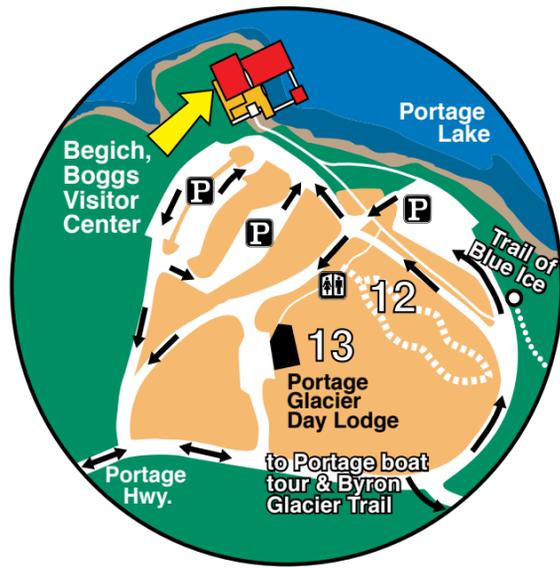


Begich, Boggs Visitor Center

Opened to the public in 1986, and rededicated with new exhibits in 2001, the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center is built upon the terminal moraine left behind by Portage Glacier in 1914.

The visitor center offers a unique opportunity to learn about the Chugach National Forest. At 5.4 million acres, the Chugach is one of the largest national forests in the United States.

Award-winning exhibits, educational presentations, the film "Retreat and Renewal" and information services are available to serve the public.



The **BEGICH, BOGGS VISITOR CENTER** is open daily 9am-6pm from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

The center is also available for special events, meetings, educational activities and may be rented. For more information call 907-783-2326 during the summer or 907-783-3242 year round.

Points of Interest

Portage Valley offers visitors a lot to see and do, from hiking and camping, to fishing, wildlife viewing and photography. Here are a few places you won't want to miss!

1. Moose Flats Day Use Area

A great spot to stop and have a picnic, enjoy a 1/2 mile walk on the interpretive boardwalk trail, or do a little trout fishing.

2. Alder Pond

Try your luck or practice your technique at this trout fishing location.

3. Explorer Glacier Viewing Area

This area offers a great view of Explorer Glacier. Keep a lookout for signs of beaver activity in the area.

4. Tangle Pond

Trout fishing opportunities exist.

5. Black Bear Campground

A 13-site campground designed for tent and small RV camping. Cleared sites, campfire rings, bear-proof dumpster, bear-proof food containers, water pump, picnic tables and outhouses. No hookups or dump station.

6. Williwaw Salmon Viewing Platform

Early August through mid-November you can see salmon traveling up the creek to spawn. Species normally seen are red (sockeye), chum (dog), pink

(humpy) and silver (coho). Williwaw Nature Trail starts here. This easy 1/2 mile trail connects the viewing platform to Williwaw ponds. The creek near the trail is closed to salmon fishing.

7. Williwaw Campground

A 60-site fully accessible campground designed for RV and tent camping. Paved sites with pull-through style parking pads, campfire rings, bear-proof dumpsters, hand-water pumps, outhouses, picnic tables and bear-proof food containers. No hookups or dump station.

8. Williwaw Ponds

Trout fishing opportunities exist.

9. Byron Glacier Trail

An easy to moderate trail along Byron Creek. Avalanche danger exists throughout winter into spring. Travel past

the maintained trail is not recommended. Avalanche debris fields and cave-like structures are not stable and serious injuries or death may occur. Length 0.9 miles. Time: one hour round trip. Elevation gain: 100.

10. Portage Glacier Cruises

Hour long tours of Portage Lake to Portage Glacier, operated by Holland America under a special use permit with the Forest Service. Forest Service interpreters provide narration during each trip. Cruise operates from mid-May thru mid-Sept. For information on trip times, ticket prices and reservations call: 1-800-544-2206.

11. Portage Pass Trail

Trail starts on the Whittier side of the tunnel. This moderate trail leads to Portage Pass with spectacular views of Portage Lake and Glacier, and the surrounding sub-alpine terrain, and continues to

lakeshore. Length: 2 miles. Time: Three-four hours. Elevation gain: 750 feet.

12. Gary Williams Moraine Nature Trail

An easy, self-guided trail showing glacial effects upon the landscape. Length: 1/4 mile loop. Time: 20 minutes. Elevation gain: 25 ft.

13. Portage Glacier Day Lodge

Privately owned gift shop and restaurant operated year around under special use permit from the Forest Service. For more information, please call (907) 783-3117.

If you plan on fishing, be sure to check the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's fishing regulations before you go.

