



# Resurrection River Trail

Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest  
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**Recommended Uses**  
**Difficulty** Moderate to Difficult  
**Public Use** Low  
**Length (one way)** 16.3 miles

**USGS Map** Seward A7, A8, B8  
**Trip Time (one way)** 10 hours  
**Recommended Season** May-October  
**Elevation Gain** 1050 feet

## Trail Access

At Mile 3.7 Seward Highway, turn west onto Herman Leirer Road (Exit Glacier Road). Trailhead is at Mile 7. Summer road subject to closure due to flooding. In winter only the first mile of the road is plowed. *Trail is closed to saddle/pack stock April 1-June 30 and motorized vehicles from May 1-November 30.*

## Trail Grade/Condition

Level path, long gradual grades. Trail may be wet, boggy in places with poor drainage. This 16.3 mile trail ends at mile 5.6 of Upper Russian Lake Trail. **The Resurrection River Trail is more of a primitive route from Martin Creek to Upper Russian Lake trail. There are no bridges at the major stream crossings of Martin and Boulder Creeks; numerous other creek crossings also do not have bridges. You may encounter downed trees, heavy brush, and rough or muddy conditions. Travel on this section of trail is for those who seek risk and solitude, are self-reliant and want a challenge. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR BICYCLES beyond mile 4.5.**

## Recreational Opportunities

Trail passes through dense forest with occasional vistas of Resurrection River and surrounding mountains. The last few miles gradually climb in elevation to Russian Lakes trail offering excellent vistas. Winter activities are limited. Winter travel is difficult due to steep icy side hills and deep tree wells where snow does not collect due to the dense canopy.

Wildlife includes moose, wolves, wolverine, coyotes, Dall sheep, mountain goats, beaver and pine marten. Relatively high black and brown bear density. Hunting for these species is permitted in designated seasons. Fishing is unexceptional. [Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game \(ADF&G\) hunting and fishing regulations.](#) Note: The area west of the Resurrection River is managed by National Park Service, which has special hunting/fishing regulations, <http://www.nps.gov/kefj/>.

## Special Considerations

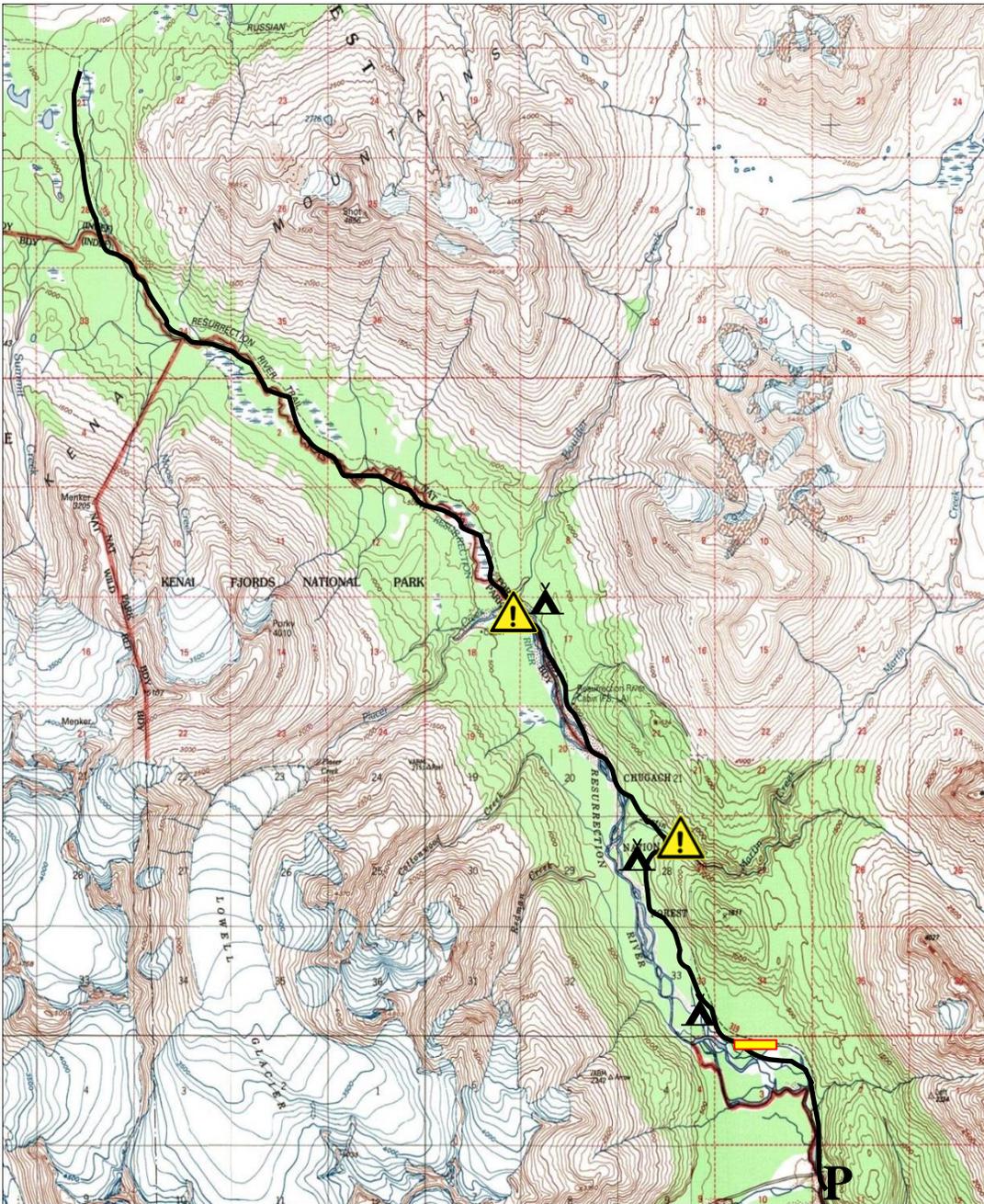
Travel from the trailhead on Exit Glacier Road to mile 2 of the hiking trail is good. Mountain bike travel is not recommended beyond mile 4.5 on the southern end. Between mile 2-3 trail is often flooded and not passable due to high water, between Martin Creek and the junction of the Upper Russian Lakes trail travel is for the more experienced hiker who can navigate areas without a trail. Martin Creek Bridge (mile 4.5) was washed out in the 2002 floods; Boulder Creek Bridge (cross at mile 8) was washed out in a 1996 flood. During spring melt and heavy rains these two drainages may be flowing too heavily to cross.

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, thin ice, and white out conditions above tree line. Winter travelers need to be able to evaluate avalanche and over-ice travel 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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\*\* Trail is Primitive from Martin Creek to Russian Lakes Trail. There are no bridges crossing Martin or Boulder Creek. Flooding near mile 2.3 during snowmelt and heavy rains may obstruct travel. You may encounter downed trees, heavy brush and rough or muddy conditions.

## LEGEND

- No Bridge
- Resurrection River Trail
- Trailhead Parking
- Campsites
- Flooding possible