



Hope Point Trail

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USGS Map	Seward D8	Trip Time (one way)	2-4 hours
Difficulty	More Difficult	Condition	Good
Public Use	Light	Recommended Season	May-October
Length (one way)	1.8 miles	Elevation Gain	3630 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 Trailhead. *Trail is closed to saddle/pack stock from April 1-June 30 and motorized vehicles from May 1-November 30.*

Trail Grade/Condition

The trail starts next to Porcupine Creek and is fairly easy going. It continues with an easy grade for 1.4 miles. After this the trail is steep and strenuous as it climbs from the creek to above tree line and on to Hope Point. Although not marked with signs, the trail is clearly defined to an old microwave tower site en route; from this site to the summit the trail is less clearly defined but still obvious. Some scrambling is required to reach the actual summit.

Recreational Opportunities

This trail makes a great day hike, and adventurous hikers can fan out to other summits in the Kenai Mountains for possible overnight hikes. The first 1.4 miles is suitable for small children, but after this it may be too strenuous. *This trail is not recommended for horse, bicycle or motorized vehicle use due to the extremely steep eroding hillside.*

The trail is scenic with many good views of Resurrection Creek Valley along the way, and is highlighted by impressive views of Turnagain Arm, Cook Inlet, Fire Island and the Chugach Mountains. The trail starts in an Alder/Cottonwood/Spruce forest with a thick under story and continues up through alpine meadows lush with wildflowers in early summer, eventually going above tree line where the grass mountainside is broken by rocky knolls. Edible berries can also be found along the trail.

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

Special Considerations

Winter travel is unsafe and not recommended due to potential avalanche danger.

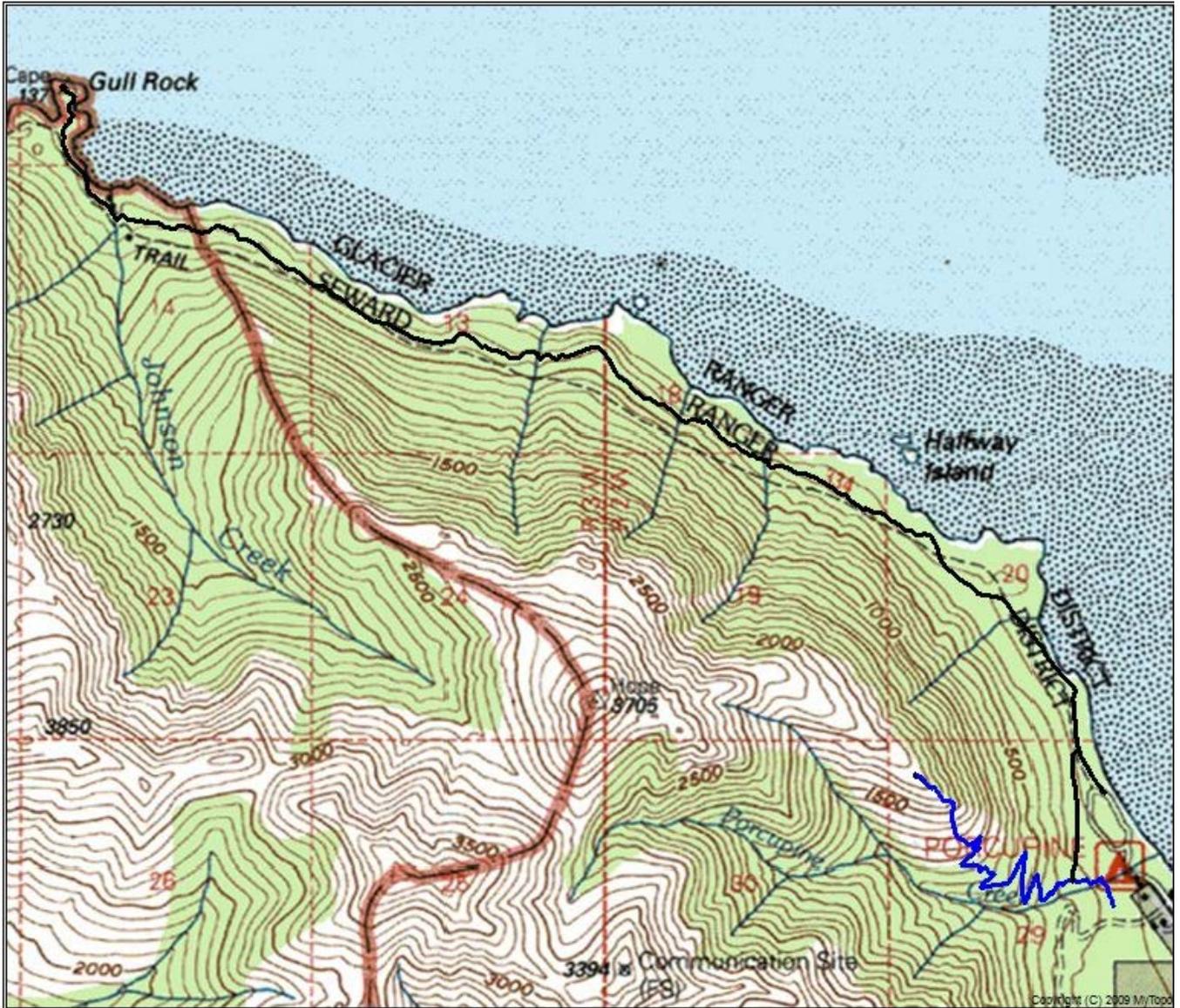
Use caution with bear and moose. Giardia (a microscopic parasite that can infect warm-blooded animals and humans) could be present in all open water sources, filter surface water before drinking. Winter travel may be hazardous due to avalanches, and white out conditions above tree line. Winter travelers 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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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.

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