



## Hope Point Trail

Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest  
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### Recommended Uses

**Difficulty** Moderate

**Public Use** Moderate

**Length (one way)** 3.5 miles

### USGS Map

Seward D8

**Trip Time (one way)** 2-4 hours

**Recommended Season** May-October

**Elevation Gain** 2,338 feet

### Trail Access

At Mile 56.5, Seward Highway, turn west onto Hope Highway. Drive 17.8 miles, take a left 500' before Porcupine Campground, drive ¼ mile to Gull Rock Trailhead. *Trail is closed to saddle/pack stock April 1 – June 30, and motorized vehicles year round.*

### Trail Grade/Condition

Grades are moderate with many switchbacks (will be slick when wet). Maintained trail ends at rock cairn (3.2 miles from junction with Gull Rock Trail). Some scrambling is required beyond the rock cairn to reach the summit of Hope Point.

### Recreational Opportunities

Trail makes a great day hike, and adventurous hikers can fan out to other summits in the Kenai Mountains.

**NOT RECOMMENDED FOR HORSE or BICYCLE** due to tight switchbacks and steep grades.

The trail is scenic with outstanding views of Resurrection Creek Valley, Turnagain Arm, Cook Inlet, Fire Island and the Chugach Mountains. The trail starts in a birch/spruce forest with a thick under story of grass and devil's club and continues to alpine meadows lush with wildflowers.

Wildlife in the area includes grouse, bear, moose, and beluga whales in Turnagain Arm.

### Special Considerations

*Winter travel is unsafe and not recommended due to avalanche hazards. Take plenty of drinking water as there are no sources of water after 1/3 mile.*

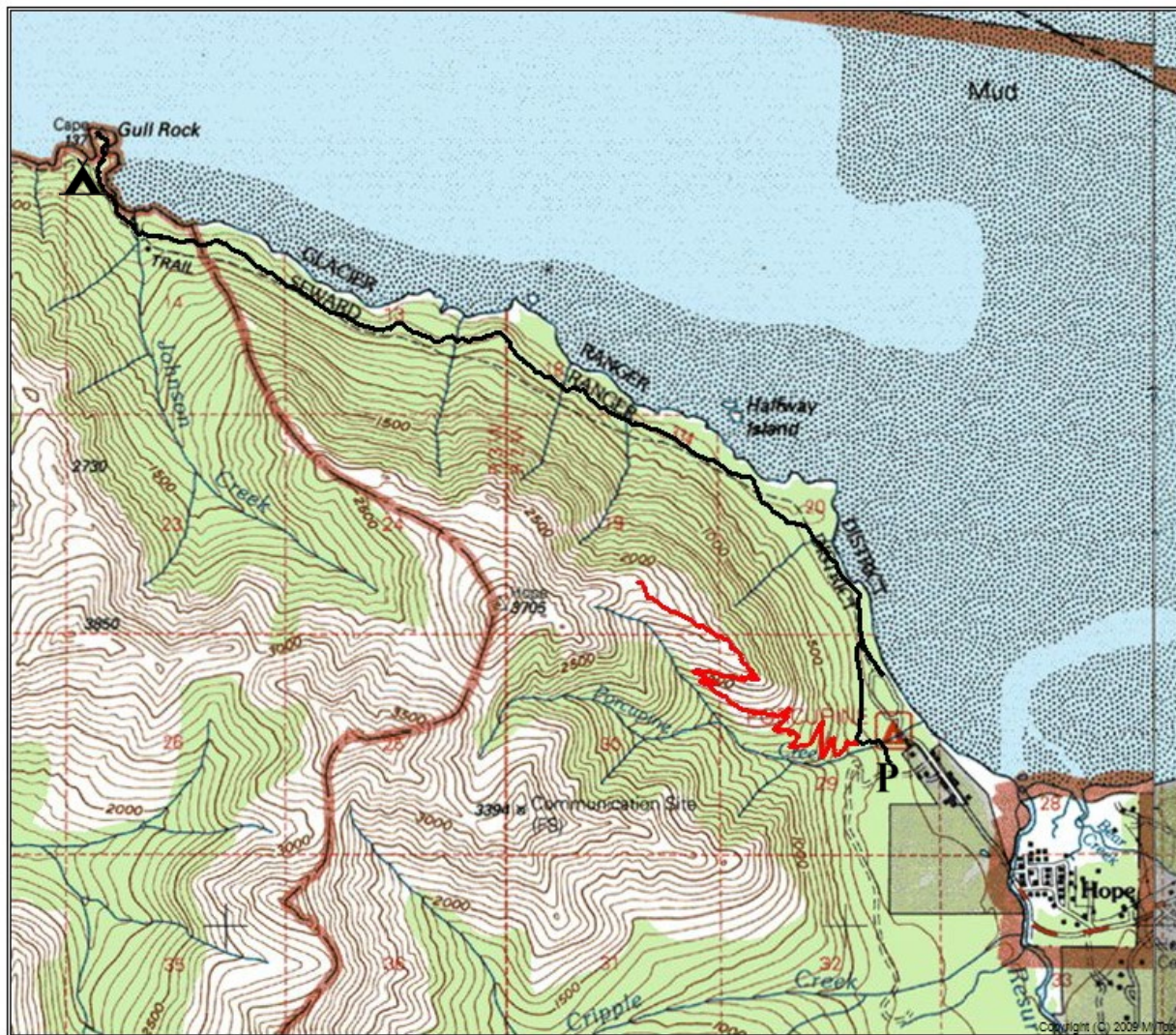
Use caution with bear and moose. Giardia (a microscopic parasite that can infect warm-blooded animals and humans) could be present in all open water sources, filter surface water before drinking. Winter travel may be hazardous due to avalanches, and white out conditions above tree line. Winter travelers need to be able to evaluate avalanche hazards. Be prepared for rapid weather changes. Remember to pack out your trash. You can contact a U.S. Forest Service office to receive more detailed information on safety precautions and **Leave No Trace** outdoor skills and Ethics.

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# Gull Rock and Hope Point Trails

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Map not to scale



## Designated Campsite

**Mile 5.7** N 60° 58' 6.66" W 149° 46' 2.45"

During high winds travel on this trail is not recommended due to the large number of beetle killed spruce trees. Pack out any campfire litter. Do not burn plastic items and foil in camp fires. Kenai National Wildlife Boundary begins at mile 5 and continues to Gull Rock.

## LEGEND

-  Gull Rock Trail
-  Hope Point Trail
-  Trailhead Parking
-  Campsites