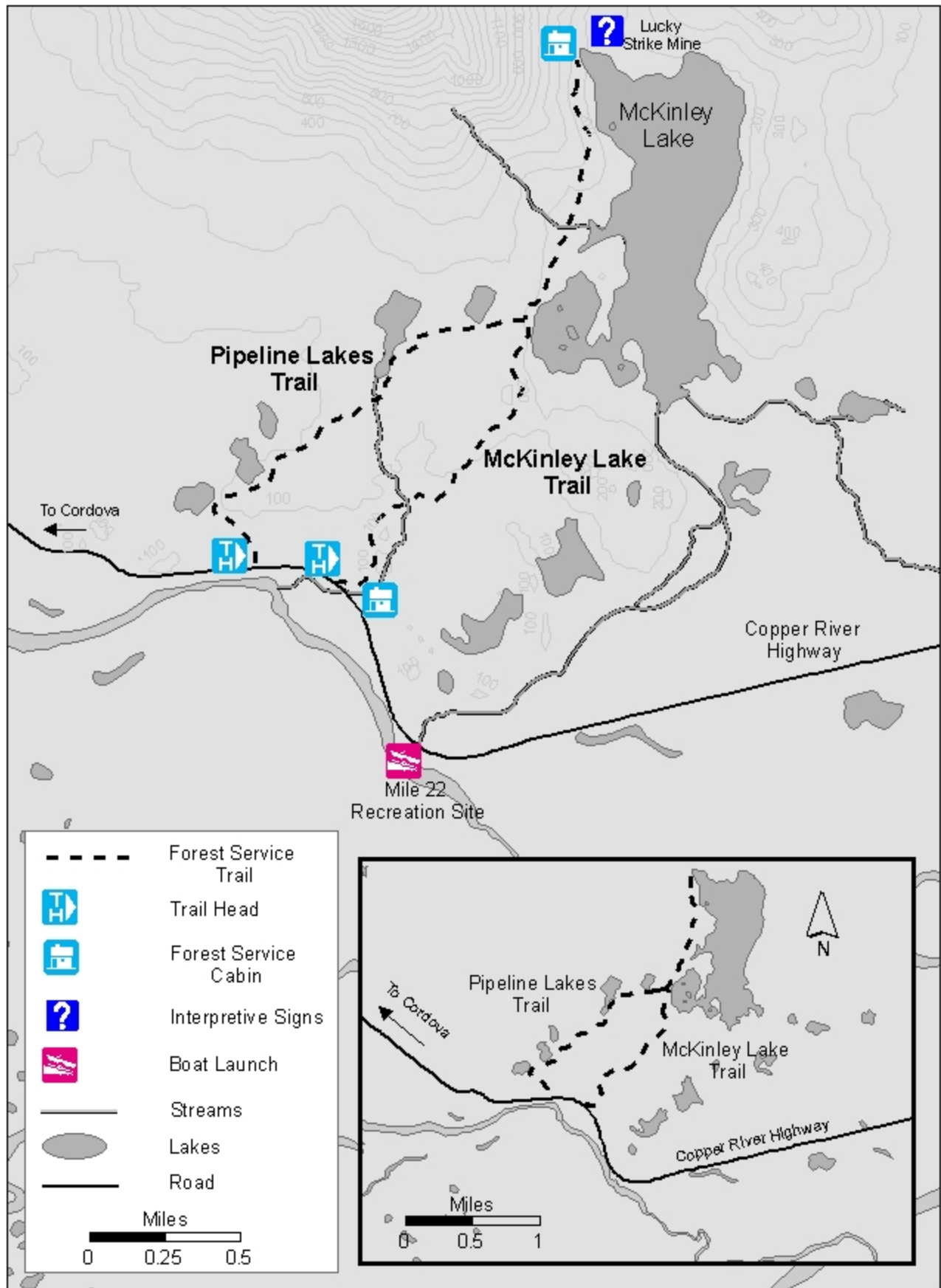


Pipeline Lakes & McKinley Lake Trails



Pipeline Lakes
Rating - Easy
1.8 Miles

McKinley Lake Trail
Rating - Easy
2.4 Miles

PIPELINE LAKES TRAIL

Access #1: Copper River Highway mile 21.4
Access #2: Via McKinley Lake Trail
Elevation: 50 ft - 100 ft (15 m - 30 m)
Length: 1.8 miles (2.9 km)
Recommended Season: Spring, Summer, Fall
USGS Map(s): CORDOVA (B-4)
Difficulty: Easy
Time: 2.7 hours (round trip)
Use: Medium

Most of this trail is boardwalk. The first 3/4 mile passes through dense spruce-hemlock forest before opening up into muskeg meadows that offer impressive views of the Chugach Mountains. Short spur trails provide fishing access to five small lakes with populations of cutthroat trout up to 12 inches in length. At the junction with the McKinley Lake trail there is an option of returning to the highway or continuing north to McKinley Lake cabin.

McKINLEY LAKE TRAIL

Access #1: Copper River Highway mile 21.6
Access #2: Via Pipeline Lakes Trail
Elevation: 50 ft - 60 ft (15 m - 18 m)
Length: 2.4 miles (3.9 km)
Recommended Season: Spring, Summer, Fall
USGS Map(s): CORDOVA (B-4)
Difficulty: Easy
Time: 3.6 hours (round trip)
Use: Heavy

This well-maintained trail winds its way through mature spruce-hemlock forest and ends at the north end of McKinley Lake. Several bridges allow hikers easy crossing over small streams. This trail also provides access to two public use recreation cabins: McKinley **Trail** Cabin ** (100 yards beyond the trailhead sign); and McKinley **Lake** Cabin ** at the end of the trail. A rough, unmaintained trail continues for 1/4 mile past the lake cabin and accesses the remains of the Lucky Strike Mine. Interpretive signs guide the visitors through the history and remains of the abandoned mine and mining camp. Midway, Pipeline Lakes Trail joins McKinley Trail for an optional loop.

****Cabins are available for use through the National Recreation Reservation Service: www.ReserveUSA.com 1-877-444-6777.**