| Trip Types | | Hiking that requires at least one night in the backcountry. Skills required: tent camping, camp | |
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| | Backpacking | cooking, moderate to advanced routefinding and navigation, (possibly) stream and river crossing technique, Leave No Trace, traveling in bear country | |
| | Packrafting | Packrafting skills plus: tent camping, camp cooking, moderate to advanced routefinding and navigation, (possibly) stream and river crossing technique, Leave No Trace, traveling in bear country | |
| Regions | Northern Alaska | The entire northern third of Alaska, including Gates of the Arctic National Park, Kobuk Valley National Park and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Communities include: Kotzebue, Bettles, Wiseman, Coldfoot, Barrow, Kaktovik and Arctic Village. | For the regions key, I'm think a color blocked map of Alaska would help folks unfamiliar with our vernacular. |
| | Central | including Denali National Park and the White Mountains. Communities include: Cantwell, Healy, Fairbanks & Delta. | |
| | Southcentral | including Denali State Park, Hatcher Pass, Chugach State Park, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, Prince William Sound and Kenai Fjords National Park. Communities include: Talkeetna, Wasilla, Palmer, Anchorage, Girdwood, Seward, Homer, Kenai, Valdez, Cordova and Whittier. | |
| | Southeast | The Alaskan panhandle which abutts British Columbia, including Glacier Bay National Park. Communities include: Skagway, Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan. | |
| | Southwest | Southwest Alaska Range into the Alaska peninsula, including Lake Clark National Park, Katmai National Park, Bristol Bay and Wood Tickchick State Park. Communities include: Naknek, King Salmon, Port Alsworth. | |
| Logistics | Simple | Only a single mode of transportation is required to complete this route | Starting and ending at the same trailhead - looping backpacking trip that begins and ends at the Reed Lakes Trailhead, Hatcher Pass. |
| | Moderate | A shuttle or multiple forms of transportation may be required to complete this route. | Starting and ending at different locations - A-to-B backpacking trip that begins at Glen Alps and ends at Indian. |
| | Complex | Multiple forms of transportation with varying levels of complexity are required to complete this route. | A flight from Fairbanks to Anaktuvuk Pass to backpack to the Dalton Highway, with a shuttle pick- up by the Hicker Family of Artic Getaway Log Cabin Bed and Breakfast, followed by a return flight from Coldfoot to Fairbanks. |
| Experience Levels | Novice | Suitable for a person doing this activity for the first time in Alaska | I like experience levels instead of difficulty levels - a very experienced person who is very out of shape will have a high level of difficulty, but not necessarily be at any higher level of risk due to that difficulty. |
| | Beginner | Prior experience helpful. | |
| | Intermediate | Prior experience necessary. | |
| | Advanced | Only suitable for a person with extensive experience doing this activity. | |
| | Expert | I don't think we need to include any trips that demand this level of experience. | |
| Will you see other | Unlikely | Few parties travel this trail/route each year. While you may see other people, don't count on it. | Guilbeau Pass |
| | Possibly | Other parties come to this area regularly, but seeing them will depend upon timing. | Twin Lakes |
| | Probably | It would be surprising not to see other people on these routes. | Crow Pass |
| | Definitely | Almost no chance you will have have this trail/route to yourself. Enjoy meeting your new trail friends! | Chilkoot Trail |
| Cost | \$ | <\$50 per person | Food, gas to trailhead, permit, etc. |
| | \$\$ | \$50-200 per person | Food, gas to trailhead, shuttle costs from takeout back to vehicle at the put-in |
| | \$\$\$ | \$200-500 per person | Food, flight to an access community (ie \$200 flight from Anchorage to Port Alsworth) |
| | \$\$\$\$ | \$500+ per person | Food, custom chartered backcountry flight, remote lodging at beginning and/or end of the route. |