	Beginner Backpacker	Weather - exposed on the ridgeline; bear country	Probably	Denali State Park	http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/denali.htm	Starting Point - Little Coal Creek Trailhead: 62.89223, -149.74754 Ermine Hill-K'esugi Ridge Trail Junction: 62.79459, -149.86834 Ermine Hill Trailhead: 62.82752, -149.90431 Ending Point - Byers Lake Campground: 62.74535, -150.11820 Troublesome Creek Trailhead: 62.63013, -150.22572	Talkeetna Mountains D-6, Talkeetna Mountains C-6	\$-\$
Mint Valley	A straightforward trip with big scenery payoffs - the picturesque Mint Hut and a valley dotted with hanging glaciers!	Backpacking	Southcentral	16 miles (out-and-back up Mint Valley); additional options detailed on trip page	2-4	Gold Mint Trailhead in Hatcher Pass	Gold Mint Trailhead in Hatcher Pass	Simple	Novice Backpacker	bear country	Probably	State of Alaska, Department of National Resources	http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/hatcherpass/hatcherpass.htm	Starting/Ending Point - Gold Mint Trailhead: 61.77799, -149.19880; Mint Hut: 61.856767, -149.079767	Anchorage D-6	\$
Oolah Pass	Find out why the Brooks Range is known to have the best off-trail hiking in Alaska!	Backpacking	Northern	65 miles (Anaktuvuk Pass to Dalton Highway); shorter options detailed on trip page	6+	Anaktuvuk Pass or Summit Lake Air Strip	Dalton Highway	Complex	Intermediate Backpacker	Stream and river crossings; bear country	Unlikely	Gates of the Arctic National Park	https://www.nps.gov/gaar/index.htm	Starting Point - Resurrection Pass Trailhead North: 60.86873, -149.63045 Caribou Creek Cabin: 60.78314, -149.67751 Fox Creek Cabin: 60.73109, -149.70988 East Creek Cabin: 60.70490, -149.74849 Resurrection Pass (and Summit Creek Trail junction): 60.64055, -149.72665 Devil's Pass Cabin (and Devil's Pass Trail junction): 60.62071, -149.75413 Swan Lake Cabin: 60.61248, -149.84008 Juneau Lake Cabin: 60.57525, -149.87179 Ending Point - Resurrection Pass Trailhead South: 60.48376, -149.95311	Chandler Lake A-3, Chandler Lake A-2, Chandler Lake A-1, Philip Smith Mountains A-5	\$-\$-\$-\$
Resurrection Pass	All the joy of backpacking, with the optional comfort of staying in cabins if you make reservations in one or more of the cabins along the trail.	Backpacking	Southcentral	38 miles (Hope to Cooper Landing)	3-5	Resurrection Pass Trailhead North (Hope, AK)	Resurrection Pass Trailhead South (Cooper Landing, AK)	Moderate	Novice Backpacker	bear country	Definitely	Chugach National Forest, Seward Ranger District	https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/chugach/home		Seward B-8 Seward C-8 Seward D-8	\$-\$
Sanctuary River	Experience the backcountry of Denali National Park in a way few others do!	Packraft	Central	13 miles hiking; 17 miles packrafting	2-3	Denali Park Road just east of Sable Pass	Denali Park Road at the Sanctuary River Campground	Moderate	Intermediate Backpacker, Beginner Packrafter	Stream and river crossings; bear country	Unlikely	Denali National Park	https://www.nps.gov/dena/index.htm	Starting Point - Near Sable Pass: 63.55685, -149.64624 Calico Creek Pass: 63.52482, -149.39790 Ending Point - Sanctuary River Campground: 63.71948, -149.47620	Healy C-6, Healy C-5	\$
Twin Lakes	A combination of classic Alaskan - float planes, big mountains, crystal blue lakes and homesteading history!	Packraft	Southwest	Distances vary, detailed on trip page	3-5	Upper Twin Lakes	Lower Twin Lakes (coordinate a pick-up location with your air taxi)	Complex	Novice Packrafter	High winds can create wave hazards on the lakes; bear country	Possibly	Lake Clark National Park	https://www.nps.gov/lack/index.htm	Proenneke Cabin Coordinates: 60.648511, -153.81311 Hope Creek Campground coordinates: 60.64259, -153.82084 Emerson Creek Trailhead Coordinates: 60.63227, -153.90394	Lake Clark C-3, Lake Clark C-2	\$\$\$\$
Valley of 10,000 Smokes	Experience a landscape literally like no other - a desert-like moonscape ringed by glaciated volcanoes!	Backpacking	Southwest	25-40 miles	4+	Three Forks Visitor Center	Three Forks Visitor Center	Complex	Intermediate Backpacker	River crossings, severe wind, scarce water	Unlikely	Katmai National Park	https://www.nps.gov/katm/index.htm	Starting/Ending Point - Three Forks Visitor Center - 58.368734, -155.383066 Possible Campsite on Windy Creek: 58.355576, -155.382723 West Magoon Lake: 58.238827, -155.282991 East Magoon Lake: 58.238827, -155.239733	Katmai A-4, Katmai B-5, Katmai B-4	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$