



Victor Creek Trail

Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest
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Recommended Uses	
Difficulty	More difficult
Public Use	Low
Length (one way)	2.5 miles

USGS Map	Seward B7
Trip Time (one way)	2 hours
Recommended Season	May-October
Elevation Gain	1100 feet

Trail Access

Trailhead is on the east side of the Seward Highway at mile 19.7 just north of Victor Creek bridge. Parking is limited to approximately 2 vehicles and access in and out of the parking area is difficult due to blind curves on the highway. The INHT Trail parking is at mile 18 of the Seward Highway. Trail is 300 yards beyond the yellow gate. Look for a culvert on the left and you will see the start of the trail. *Trails are closed to saddle/pack stock from April 1-June 30 and motorized vehicles from May 1-November 30.*

Trail Grade/Condition

This trail has many steep grades and is recommended for hiking only. Avalanche paths may continue to cover the trail in June. *Due to the avalanche hazard, winter travel is not recommended.*

Recreational Opportunities

The trail climbs through dense spruce/hemlock forest for the first mile. It then opens up to a narrow valley with alder brush and meadows and great mountain views. The trail ends abruptly after 2.5 miles. From here it is possible to cross Victor Creek via snow bridge and travel up the valley further though this is difficult due to heavy brush and steep terrain.

This trail provides access to Mother Goose Glacier and Andy Simons Mountain. Mining activity can be seen on the lower portion of the trail. Mining equipment belongs to the miner, and should be treated as private property.

INHT is a gradual uphill that ends that ends after about 1.4 miles. There is currently no bridge over Victor Creek and trail users should not attempt to cross.

Wildlife includes mountain goats, which can be seen along the slopes at the upper end of the trail, and black and brown bears that can be seen in the drainage, spruce grouse, and many varieties of birds.

[Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game \(ADF&G\) hunting and fishing regulations.](#)

Special Considerations

This trail is not recommended for horse or bicycle use due to exposed tree roots and steep uphill grades.

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 disorienting fog 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 skill and ethics.



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Map not to scale

Follow Leave No Trace Guidelines:
Travel and camp on durable surfaces

Human Waste: Proper disposal of human waste is important to avoid pollution of water and to minimize the possibility of spreading disease. Catholes are the most widely accepted method of waste disposal. Locate catholes at least 200 feet (about 70 adult steps) from water, trails and camp. Select an inconspicuous site where other people will be unlikely to walk or camp.

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-  Victor Creek Trail
-  Iditarod National Historic Trail
-  No Bridge
-  Parking