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Haines Visitor’s Guide
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photos by Andy Hedden
Welcome to Haines!

A small town with a rich history, interesting characters and big adventures just outside the door.

Haines is the heart of the Chilkat Valley, the historic capital of Tlingit Indian culture and art, the site of a frontier Gold Rush and home of Alaska’s first permanent Army base.

It’s known these days as a world-class recreation destination, a community of artists, and a slice of authentic Alaska. Here, the Inside Passage meets the northern mainland and two great landscapes converge: The Southeast rainforest gives way to Interior tundra, creating in one place an uncommon mix of saltwater fjords and dry, alpine meadows, sunshine and sea life, splashing whales and roaming moose.

The New York Times describes Haines as a place to experience “the essentials of the Alaskan experience,” from the “wild and woolly individualism” of residents to “seafood restaurants that rival San Francisco’s finest and wildlife viewing opportunities that are unparalleled.”

Due to its quintessential Alaskan look, the town has been a favorite for filmmakers. The 1991 Disney movie “White Fang” was filmed here, as was “Gold Rush,” a reality show on the Discovery Channel. Haines is also featured in myriad helicopter skiing videos. Famous for its fall gathering of bald eagles, the Chilkat Valley supports abundant wildlife, including the southernmost range of Alaska moose.

Brown bears feed on salmon along the valley’s rivers, and sea lions and seals swim into estuaries pursuing prey. Black bears, mountain goats, wolves, coyotes, lynx, beavers, river otters and porcupines inhabit area mountains and forests. Orcas and humpback whales ply the inlets and occasionally can be seen from downtown.

More than 120 species of birds have been sighted here, foremost among them the trumpeter swans, arctic terns and American bald eagle. Each November, up to 3,500 bald eagles gather in the Chilkat estuary pursuing prey. Black bears, mountain goats, wolves, coyotes, lynx, beavers, river otters and porcupines inhabit area mountains and forests. Orcas and humpback whales ply the inlets and occasionally can be seen from downtown.

Gourmet fare from the local harvest includes teas and smoked salmon. Craftsman create totem poles, furniture, skis, artwork and hot tubs from the Southeast rainforest. A local brewery and a craft distillery blend Alaskan flavors into their products.

Salmon are the prize fish of Haines, supporting local commercial and sport fisheries and swimming up the Chilkat and Chilkoot rivers from May through October. All five species of Alaska’s Pacific salmon (king, sockeye, coho, pink and chum) are caught here, as well as steelhead, rainbow and Dolly Varden trout. Halibut reside deep in saltwater.

The Tlingit people established the first permanent settlements in the valley 6,000 to 8,000 years ago. Blessed by abundant food sources and a relatively mild climate, they thrived. Besides establishing trade with other tribes and nations, Chilkat and Chilkoot Tlingit created artworks now recognized as among mankind’s finest indigenous creations.

More than 32,000 people, are separated by about 90 miles. Haines is served by the Alaska Marine Highway System, two seasonal water taxis and two commercial airlines. The Haines Highway links the town to the Alaska Highway and the Lower 48.

Precipitation averages about 60 inches annually in Haines, making it one of the driest spots in Southeast. In the winter of 2011-12, 360 inches of snow fell downtown.

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BY AIR
Juneau, Alaska, has daily jet service making your connections convenient as you continue to Haines through our smaller commuter aircraft, which are located at the same airport. Enjoy the 30 minute scheduled flights that offer a close and personal scenic view of Lynn Canal and surrounding glacial landscape. Car rentals are available when you get to Haines.

BY ROAD
HAINES HIGHWAY
Unlike many other Southeast Alaska communities, Haines is connected to Canada (Passports required) and Interior Alaska by the Alaska Highway through British Columbia and the Yukon. Designated a Scenic Byway in 2009, the 40-mile stretch from Haines to the Canadian border takes you through the Eagle Preserve, with a scenic view of Lynn Canal and surrounding glacial landscape. Car rentals are available when you get to Haines.

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BY SEA

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At 19 Mile, the path of a landslide that destroyed the Tlingit village of Kaatx’waaltu in the late 1800s is still visible. During heavy rains, slides still close this section of road. Just beyond is a series of interpretive turnouts and walkways for the eagle preserve “council grounds.” As many as 4,000 bald eagles come to Haines each November, congregating where warm upwellings create an ice-free section of river and rapids feed on exposed salmon.

At 22 Mile, a turn to the left leads to Klukan, “The Eternal Village” of the Chilkat people. The Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Preserve Visitor Center is at the left upon entering the village. Opened in 2016, this living museum captures the rich culture of the Chilkat people and displays carvings considered among the finest examples of Northwest Coast Native art. New in 2017, see the Brown Bear Screen and Killer Whale Screens as well as box screens believed to be 400 years old. Join an existing tour or visit independently. Call 767-5485.

At 26 Mile, the turn to the historic Porcupine Mining District is marked by a steel bridge over the Klehini River. A spectacular view can be seen from a hilltop turnout at 27 Mile. The overlook features a covered picnic table and a spotting scope. A half-mile west comes the turn to the Mosquito Lake and the Kalsall Valley. The road dead-ends after about two miles at a picturesque lake great for canoeing and picnicking.

The road widens as it leaves the eagle preserve and approaches 33 Mile. The roadhouse offers the last food and fuel before Haines Junction. Stop at 42 Mile to see where trailmaster Jack Dalton located his headquarters. Passing through Canada Customs, travelers enter the eastern edge of the coastal St. Elias Mountains, where the road winds up toward skirt of one of North America’s great wilderness areas.

On your left, between the Canada border and Haines Junction, Y.T., the Tatshenshini-Alsek Wilderness Provincial Park and adjacent Klueane National Park and Preserve comprise a 37,500-square-mile UNESCO International World Heritage Site. The icefields visible to the west are the largest in the world outside the polar ice caps. Starting about 100 miles from Haines are pull-outs to trails and campgrounds in Klueane National Park. In Haines Junction, stop at the park visitor’s center at Da Ku Cultural Center. World-class exhibits give visitors a sense of the geologic scale and drama of this place. (See ad, page 15.)

The Haines Highway is part of the “Golden Circle” route that links five communities in two countries based on their histories rooted in the Klondike Gold Rush. Between Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, and Whitehorse, Y.T. the road becomes part of the Alaska Highway or “Alcan,” the main road connecting the Lower 48 to Alaska. Built on the banks of the Yukon River, Whitehorse is the territorial capital and cosmopolitan beyond its population of 23,000, with attractions including fine restaurants and a natural hot springs.

East of Whitehorse, the Klondike Highway to Carcross and Skagway provides the final link of this mountain-studded loop. The starting point of the gold rush in Alaska, Skagway is steeped in stampeder lore and adorned in period architecture. Stop by the National Park Service visitor’s center on Broadway to start your adventure of the town and the nearby ghost town of Dyea.

Sockeye Cycle Co. in Haines and Skagway offers multi-day bicycle rentals and fully supported Golden Circle tours.
Haines is known as the Valley of the Eagles. In the spring, dozens soar high in the sky. In the summer, they’re likely to be perched at the waterfront or along the rivers.

But it’s late fall and winter when visitors can appreciate the phenomenal gathering of the greatest known concentration of American bald eagles.

Since time immemorial, bald eagles have gathered along the Chilkat River by the thousands each winter. They come, usually from late September through January, because of a natural upwelling of warm water that allows them to feed on the late run of chum salmon when the rest of Alaska is frozen solid.

It is an awesome sight to see cottonwood trees laden with eagles or hundreds of the great winged creatures perched on the river flats, waiting to tear at fish carcasses with their powerful beaks and talons.

The white-headed, white-tailed birds with the penetrating yellow eyes once had a $2 bounty on their heads and were accused of depleting salmon runs and flying off with residents’ cats and small dogs. Now they are protected by the federal government and promoted as part of Haines’ economy.

After years of debate between developers and environmentalists, the state created the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in 1982. It is a 48,000-acre sanctuary for eagles viewing in the preserve is centered at the State of Alaska’s interpretive pull-out, located adjacent to the critical habitat area, or eagle council grounds, at 19 Mile Haines Highway.

Historically, the gathering of eagles, concentrated mostly within the council grounds, is at its peak in mid-November when 3,500 or more bald eagles have been counted. The annual Alaska Bald Eagle Festival set for Nov. 10-13, 2021, is timed to coincide with the peak of the eagle congregation. It’s a good time for summer visitors to return to the Chilkat Valley and experience it at a quiet time of year.

The three-day celebration includes interpretive tours of the preserve, seminars, and arts and cultural events in town. Injured eagles rehabilitated at raptor centers in Alaska are returned to the wild during a special release ceremony. For more information, contact the American Bald Eagle Foundation or Haines Visitor’s Center.

For safety, visitors are asked to use the designated turnouts and keep tripping off the roadway. Also, staying off the river flats and not disturbing salmon food sources protect the integrity of the preserve and ensure eagles optimum feeding opportunity. The migration represents a last chance for them to build up reserves for surviving winter.

See the Chilkoot River bears - but follow the rules

Brown bears feeding along the Chilkoot River have become a great attraction in recent years. As many as a dozen bears, primarily sow sows with cubs, use the area beginning at mid-summer and continuing into fall.

Fishermen, photographers and sightseers using this area are expected to show responsible behavior and observe posted rules. Following them can make the difference between a dream vacation and a nightmare.

As Chilkoot River and Lake:
- Stop all fishing when a bear approaches within 100 yards.
- Do not feed fishing until obtained your catch.
- Do not eat along the road.
- Keep pets in your vehicle or leashed.
- Do not camp along the road.
- Avoid fishing on the eastern river bank (opposite shore from the road).

- Obey bear-crossing signs. Don’t stop in the designated zone. Black and brown bears frequently share other favorite fishing holes and state parks. These general rules apply when recreating in bear country:
- Deposit all garbage in trash cans and keep a clean camp. Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted to anything that has had even slight contact with food.
- Keep fishing, make noise to warn bears of your presence.
- Never clean fish in the campground area. Do in a fastflowing stream that will carry debris away.
- When hiking, make noise to warn bears of
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Long before it became famous for its eagles and spectacular setting, the Chilkat Valley was known to the world for the magnificent artworks of the northern Tlingit.

Blessed by plentiful resources, including limitless fish and forests, the indigenous Tlingit people of Southeast Alaska enjoyed wealth and comfort for centuries before white settlement. Based in permanent villages, they developed a sophisticated culture that included complex social, legal and religious understandings. The Chilkat Tlingit of this valley prepared even more. Through control of the trade routes between the Interior mainland and Southeast archipelago, their wealth and power among the Tlingit multiplied. They exchanged treasured oil rendered from the eulachon fish for copper, furs and moose hides from Interior Indians. The route over Chilkat Pass became known as the “grease trail.” For trade to the south, the Chilkats became skilled navigators, traveling widely in open canoes throughout Southeast and the Pacific Northwest.

Geography played a critical role in their success. Believed to have migrated here from southern settlements, Chilkats and neighboring Chilkots established communities strategically located for ease of harvesting food from the sea, rivers and forest, and for defense.

At the time of white settlement in 1881, Tlingit in the valley numbered between 1,000 and 1,200, or about half of the valley’s current population. About 600 lived in 65 longhouses in four active villages: Klukwan (located near 22 Mile downriver), Yendistayke (just beyond the airport) and Chilkoot (at the head of Lutak Inlet). Klukwan is the only active settlement that remains, but visitors today can recognize numerous sites of cultural importance.

Ownership disputes were laid to rest when a tribal court ruled in 1993 that the artifacts rightly belonged to the Gaanaxteidi. Under guard and unseen for decades, the Whale House pieces went on public display for the first time in May 2016 at Klukwan’s Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Visitor Center.

The opening of the center was a milestone. Chilkat art can be found in museums and private collections around the world. The center represents the culmination of decades of efforts by the Chilkats to protect, preserve and celebrate their culture in their home village.

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Chilkat Pass north of Haines. The publication “Haines is for Hikers” is available free at the Haines Visitor’s Center.

Hikers should travel with at least one companion. Tell someone where you will be going and when you expect to return. Remember to check back in to avoid a needless search.

For those who’d rather drive, motorized backcountry tours are available. The adventurous can take advantage of guided seafold hikes, wilderness camping and glacier flights. Local guides outfit novice to expert trekkers with the gear required to tackle local mountain glaciers. Or climb on board a real bush plane for an unforgettable flightseeing tour among jagged mountain peaks.

Cyclists have a range of options, from remote mountain-bike rides on former logging roads, to road riding on miles of paved, scenic highway.

The waters surrounding Haines are ideal for exploring. Independent sea kayak rentals are available as well as guided tours, from half-day excursions to multi-day outings.

Chilkat State Park features a floating dock and the sunniest, most protected ocean shoreline.

Local water taxi services offer comfortable, narrated tours of Lynn Canal waters, including rides to Skagway and Juneau and stops at attractions like Sea Lion Rock, a haul-out where dozens of sea lions can be seen.

Visitors from Canada and around Alaska come to Haines each year to try for king salmon in May and June, cast for sockeye in mid-summer and go for coho salmon in the fall.

Lakes and streams in the Chilkat River system lure anglers hoping to hook cutthroat, Dolly Varden and steelhead trout. The town’s sporting goods stores can provide you with all the gear and advice you need to land a salmon. Several saltwater charter companies offer the chance to hook a king salmon or a behemoth halibut.

In recent years, golfing has become available in Haines. There’s a nine-hole course at 1.5 Mile Haines Highway.

To help plan your visit, the Haines Visitor’s Center has welcome signs and maps posted around town. Scan the barcode on the signs with your smartphone and the Visitor’s Center mobile-friendly website will come up.

The signs are located at Port Chilkoot Dock, the Visitor’s Center, the small boat harbor and Dalton City at the Southeast Alaska State Fairgrounds.

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Things To Do in a Day

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**Bike Rentals/Paintball**

For current hours: 766-6420.

**Watch a live eagle presentation at the American Bald Eagle Foundation.** A national history museum celebrating 200 specimens of fish and wildlife in a life-sized diorama. Admission is $10. Hours may be impacted by COVID-19. Call for current hours: 766-3034.

**Check out man’s oldest tool at the Hammer Museum.** A collection of 2,000 hammers.

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**Sea Wolf Gallery**

**Fort Seward Parade Field log cabin**

**Watch totem carving at Alaska Indian Arts.** Artists maintain workshops at this nonprofit, which has worked to preserve Northwest Coast art for half a century. Free admission. Located in Fort Seward hospital building.

**Rise above it all at Portage Core Weyiokl.** Located a half-mile south of the cruise ship dock on Beach Road, features an elevated, beachfront deck and views of town and Lynn Canal.

**Get in a swim at Haines Pool.** This 25-yard public pool on Old Haines Highway at the Haines School. Hours may be impacted by COVID-19. Call for current hours: 766-2666.

**See Dalton City and the Southeast Alaska State Fairgrounds.** Haines hosts the region’s annual state fair and brewfest here. A 10-minute walk from downtown. Check out the shops at the fairgrounds’ Dalton City. Artists rent storefronts in the former movie set for Disney’s “White Fang.” At Old Haines Highway and West Fair Drive.

**HAYE FOUR HOURS?** Have a close encounter at Knochul Wildlife Center. A chance to get up close with orphaned or rescued Alaska wildlife including brown bears, wolves, moose, lynx, fox, raccoon, porcupines and wolverines. Open Apr to October. 765-9464. Located at 26 Mile Haines Highway.

**Beachcombing along Chilkat Inlet.** This two-mile stretch of unmarked, public beach is a favorite of locals for its dunes and panoramic views of the Chilkat Range and Pyramid.
Island. On Mud Bay Road about 1 mile from downtown.

Explore by bicycle. See more of the town and exercise while taking in the views. Rentals at Sockeye Cycle, 766-2869, and Mike’s Bikes and Boards, 766-3232, both in Fort Seward.

Meander Moose Meadows. Follow Ayiklutu trail (formerly known as Seduction Point trail) about 2 miles to a beach clearing offering views of Chilkat Inlet and Rainbow Glacier. At Chilkat State Park, 6.5 Mile Mud Bay Road.

Play a round of golf at Valley of the Eagles Golf Links. This nine-hole course on the Chilkat River offers views of the Chilkat Range and Mount Ripinsky. At 1 Mile Haines Highway, 766-2401.

Watch for bears along the Chilkoot River. This mile-long river attracts a dozen or more brown bears feeding on salmon from mid- to late summer. At 10 Mile Lutak Road. For the bears’ safety and for years, follow the rules of bear-watching etiquette. (See page 6.)

Haines’ landmark peak, offering sweeping views of town and upper Lynn Canal from an elevation of 3,000 feet. The hike up is at times very steep and the trail can be rugged, but it’s not a technical climb. Main trailheads at 7 Mile Haines Highway and at Skyline Subdivision. Trail map available at the Visitor’s Center.

Rent a car and see Chilkat Pass. A landscape entirely different from town is just an hour north on the Haines Highway. This stunning drive puts you amid the seafords that dominate local geography, an area of cold, wide expanses, devoid of human settlements, straddling Canada’s Tatshenshini-Alsek Wilderness Park and Kluane National Park. Passports required at Canada Customs at 42 Mile. Border may be impacted by COVID-19. Call for up-to-date information: 767-5531.

Take a tour with an experienced local guide. Brochures and more information available at Haines Visitor’s Center.

### Activities by Season

**Spring & Summer**

- Chilkat and Chilkoot state parks accommodate RV’s and tents alike or stay at a private campground closer to the townsite.
- Golf the 9-hole Valley of the Eagles Golf Links, located right on the Chilkat River flats.
- Late April or mid-May, we wait for the eulachon run (smelt like fish), which brings out traditional subsistence fishermen while bringing in marine wildlife, eagles, and seabirds.
- Spring is the best time to capture the bursting colors from the local wildflowers and their fragrance.
- Haines is for hikers, cyclists, beachcombers, wildlife enthusiasts, and even water lovers.
- Plan your visit during one of our annual events, sure to make you a repeat visitor.
- During this season, there are increased tours available around the valley from land, air, and boat covering the inlet, rivers and surrounding area.
- All dining and shopping areas are open with a wide selection of local flavors to choose from.
- Visit our historic working Cannery out on Mud Bay Road, slime line in action.

**Fall & Winter**

- Glacial waters run clear in the fall with fisherman gathering to the shores of the Chilkat and Chilkoot rivers to cast for Coho and Chum Salmon, why not enter the Silver Salmon Derby.
- The largest congregation of Eagles starts flocking on to the Chilkat River for their continuous feeding time on the salmon.
- Fall colors of red, orange, and yellow cover the valley, and the bears become more active for viewing and easier to see.
- Activities abound from skiing, snowshoeing, and snow machining right out the back door. Or your adventure can take you further to the roadless snow-laden terrain and fresh powder areas only reachable by helicopter, plane, or snowcat with our local tour operators playing in those prime locations.
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- Trout fishing on the frozen lakes produces a great meal. Share an already drilled hole with a local that may share the secret of catching one.
- Fairweather Ski Works produces custom boards and skis from the local forest while our other outfitters will assist you with rentals and the right gear if needed.
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During its years of operation, the fort anchored the Haines economy, creating a demand for local eggs, milk, vegetables and firewood. It also provided medical services. The dock was built first, allowing delivery of lumber and other materials for construction. By late July 1903, foundations of local granite were taking shape under the skillful hands of Italian stonemasons imported for the job. Skilled carpenters from the U.S. mainland gave style to the buildings far beyond the rudimentary construction of the era.

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Sick soldiers were treated at the hospital on the east corner of the fort, now the home of Alaska Indian Arts, a non-profit organization dedicated to the revival of Tlingit art. Behind and down the hill from the hospital is “Soapuds Alley,” a row of smaller duplexes that housed non-commissioned officers whose wives did washing for the men. The homes along the top of the fort comprise Officers’ Row. Here captains, lieutenants, and their families lived. Today the buildings are privately owned. Today’s Hotel Halsingland once was the Bachelor Officers’ Quarters and Captain’s Quarters. The main building of the hotel was the Commanding Officer’s Quarters.

Just downhill is the old firehall and hose tower. A mule-drawn LaFrance soda pumper was initially used as an engine. In winter the men pulled it along with a rope. The large warehouse building at the bottom side of the fort is one of the post’s two barracks, now used for storage. A twin barracks beside it burned in June 1981.

The Fort Seward Lodge served as the post exchange, with a gymnasium and movie house. The building also included a library, barber shop, soda fountain and bowling alley.

The soda fountain was popular with tourists of the era as was the soldiers’ pet black bear, “Three Per,” named for its affinity for three percent beer. A small, red fast ferry office at the bottom of the hill once served as the fort’s telegraph office.

Some modern structures were built in Fort Seward, but the municipality has since adopted architectural standards to maintain its historic appearance.
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**Groceries, Snacks, Seafood**

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**Lodging**

**Hotels, Motels & Inns**

- Captain's Choice Motel. 39 rooms. Second Avenue and Dalton Street. 766-3111 or 800-478-2345. capchoice.com. See ad on page 4.
- Cliffhanger Bed & Breakfast. Two rooms, outdoor whirlpool spa. 2.2 Mile Haines Hwy. 314-0099, cliffhangerbnb.com. See ad on center map pages.
- Fort Seward Condos. Fully furnished vacation apartments with kitchens, by day, week or month. Officers’ Row, Fort Seward. 766-2708. fortsewardcondos.com. See ad on center map pages.
- Lynn’s Bed and breakfast. Second Avenue near Main Street. See ad on back page.

**Public Campgrounds & Parks**

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**Outdoor Suppliers**

**Bicycles**

- Mike’s Bikes and Boards. 0 Mile Haines Hwy. 766-3232. See ad on page 10 and center map pages.

**Gifts, Galleries, Apparel, Florist**

- Alaska Rod’s. Main Street and Second Avenue. 766-2352. See ad on center map pages.
- Alaska Sport Shop. Outdoor clothing, hunting and fishing gear/licenses, and more. 420 Main Street. See ad on center map pages.
- Alaskan Liquor Store. Main Street. 766-3131. See ads on page 6 and center map.
- Ali & Corlix. Located on Main Street. Local jewelry, art and more. See ad on page 7.
- Captain’s Closet. Clothing and gifts. On Main St. 766-3232. See ad on page 6 and center map.
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**Liquor, Bars, Lounges**

- Alaskan Liquor Store. Main Street. See ads on page 6 and center map.

**Outdoor Gear/Fishing and Hunting Licenses**

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**Restaurants**

- Alpenglow. Wood fired pizza, lunch and dinner. 214 Main St. Call for current hours and to order: 766-3312. See ad on center map pages.

**Winter Greens. Cannabis shop. Located across from the cruise ship dock. See ad on center map pages.**
**Sightseeing**

**Traveler’s Needs**

**Auto Service, Parts, Gas/Diesel Fuel/Propane**
Bigfoot Auto Service. Fuel, parts, service, towing. 1 Mile Haines Hwy. 766-2458. See ad on center map.
Delta Western. Gas station near the corner of Main St and Haines Hwy. See ad on center map pages.
Haines Propane. Fair Drive. 766-3191. See ads on page 10 and on center map pages.

**Bank, Cash Machines (ATM)**
Dalton City, Southeast Alaska State Fairgrounds. Location on center map.
Haines Quick Shop. 0 Mile Haines Hwy. See ads on back page and center map.
Howers Supermarket. Main Street. See ads on page 4 and center map.
Tongass Federal Credit Union. Full service branch and ATM. See ads on center map pages and page 12.

**Border and Customs**
Canadian Customs, 42 Mile Haines Highway. 767-5540. Hours may be impacted by COVID-19.

**When Crossing the Border:** Travelers 16 years and older are required to carry a passport, passport card, or enhanced driver’s license when entering the U.S. Travelers 15 and under need a birth certificate. Entry into Canada requires a passport, passport card, enhanced driver’s license or birth certificate with photo ID. Dogs and cats must have a rabies certificate validated within the last three years. Visit www.cbp.gov for more information.

**Car/Scooter Rentals**
Captain’s Choice Motel. Second Avenue. 766-3111. See ad on back page.
 Cyclopes Scooters. Located on Main Street. Rent 49cc scooters by the hour. See ad on back page.
 Lynn View Lodge Rental Cars. 77 Beach Road. 766-3713, lynnviewlodge.com. See ad on center map pages.

**Churches**
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. 417 Mud Bay Rd. 766-2379.
Chilkat Valley Baptist Church. Sixth Avenue and Main Street. 314-0672.
Haines Christian Center/Assembly of God. Second Avenue and Union Street. 766-2126.
Haines Presbyterian Church. 228 First Ave. South. 766-2377, see ads on page 13 and on center map pages.
Klukwan Assembly of God Church. Klukwan Village, 22 Mile Haines Hwy. 767-5544.
New Hope Fellowship Church. Mosquito Lake Road, off 27 Mile Haines Hwy. 767-5449.

**Sightseeing, Entertainment & Guided Adventures**

**Weather Information**
24-hour weather forecasts and marine conditions can be found online at noaa.gov (enter 99827 for ZIP code) Call for current conditions at the Haines airport: 766-2519.

**Amber Alert**
Ambulance: 911
Fire: 911 (business: 766-2115)
Police: 911 (business: 766-2121)
Medical clinic: 766-6300
State troopers: 766-2552

**Visitor Center**
Visitor Center located on Second Avenue. www.visithaines.com.

**Local News**
Chilkat Valley News. On newsstands at local stores and online at chilkatvalleynews.com.

**Medical & Dental**
SEARHC Haines Health Center. First Avenue. 766-6300.
Public Health Nurse. Main Street. 766-3300. Call for hours.
Dentist: SEARHC Dental Clinic. Third Avenue and Dalton Street. 766-6372.

**Newspapers, Internet, Wi-Fi**
Chilkat Valley News. On newsstands at local stores and online at chilkatvalleynews.com.
Haines Borough Library. Open daily. Third Avenue. See ad on page 5, and see map on back page for location.

**Public Phone**
A phone inside the Haines Visitor’s Center, Second Avenue and Willard Street, may be used for local calls.

**Public Restrooms (shown on back page map)**
Fort Seward parade grounds.
Osland Park. 1 Mile Haines Hwy.
Small Boat Harbor. Front Street.
 Tingit Park. Next to Haines Senior Center.
Haines Visitor’s Center. Second Avenue near Willard Street.
Port Chilkoot Dock.

**Real Estate**
Haines Real Estate. 766-3510. hainserealestate.com. See ads on page 11 and center map pages.

**Transportation - Air**

**Transportation - Marine**
Alaska Fjordlines. Fjord Express, daily service to Juneau. Departures from boat harbor. 766-3395. alaskafjordlines.com. See ads on page 3 and on center map pages.

**Veterinarian**
Haines Animal Rescue Kennel. Located on Small Tracts Road. Can help with problems with your pet. See ad on page 12.

**Visitor Center**
Visitor Center is located on Second Avenue. www.visithaines.com.

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