



Crow Pass Trail

Complete Alaska Hiking Guide

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TRAIL STATISTICS

DISTANCE	ELEVATION GAIN	EST. TIME
7 mi RT	2,000 ft	4-5 hours
DIFFICULTY	DOGS ALLOWED	BEST SEASON
HARD	Yes - on leash	July - September

DIFFICULTY: HARD

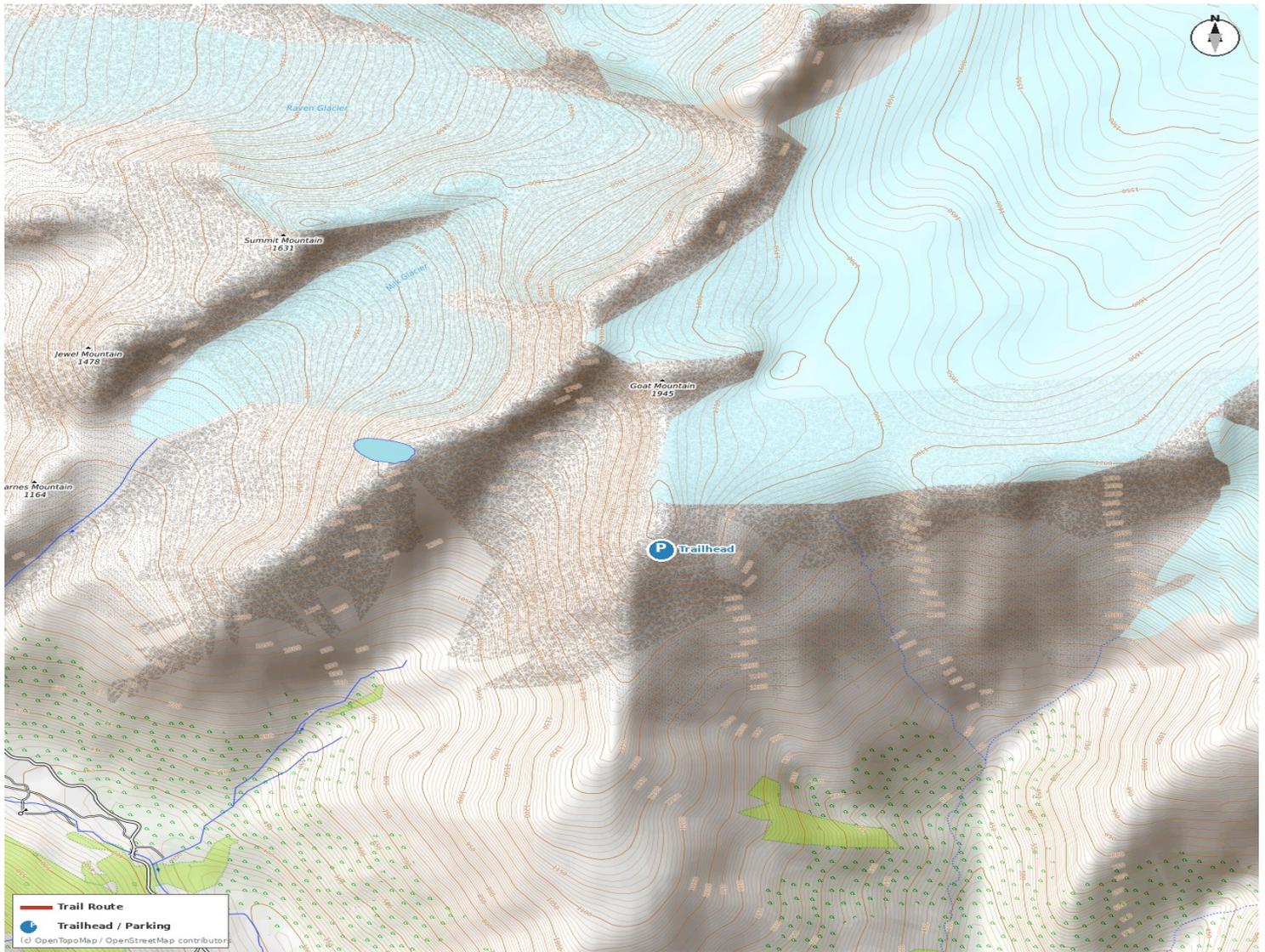
TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Historic Iditarod Trail route
- Raven Glacier views
- Crystal-clear alpine lake at pass
- Crow Creek Mine (historic gold mine)
- Wildflowers and Dall sheep

IMPORTANT WARNINGS

- ! Raven Creek crossing can be dangerous in high water
- ! Snow at pass through July
- ! No cell service on trail
- ! Bears very active -- make noise constantly
- ! Start early -- weather deteriorates afternoon

TRAIL MAP -- CROW PASS TRAIL



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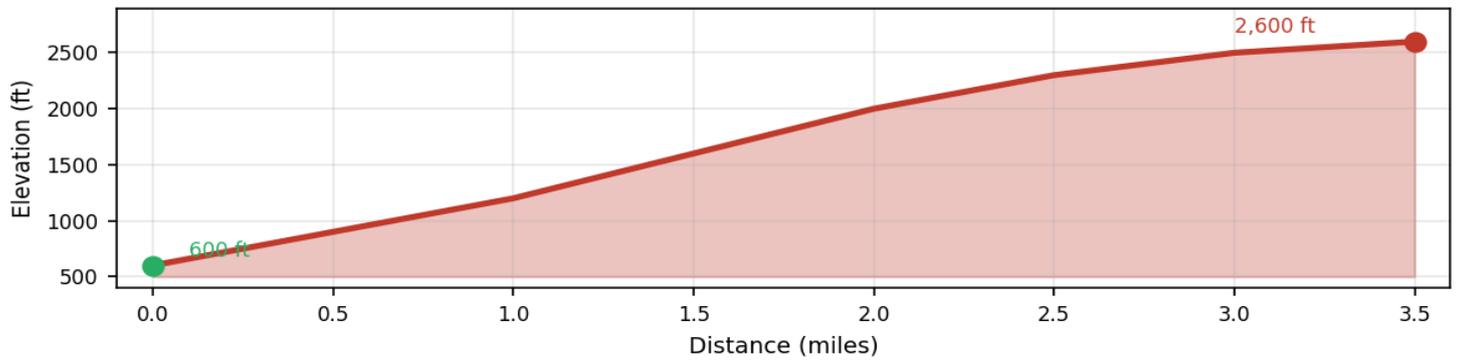
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ELEVATION PROFILE

Elevation Profile - Crow Pass Trail | Gain: 2,000 ft



Crow Pass Trail: A Historic Journey to Alpine Majesty

Crow Pass Trail, a strenuous yet profoundly rewarding journey, traces a historic route through the Chugach Mountains near Girdwood, Alaska. This iconic path, part of the original Iditarod Trail, offers an unparalleled immersion into Alaska's rugged wilderness, blending natural grandeur with a rich tapestry of human history. Hikers embarking on this adventure are treated to dramatic mountain vistas, active glaciers, pristine alpine lakes, and the echoes of Alaska's gold rush past. While challenging, the reward for the prepared hiker is an unforgettable experience amidst one of the state's most spectacular landscapes.

Trail Overview

The Crow Pass Trail, originating from the Crow Creek Road trailhead just outside Girdwood, is a roughly 6.5-mile one-way ascent to Crow Pass itself, making for a challenging 13-mile out-and-back day hike. For those undertaking the full traverse to the Eagle River Nature Center, it stretches approximately 23 miles. This guide focuses primarily on the Girdwood approach to the pass. The trail gains significant elevation, climbing over 2,100 feet from the trailhead to the pass at 3,500 feet. It is considered strenuous and requires good physical conditioning, proper gear, and a solid understanding of wilderness safety. The

GEAR CHECKLIST

Pack List for Crow Pass Trail

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy waterproof hiking boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm layers (pass is cold) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bear spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Gaiters recommended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trekking poles (river crossing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency bivvy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3L water + filter (Raven Creek) | <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation: download offline map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit |

GETTING THERE

From Anchorage: Take Seward Hwy south to Girdwood, turn onto Crow Creek Rd, follow 6 miles to trailhead. Free parking. 40 min from Anchorage. GPS: 61.0270, -149.0536.

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