Centennial Statue

Part 1 of the Skagway Guide covers a walking tour to all major attractions in, and near, Skagway City.
Part 2 of the Skagway Guide covers a White Pass train to Fraser, a bus tour to Emerald Lake, Caribou Crossing Trading Post, Carcross Native Village, and information on car rental touring from Skagway.
Part 3 of the Skagway Guide covers a boat ride from Skagway dock to Haines, a bus ride through the country, and a jet boat tour of Chilcat River.
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1) City walking tour to 35 points of interest, 2) SMART bus routes, 3) Hiking trails, 4) Maps show where cruise ships dock, 5) Where to board the White Pass train for tours to Canada.

Reasons to visit Skagway Alaska:

- Re-live history of Skagway as gateway to the Klondike gold rush by visiting historic hotels, saloons, etc.
- The city is colorful, clean, friendly, and inviting with shopping, restaurants, saloons, historic areas, museums, etc. The city is flat and easy to walk with no hills to climb, nor steep streets.
- There’s a Smart Bus system to travel throughout the city at $ 5/person/day. There’s also a narrated streetcar tour to see everything in the city.
- The scenery, mountains, rivers, lakes, and forests are spectacular. There are several hiking trails not far from the cruise ship dock. The White Pass Railway has scenic train rides through the mountains to Canada. You can extend your tour from the train in Canada via bus travel through gorgeous county with stops at unforgettable places with the opportunity to view or ride dogsleds before returning to your ship.
- There’s a catamaran boat near the Railroad dock that will whisk you away to Haines to explore the wilderness and see bears, eagles and other wildlife.
- You can rent a car in Skagway and drive to Emerald Lake to visit the scenic areas.

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Tom Sheridan
GPS Coordinates

GPS coordinates are a powerful tool to find tourist sites on Google maps and to see street level photos. In this guide, I provide GPS coordinates for important locations for use with Google maps and GPS enabled devices. The format for GPS coordinates is Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds ddd° mm′ ss.ss″ N ddd° mm′ ss.ss″ E.

**Copy and paste** GPS coordinates from this guide into Google or Microsoft Bing maps

**Or type** GPS coordinate numbers and periods into the map search box replacing the symbols for degrees, minutes, and seconds with spaces.

For example: **Centennial Park GPS coordinates** = 59°27′11.7″N 135°19′09.4″W

Copy & Paste 59°27′11.7″N 135°19′09.4″W from this guide into Google maps and press “enter key”

Or Type 59 27 11.7 n 135 19 09.4 w into Google Maps and press “enter key” to find Centennial Park

Google places a down-pointing red arrow at the GPS location for Centennial Park

To see the street level photo of Centennial Park, drag the little yellow man icon from the bottom right of the map onto the tip of the red arrow. NOTE: All of the GPS coordinates in this guide can be used to see street level photos e.g. for Yakutania Point Trail, the cruise ship docks, tourist sites in the city, etc.

The map below shows HOW TO FIND ALL the Google street level photos on a map

Click on the yellow man icon on the bottom right of a Google map to see where the photos are:

Locations of photos appear as blue lines on the streets and photo spheres for points of interest not on a street. Photos inside buildings will be shown as orange circles “See Inside”.

Click the mouse on any blue line or Photo Sphere to see the photo for that point. Important: click the mouse on the photo and drag it left or right to rotate the photo in all directions of the compass.

Blue lines on all the streets in Skagway means that Google has photographed the entire city. This is an incredibly powerful tool to preview your walking tour of Skagway from your home computer and to plan your photo shoot of Skagway. Just remember to click on the yellow man icon on the map to make all the blue lines and photo spheres visible on the Google map.

For more information on GPS and Google Maps, see my map user guide web-pages:


https://www.tomsportguides.com/world-gps-maps.html  Use of GPS coordinates with world maps on tablets, phones, and dedicated GPS devices e.g. Garmin
Points of Interest in Skagway Center City  From the Docks to 8th Street

The map on the next page shows the location as “A” thru “X” from this table as the most popular and important points on interest in the city. When you look at the map, it will be apparent that the places you want to visit in center city Skagway are clustered around Broadway between 1st Ave and 8th Ave.

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Yakutania Port | 59°27'08.6"N 135°20'10.5"W  
Smuggler’s Cove | 59°27'20.6"N 135°20'06.2"W |
| B  | Ore Dock | 59°27'00.9"N 135°19'44.9"W |
| C  | Broadway Dock | 59°27'00.3"N 135°19'26.4"W |
| D  | Catamaran to Haines | 59°26'57.1"N 135°19'18.3"W |
| E  | White Pass Railroad Dock security gate | 59°26'51.9"N 135°19'15.5"W |
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| J  | 2nd & Broadway | Jeff (Soapy) Smith’s Parlor (Saloon) | 59°27'14.1"N 135°19'08.2"W |
| K  | 1st & State St. | Reid & Smith Gun Battle Plaque | 59°27'14.1"N 135°19'15.3"W |
| L  | Broadway nr 2nd | Visitor Information Camp Skagway No. 1 | 59°27'14.3"N 135°19'04.9"W |
| M  | 3rd & Broadway | Corrington Gift Shop/Museum at Golden North Hotel  
Mascot Building  
The Sweet Tooth Cafe Restaurant  
Bonanza Bar and Grille | 59°27'15.5"N 135°19'02.5"W  
59°27'16.2"N 135°19'02.3"W |
| N  | 4th & Broadway | Greenleaf Diamonds (gold nuggets)  
Pack Train Building  
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| Q  | Between 4th & 5th | Alaska Fur Gallery (Between 4th & 5th on Broadway) | 59°27'18.6"N 135°18'56.8"W |
| R  | nr 5th & 6th | Inspired Arts (Between 5th and 6th Avenue on Broadway) | 59°27'20.9"N 135°18'53.2"W |
| S  | 6th & Broadway | Eagles Hall  
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| T  | 6th nr Broadway | Bust of Mollie Walsh | 59°27'20.4"N 135°18'48.5"W |
| U  | 7th & Spring | City Hall and Museum | 59°27'21.4"N 135°18'43.2"W |
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| X  | 8th nr Main | Historic White House | 59°27'29.7"N 135°18'52.5"W |
Where Cruise Ships Dock

The Port Authority Website [http://skagwaydevelopment.org/economic-development/port-of-skagway/] is an excellent source of information on the cruise ship schedule, photos, maps, and news on Skagway City.

Skagway is the northernmost, ice-free, deep water port in North America. It serves as a year round transportation hub between Alaska, the Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Asia, and Europe.

There are three docks for cruise ships as shown on the map below

- **B) Ore Dock** is 1600 feet and can handle one large cruise ship.
- **C) Broadway Dock** is 650 feet long and can accommodate a cruise ship up to 1000 feet.
- **E) White Pass Railroad Dock** is 1764 feet with a total berthing length of 2000 feet for two large cruise ships.
Points of Interest in Skagway City

The city is laid out in a grid with five east-west named streets (Alaska, Main, State, Broadway, Spring) and 23 north-south numbered avenues from 1st to 23rd Avenue.

**The most important downtown sites are between 1st and 8th Avenue, clustered around Broadway.**

It’s a short walk, on level ground, to the major tourist sites, shops, restaurants, museums, and points of interest.

To download high quality Skagway Maps, see [http://skagway.com/travel/maps/](http://skagway.com/travel/maps/)

- City Walking tour map [https://www.alaska.org/assets/content/maps/skagway-walking-tour-map.pdf](https://www.alaska.org/assets/content/maps/skagway-walking-tour-map.pdf)

The City Walking Tour Map pdf file has excellent text descriptions of sites in the city. I have used text descriptions from the City Walking Tour throughout this cruise port guide.


A) Yakutania Point Trail is a popular, relatively easy hiking trail for scenic views.

- **Yakutania Point Trail bridge across Skagway River GPS = 59°27'14.2"N 135°19'38.6"W**
- **Yakutania Pont GPS = 59°27'08.6"N 135°20'10.5"W**
- **Smuggler’s Cove GPS = 59°27'20.6"N 135°20'06.2"W**


Download a description of the trails in Skagway from [https://www.alaska.org/assets/content/maps/Trail%20Maps/skagway-trail-guide.pdf](https://www.alaska.org/assets/content/maps/Trail%20Maps/skagway-trail-guide.pdf)

The **map at left** shows the walking route from Skagway Airport to the Yakutania Point Trail.

Walk from your ship to Skagway Airport. Head Northwest to a foot bridge across the Skagway River.

Turn left on the trail as shown by the yellow line.

Walk southwest along the shore. The trail is flat with some rocks.

If you want to visit Smuggler’s Cove, backtrack to the intersection with Smuggler’s Cove Trail and head Northwest.

**Hiking Details to Yakutania Point:**

- 1 hour roundtrip  
- Distance: 1.6 miles (2.6 km)  
- Rating: Easy  
- Elevation Gain: 20 feet (6 meters)  
- It’s a one hour hike.

Add 30-60 minutes if you go to Smuggler’s Cove.

Note: Alaska is bear country. It’s important that you know how to respond if you encounter a bear.

B) **Ore Dock GPS = 59°27'00.9"N 135°19'44.9"W**

Walk to the city on Main or State Street. Tour buses will pick you up and drop you off next to your ship.

C) **Broadway Dock GPS = 59°27'00.3"N 135°19'26.4"W**

Walk to the city on Broadway. Tour buses will pick you up and drop you off next to your ship.
D) Catamaran to Haines  GPS = 59°26'57.1"N 135°19'18.3"W  
( Photo Right)  
We took the ship’s excursion tour to Haines. It involved sailing on the Rachel Marie catamaran from Skagway through the Chilkoot Inlet to Haines. We boarded a bus for a tour and a jet boat ride. We saw grizzly bears, eagles, and other wildlife. It was a fantastic tour!!!

E) White Pass Railroad Dock Security Gate GPS = 59°26'51.9"N 135°19'15.5"W  
There’s a security gate at the entrance to the dock. Tour buses pick you up and drop you off at the security gate. Depending on where your ship is docked, you may have to walk 1700 feet to/from your ship. For people with mobility problems, there are “golf cart” type vehicles to transport a few people at a time between the ship and security gate. Walk to the city from the security gate on Congress Way to 2nd Ave.

F) Skagway Centennial Park  (1st St & Broadway)  GPS = 59°27′11.7″N 135°19′09.4″W 
The Cooke Rotary Snowplow No 1. 

Imagine the raw power and deafening roar of a 129-ton rotary snowplow as it’s circular bladed carved through snow drifts as high as 12 feet.

The Centennial Statue is next to the Snow Plow (photo above right).
The bronze plaque on the Centennial Statue tells the history of Skagway. See the text below.

Skagway was originally spelled SKAGUA, a Tlingit Indian word for “windy place”. The first people in this area were Tlingits from the Chilkoot and Chilkat villages in the Haines-Kluhwan area. From a fish camp in nearby Dyea, they used Chilkoot Trail for trading with the First Nations people of the Yukon Territory. The windy Skagway valley was favored for hunting mountain goats and bear, but no one settled here until 1897. That June, Skookum Jim, a Tlingit from the Carcross-Tagish area, encountered members of the William Ogilvie expedition, a Canadian survey party that came north to map the country. Captain William Moore, a member of the party, was persuaded by Skookum Jim to follow him up a lower pass through the mountains, while others took the Chilkoot route. Leaving this beach, the two journeyed up the Skagway valley to Lake Bennett meeting the other party seven days later. The two men were excited and extolled the advantages of this new route through the mountains. Ogilvie at once named it for Sir Thomas White, a Canadian government minister. Moore had visions of a port city served by a railroad, and he returned to this valley with his son Bernard in October 1897. They built a cabin and a wharf, and waited. A small number of prospectors had been entering the north country searching for gold since the 1870s. It was only a matter of time until a great stampede would bring many more. In August 1896, Tlingits Skookum Jim and Dawson Charlie, along with George Carmack of California discovered a large amount of gold in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River, some 600 miles from here. The creek was renamed Bonanza, and when word of this strike reached the outside world in July 1897, the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-1898 was on! For centuries, the Tlingits controlled these passes. The tide of stampeders forced them to give up control, but native packers still guided would-be prospectors over these mountains, and they were paid handsomely for their work. This sculpture represents a typical scene at the start of the Chilkoot or White Pass trails in August 1897. The Tlingit packer is in his 40s, has centuries of knowledge about the route from his ancestors. He wears traditional clothing, made of moosehide and bear fur, and carries a pack made from the skin of a mountain goat, held to his back by a tumpline strapped around his chest. He leads a 30-year old stampeder, just off a ship from Puget Sound, who is determined to reach the gold fields. His pack is a wood-frame box, and outside are strapped his hunting knife, shovel and gold pan, which he hopes will gather riches before winter. With his eyes wide open and in eager smile, the stampeder has no apprehension about the rigors of the trail ahead.

G) Railroad Depot view from Centennial Park  GPS = 59°27'10.8"N 135°19'08.2"W

Look both ways before crossing the track. Walk through the train station, and turn left to the National Park Service Visitor Center Gold Rush Museum in the old Railroad Building.
The Skagway National Park Service is 5-Star Rated as the best source of information via films, lectures, a museum, guided walking tours of Skagway, maps for hiking trails and more!!!

If you want to join a guided walking tour, pre-order your tickets on the Park Service website. The tours for 30 people are filled very quickly!!

Stop at the Park Service to get information on Skagway to plan your visit. Better yet, visit the Park Service website BEFORE you arrive to preview things to see and do.

FREE Guided Walking Tours of Skagway

see https://www.nps.gov/klgo/planyourvisit/walking-tours.htm

The tours get rave reviews. Tours last ~ 30-45 minutes, travel ~ 4 blocks, are wheelchair and stroller accessible.

Service animals are welcome. Thirty people maximum on a first-come, first serve basis.


Below is brief review of the walking tours from the Park Service Website

Jeff Smith Parlor Museum Tour: $ 5.00/person Tour Website Reservation fee $0.75
Jeff Smiths Parlor Museum is forever connected to the notorious outlaw Jefferson Randolph "Soapy" Smith. Step inside and experience the fascinating museum to Jefferson "Soapy" Smith created by Skagway promoters Martin Itjen and George Rapuzzi. See the impressive array of curios and artifacts and you'll agree its "the greatest attraction in the world".

Note: you need to be on a Park Service Tour to enter the Jeff Smith Parlor Museum.

See a virtual tour of the interior at https://www.nps.gov/klgo/learn/photosmultimedia/jspm-virtual-tour.htm

Historic District Tour – Women of Skagway: FREE Tour Website Reservation fee $0.75
See Skagway through the eyes of women who struggled, innovated, and championed in gold rush era. Meet a few fascinating women of Skagway's past. Program may include "PG 13" or adult themes.
Historic District Walking Tours - Buffalo Soldiers of Skagway:  FREE Tour
Website Reservation fee $0.75

Men of the 24th Infantry all African American unit maintained law and order in frontier Skagway, emergency response, and border patrol. Join a ranger to explore the Buffalo Soldiers' contributions to Skagway's past on a four block stroll of the historic district.

Historic District Walking Tours - Topics Vary:  FREE Tour  Website Reservation fee $0.75

Rangers reveal characters and stories of Skagway's early days. Explore the heart of the National Historic District with 2-3 stops outside colorful, gold rush buildings. All tours end at the Moore Homestead Museum for a free look inside a restored frontier family home.

Note: you need to be on a Park Service Tour to enter Moore Homestead Museum.

**I)** Red Onion Saloon Brothel  2nd Ave & Broadway  GPS = 59°27′13.8″N 135°19′05.8″W

**J)** Jeff Smith’s Parlor  2nd Avenue 100 feet West of Broadway  GPS = 59°27′14.1″N 135°19′08.2″W

One of Skagway’s best-known watering holes, the Red Onion Saloon has a provocative past. It was built in 1898 at the corner of 6th and State, as a saloon, dance hall and bordello. When it was moved here in 1914, the movers somehow installed it backwards, putting the rear of the structure on Broadway. The upstairs has changed little since the time when it was frequented by turn-of-the century “working girls.” The mannequins leering down from the second story windows help preserve the old era. See the menu and activities at the Red Onion at http://redonion1898.com/wp-content/uploads/RedOnion-Menu-14.pdf

Jefferson Randolph “Soapy” Smith was a con man and one of the last big-time western bad men. He controlled an underworld of more than 200 gamblers, swindlers and thugs. His power seemed limitless until July 8, 1898 when he was shot and killed by surveyor Frank Reid at 1st Ave & State St.

You must be on a National Park tour to visit the inside of the Parlor.

You can see a virtual tour inside the Parlor at https://www.nps.gov/klgo/learn/photosmultimedia/js_pm-virtual-tour.htm
K) Frank Reid and Jeff (Soapy) Smith Gun Battle Plaque at 1st Avenue and State Street

There is a marker at the corner of 1st Ave & State St. where a shootout occurred between Frank Reid and the criminal gang leader “Soapy” Smith on July 8, 1898. On the 8th, a stampeder had his $2,800 gold stolen in Soapy’s saloon. Townspeople held a meeting on Juneau Co. Wharf to organize against Smith. Reid and several others were to guard the entrance to the wharf at 1st & State St. Smith heard about the meeting, left his saloon, and headed down State Street to the wharf. Reid stopped him. Gunfire ensued and both men collapsed to the dock. Smith was killed instantly. Reid sustained an injury and died 12 days after the shooting. Smith’s gang was rounded up and sent off to jail.

Broadway is the most important street for a walking tour in center city from 1st Avenue to 8th Avenue

This is the area where you will see most of the important historic buildings built between 1897 and 1900, an excellent museum, the 98 Show Theater, restaurants, ice cream & candy shops, the Skagway Brewery, hotels, Inns, stores selling jewelry, gold nuggets, Alaskan art and crafts products, furs and more! Broadway is colorful, fun, and an exciting place to explore. Keep your camera handy for postcard photos.

Do an independent walking tour, at your own pace, stopping to explore sites of interest. Carry this guide and the City Walking tour https://www.alaska.org/assets/content/maps/skagway-walking-tour-map.pdf The walking distance from 1st to 8th avenue is 1665 feet on flat sidewalks with no hills to climb.

Combine your walking tour with use of the S. M. A. R. T Buses

Skagway’s Municipal And Regional Transit bus runs May 1- October 1 from 7am-9pm. ADA Accessible Vehicles. All Day Pass = $5 per person One Ride = $2 per person Pay the driver For details, see http://skagway.com/listings/skagway-municipal-and-regional-transit-smart-bus/

The Cruise-Dock Route buses pick you up and drop you off at the dock for your ship. Buses run from the docks to Broadway to 7th Ave, turn right to Spring St, left on 8th and left on Broadway back to the docks. Bus stops (red stars on the map) are on Broadway are at 3rd, 5th, and 7th Avenue. The bus also stops at 7th Ave and Spring St for the City Hall/Museum.
L) Visitor Information Center (125 feet north from the Red Onion Saloon) GPS = 59°27'14.4"N 135°19'04.7"W
This is one of the most photographed buildings in Skagway. The facade is covered with thousands of driftwood sticks collected from Skagway Bay and nailed to the building. Many of the sticks are over 100 years old. Today, the visitor center is operated by the Skagway Convention & Visitors Bureau. I stopped in and was the only visitor at that time. I had the undivided attention of a man who knew “everything” about Skagway. He gave me maps and pointed out the “must visit” sites for my walking tour.

M) Museum inside the Golden North Hotel at 3rd & Broadway GPS = 59°27'15.5"N 135°19'02.5"W
The hotel was built during the gold rush. Today, it houses several retail stores.

There’s an interesting museum at Corrington’s Alaskan Ivory gift shop. The museum is free of charge and contains a great private collection of artifacts of Alaska's fascinating history, from pre-historic to modern. There are more than 40 engraved walrus tusks and the world's largest baleen basket.
You enter and exit through the gift shop. The shop is filled with beautiful work from many Alaskan Native artists, including Eskimo art and artifacts. The Corringtons have been in business here for 38 years.
I highly recommend visiting the gift shop and museum. I asked if I could take photographs. The store manager told me I could photograph everything but I could not use flash. See my photos on the next page.
Photos from Corrington’s Alaskan Ivory Museum Below
The Mascot Building is across the street from the Golden North Hotel (3rd & Broadway)
The Mascot Saloon on the corner dates back to 1898. It was one of more than 80 saloons in a town that was once described as “the roughest place in the world.” The saloon operated until August 1916, when Prohibition closed it. Next door sits the old Pacific Clipper Line office. Skagway was an active port both during and after the gold rush. Many buildings in this block served as ticket offices for steamship lines. The narrow building at the south end was Hern’s Liquor Store. It opened in 1937, shortly after Prohibition was lifted. The entire building is owned by the National Park Service. The Mascot houses an exhibit and has rest rooms.

N) Greenleaf Diamonds (4th & Broadway) GPS = 59°27'16.7"N 135°18'59.6"W
There are many jewelry stores in Skagway with a wide range of products. I wanted to see gold nuggets so I stopped at Greenleaf Diamonds and met Ed Haro. He showed me some impressive gold nuggets.
The three-story **Pack Train Building** is the tallest historic building in Skagway. The three buildings that make up this block date from 1900, but like many others on Broadway, they were first located elsewhere. These were originally barracks that once comprised part of Camp Skagway, located two blocks up Broadway on 6th Ave. The military abandoned them when it moved to the Haines area in 1904, and four years later, they were moved here. The corner business, run by the mayor and his partner, was a saloon called The Trail. On the 4th Avenue side of the building, there is a large sign, proclaiming “U-AU-TO-NO-THE-TRAIL,” Soon afterwards, the Lynch and Kennedy clothing store opened just south of the saloon.

To appreciate how much a facade can improve a building, step back and note the intricate woodwork facing Broadway. Then turn down 4th Avenue and see how the barracks look from the back side.
4th & Broadway The St. James Hotel, is presently an Ace Hardware store. Google street level photo at right. It’s famous as the birthplace of the White Pass and Yukon Route railroad. During the winter of 1897-98, it took tremendous effort for the stampeders to haul the required “ton of goods” from Skagway to the Canadian lakes. To ease the strain, several tramways and railroads crossing White Pass were proposed, but the plans were long on speculation and short on money. Sir Thomas Tancred, who sailed from London to Skagway in the spring of 1898, represented a well-heeled investment firm. He wanted to see if a railroad could be built over White Pass. He was skeptical at first. Then he met Mike Heney, a railroad contractor who was convinced that a route over the pass was entirely feasible. Legend has it that the two met in the early evening, talked all night long, and wound up their discussion just as dawn broke. Tancrede’s money and Heney’s construction knowledge proved an unbeatable combination. Construction of the line began in late May 1898. Two years, two months and two days later, the line was completed to Whitehorse, the present capital of Canada’s Yukon Territory.

On the north side of 4th Avenue between Broadway, and Spring (Behind the old St James Hotel) World War II barracks can be seen. They commemorate the U.S. Army’s “invasion” of Skagway from 1942-46. These engineers and construction men were largely responsible for supplying the crew building the Alcan Highway and the extensive Canol oil pipeline. At one time, more than 80 of these barracks were scattered around town; fewer than 10 remain.

O) Hiking Trails
The mountains above Skagway are well worth a visit. A network of trails begins near 3rd Avenue and Spring Street. A popular short hike leads to Lower Dewey Lake, a beautiful, quiet sanctuary. Trails also lead to Upper Reid Falls, Sturgill’s Landing and Upper Dewey Lake. Lower Dewey Lake is half a mile away; other points of interest are within four miles of town.
To reach the trailhead between 3rd Ave and 4th Ave on Spring Street, walk toward the mountains to a foot bridge across Pullen Creek. Look both ways before crossing the train tracks. Do not walk on the tracks or the access road next to them. The trail begins just beyond the railroad tracks.
"LOWER DEWEY LAKE LOOP Time: 1-2 hours roundtrip Distance: 0.9 miles (1.4 km) to lake. 3.6 miles (5.8 km) around lake  Rating: Moderate/Strenuous Elevation Gain: 500 feet (150 meters)


Please download this trail map and read all the details for hiking.

Note: Alaska is bear country. It’s important that you know how to respond if you encounter a bear."
P) Historic Moore Homestead  5th & Spring St  GPS =  59°27'17"N 135°18'49"W
The photo at right is a Google street level photo at these GPS coordinates.
The Moore Cabin is the oldest structure in Skagway. It was built by Captain William Moore and his son in 1887-88. Moore was 65 years old when he arrived. He had followed gold rushes all his life and settled here to pursue one more chance at a fortune. When the big rush came, his land was overrun by a flood of gold seekers. But he prospered because he owned a dock, a warehouse, and a sawmill. He stayed here until 1906, long enough to see his homestead blossom into a major port and railroad terminal. Captain Moore’s son, Ben, built the main house to the right of the old cabin. The homestead/museum is owned by the National Park Service. It’s only open to visitors traveling with a Park Ranger on a city walking tour. For a virtual tour, see https://www.nps.gov/klgo/learn/photosmultimedia/moore-house-virtual-tour.htm

Q) Alaska Fur Gallery Between 4th & 5th on Broadway GPS = 59°27'18.6"N 135°18'56.8"W
There are many jewelry stores, gift shops, restaurants, etc. in Skagway. I was particularly interested in some of the high end shops that carry fur coats, art, and native craft products. The Alaska Fur Gallery is impressive.
S) Eagles Hall Days of '98 Show (6th & Broadway) GPS = 59°27'21.3"N 135°18'51.6"W

In the Eagles Hall each summer, the curtain rises on the popular Days of '98 Show, Alaska’s longest running theater production. The show dates back to 1927. Those interested in the history of the show can view photographs of early scenes and characters in the hall’s gambling room. The hall consists of two gold rush hotels:

- the Mondamin Hotel was moved here in 1916 and the
- Pacific Hotel was added to the rear in 1920.

The fraternity first met here in 1899. It’s Aeries No. 25, one of thousands of Eagles Aeries chapters. See http://www.thedaysof98show.com/#sthash.IDXWrH4X.dpbs

T) Bust of Mollie Walsh (6th near Broadway) GPS = 59°27'20.4"N 135°18'48.5"W

From Eagles Hall, walk east on 6th Avenue. On your left, you’s see a small bust, just west of the public rest rooms, in honor of this remarkable woman.
Mollie Walsh came to Skagway, unaccompanied, in 1897. A rarity in her day, she was young, unmarried and at least somewhat respectable. She remained in Skagway for a few months, then headed north to open a restaurant in Log Cabin, a tent town located along the White Pass Trail. She soon received the attentions of many packers along the trail. One who was particularly fond of her was Jack Newman.

He professed his love for her and even killed a rival to earn her affections, but alas, she soon married Mike Bartlett and left the area. Crest-fallen, Newman soon married Hannah Barry instead, but he never stopped thinking about Mollie. Meanwhile, the Bartletts’ marriage was turbulent at best, and while they were living in Seattle in October 1902, an argument erupted which resulted in Mollie’s murder. Newman read about the slaying and was heart broken. He revered the memory of the “Angel of the White Pass,” and in 1930, he had this bust built and installed in Skagway. The bust, as you may notice, was donated in the name of both Newman and his wife. To calm down Hannah’s understandable jealousy, he also installed a plaque in downtown Seattle in honor of Mrs. Newman.

For more information, see [http://www.explorenorth.com/library/weekly/aa051001a.htm](http://www.explorenorth.com/library/weekly/aa051001a.htm)

**U) City Hall and Museum**  (7th & Spring St)  GPS = 59°27'21.4"N 135°18'43.2"W

This is a very popular museum. Visitors are impressed by the excellent displays and staff that tell the history of the area in a way that brings it to life. The entrance fee is $2. Summer Hours: Mo-Fr, 9am-5pm, Sa 10am-5pm, Su 10am-4 pm.

The building was constructed in 1899 of local granite. Through the years, it served as the McCabe College building. Then a U. S. Court House with the Marshall’s office and a jail. Today, it’s the City Hall and Museum.
V) Historic Skagway Inn/Olivia’s Restaurant  (7th Ave between Broadway &State)

GPS = 59°27’22.8"N 135°18’48.6"W

Built in 1897, the Skagway Inn originally catered to the rush of prospectors in the midst of the Gold Rush. Operating as a brothel, a family residence, a boarding house, and finally a Frontier Country Inn, the Skagway Inn retains its fascinating history and rich ambiance. The turn-of-the-century décor keeps the legacy alive and brings each guest into the history, mystery and magic of the Klondike Gold Rush. You can find your own piece of paradise and live your dream during your vacation as you relax in your cozy room, enjoy exceptional service and sit down to world-class Alaskan dining.

The historic Skagway Inn is located downtown within the Klondike Gold Rush National Park Historic District. You can walk to many historic locations, shopping locations and events around town while you enjoy your getaway. Book a room online now at the Skagway Inn and immerse yourself in the spirit of Gold Rush Alaska. See  www.skagwayinn.com

W) Skagway Brewing  ( Broadway near 7th Ave)  GPS = 59°27’22.8"N 135°18’48.6"W

Delicious Pub Fare. Legendary Hand-Crafted Ales.

Drink a piece of history when you visit the Skagway Brewing Company. Established in 1897 to hydrate the thirsty prospectors of the Klondike Gold Rush, we continue to create fresh unfiltered ales and delicious pub fare for today’s local and traveling crowds.

And don’t forget to visit our gift shop for all of your souvenir beer gear needs!

See  http://www.skagwaybrewing.com/new-page
Below is a Google Street-level photo of Skagway Brewing Co. on Broadway

X) White House (8th near Main St) GPS = 59°27'29.7"N 135°18'52.5"W
The plantation-style White House was built in 1902 as a home for Lee Guthrie, saloon keeper and civic official. Later it was converted to a small hotel. It was used by the Army as a hospital during World War II. In 1977 it was damaged by a fire. The new owners have restored it as a bed & breakfast. See http://www.atthewhitehouse.com/

Most tourist attractions are in downtown Skagway between the ship’s dock and 8th Avenue:

- The landscape is flat in the city, so it’s easy to walk to all the popular sites, shops, restaurants, etc.
- In addition to walking, you can use SMART Buses that run between the ships docks and 7th avenue from 7:00am until 9:00pm daily. You pay the driver and can board the bus at many points in the city as shown on the map on page 10 of this guide.

There are four popular Tourist Sites at the North end of the city; namely, Jewell Gardens, Klondike Gold Fields, Gold Rush Cemetery & the hiking trail to Lower Reid Falls

Options to get to these tourist sites:

1. Walk ~ 4 miles round trip from 1st Ave and Broadway.
2. Ride the SMART Bus from the cruise ship dock. Walk a few blocks and board the SMART Long Route Buses at 9th Ave and State Street. The buses run (northbound) from 10:00am until 5:00pm daily, every half hour. Look for the sign in the front window y "Klondike Gold Fields/Jewell Gardens" and ask the driver how to get to your destination from the bus stop.
3. Take a tour such as the narrated Trolley Tour of the city that includes a stop at Gold Rush Cemetery. There are also tour buses that visit Jewell Gardens, and the Klondike Gold Fields.
Board the Long Route SMART bus at 9th Ave & State St. or 12th Ave & Broadway. The bus stops at Jewell Gardens and Klondike Gold Fields. Talk to the driver for walking directions to Gold Rush Cemetery. For Gold Rush Cemetery, exit the bus at Jewell Gardens, walk south on 23rd Ave to the intersection of Alaska and 23rd Ave. Follow the signs. It’s approximately 2000 feet to the Gold Rush Cemetery & Trailhead to Lower Reid Falls.
Jewell Gardens GPS = 59°28'13.3"N 135°18'11.6"W
http://www.jewellgardens.com/
Make a reservation by calling 907-983-2111, or emailing info@jewellgardens.com
Come tour our beautiful grounds.
The garden tour begins at the Gift Gallery. See a variety of plants grown here in “The Land of the Midnight Sun.” Most tours include a full tea service or gourmet luncheon using organic ingredients from our garden!
  • Tours to Jewell Gardens from downtown Skagway depart by appointment. You can book a tour with an independent tour company. Several offer inexpensive ways to visit Jewell Gardens.
  • Skagway SMART Long Route buses stop along Broadway, and run every 30 minutes to Jewell Gardens.
Experience the exciting world of glassblowing.
  Introducing Alaska’s only public glassblowing studio where visitors can blow their own glass art!
  Whimsical glass installations in the garden are made on site by Garden City Glassworks artisans.

Klondike Gold Dredge Tours GPS = 59°28'21.7"N 135°17'51.9"W
http://skagway.com/listings/klondike-gold-fields/
Email = info@klondikegolddredge.com Phone = 907-983-3175 Call if you are coming on your own.
Klondike Gold Fields is designed for multi-generational guests to experience life in Alaska and the Klondike from 1898 to the present. Activities include gold panning, a tour of our dredge, a dog sledding demonstration, a 40-below experience, restaurant and brewery. Our costumed staff is ready to entertain and guide you as you walk around Dredge Town enjoying a tour, or any of the other attractions, museums, and scenic views we offer. You can take the SMART Long Route bus from the city.
NOTE: You need to contact Jewell Gardens and the Klondike Gold Fields BEFORE you arrive so that you can join a group tour. The Gold Rush Cemetery is a National Park. You do not need a reservation to visit the cemetery or to hike the trail to Lower Reid Falls.
Walking route to Gold Rush Cemetery National Park  Begin at intersection of Alaska ST and 23rd Ave
GPS = 59°28'02.4"N 135°18'01.9"W
Walk north across 23rd Ave and follow Alaska St. Alaska St. is used by tour vehicles to the Cemetery. Follow
the signs. Bear right along a gravel road to the right around and behind the railroad yards.
Continue to follow the road across the railroad tracks. The cemetery is located in the woods just past the parking
area. Beware of vehicles and trains when walking to the cemetery! There is a privy located in the parking area.
For a detailed description and photos of Gold Rush Cemetery see the National Park Service web-page at
https://www.nps.gov/klgo/learn/historyculture/cemeteries.htm
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Hiking Trail from Gold Rush Cemetery to Lower Reid Falls GPS = 59°28'24.0"N 135°17'05.0"W
It's a short (~ 1700 feet) easy and scenic walk along the forest trail to Lower Reid Falls. The elevation change
along the trail is on 500 feet.
The falls are spectacular. The photo at right is from Google maps. This photo was taken by Steve
Risenmay, a local guide.
Reid Creek and Falls are named in memory of surveyor Frank Reid who shot and killed the Jefferson Randolph
“Soapy” Smith on July 8, 1898.

Where to board the White Pass Railway to Canada GPS = 59°27'39.7"N 135°18'12.4"W
This bus and rail tour is one of the most popular tours from Skagway. There are two places to board the bus;
namely, 1) at the railroad dock next to the ship, or
2) a bus will pick you up at the dock next to your ship.
The bus will drop you off near 15th Avenue near the train tracks. You’ll walk a short distance to your
assigned train car. Our ship was docked at the Railroad dock, however, we boarded us bus there to the train.

Note: I do not discuss the White Pass train and bus tour in this port guide. I am writing three guides for
Skagway Alaska.

Toms Skagway Alaska Cruise Port Guide Part 1 of 3
This guide covers tourist sites and attractions in Skagway City plus Jewell Gardens, Klondike Gold Dredge
Tours, Gold Rush Cemetery, and Lower Reid Falls.
Toms Skagway Alaska Cruise Port Guide Part 2 of 3
This guide covers a White Pass train tour from Skagway to Fraser where we began a 6-hour bus tour. The bus
stopped at Emerald Lake, Carabou Crossing Trading Post wildlife museum with spectacular taxidermy of many
wild animals including a Woolly Mammoth, Carcross Native Village, and more! It was a fantastic bus tour!
This guide also includes information on renting a car in Skagway for your own tour to Emerald Lake.
Toms Skagway Alaska Cruise Port Guide Part 3 of 3
This guide covers a catamaran boat ride from Skyway to Haines where we boarded a bus to Chilkat River
Adventures. We took a jet boat to tour the winding river in the mountains. We saw Grizzly bears up close
(fortunately we were in the river, they were on land). We saw Eagles and other birds. It was a fantastic tour.
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