

Alaska's Inside Passage

WRANGELL

TRAVEL PLANNER



Welcome to Wrangell

Wrangell, known as the 'Gateway to the Stikine River', is nestled at the mouth of the mighty Stikine River. Our small town offers visitors a taste of an authentic island culture in the midst of pristine Alaskan wilderness. Friendly locals are happy to welcome you to Wrangell.

The adventure options are endless. Explore untouched corners of the Tongass National Forest. Experience the Stikine River by jetboat, kayak, or raft. Rest in natural hot springs surrounded by the unmatched beauty of the wilderness. Fly over majestic snowcapped mountains, pristine lakes and calving glaciers. See bears feeding on salmon in their natural habitat at the Anan Wildlife Observatory.

Walk amongst ancient petroglyphs and imagine what life was like for those who carved them thousands of years ago. Visit cultural and historic sites for a glimpse into the Tlingit way of life. Take in a round of golf at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course or hike up to Rainbow Falls and stop to pick the abundant wild berries.

Welcome to Wrangell, a true island community in the heart of Southeast Alaska.

Where is Wrangell?

Wrangell is located on the Inside Passage in Southeast Alaska at the heart of the Tongass National Forest, between Juneau and Ketchikan.

How to Get Here. Alaska Airlines provides daily jet service from Seattle, Anchorage and Juneau. You can also

access Wrangell via ferry on the Alaska Marine Highway system or on Breakaway Ferry & Freight for traveling within Southeast Alaska.

Accommodations and Dining. Wrangell has bed and breakfasts, vacation rentals, and a hotel with amazing waterfront views. A full-service RV park is available near Shoemaker Bay Harbor. Tent camping and remote Forest Service cabins are available. Restaurants provide several dining options.

Meeting/Convention Facility. The Nolan Center provides meeting spaces for conferences and retreats, as do some private facilities. Catering for events can be provided by local businesses.

Weather. With an average annual rainfall of 80 inches (less than most of Southeast Alaska), visitors to Wrangell should expect to see some rain. During the summer months, temperatures are typically in the 60s and weather is drier than other seasons. Fall is usually wet and often windy. The winter months bring snow and temperatures in the 20s and 30s.

Shopping and Travel Service. Gift shops with local artwork and a variety of other retailers offer all amenities for visitors and residents alike. Travel services available to visitors include banking facilities, ATMs, cell phone services and free WiFi. No trip to Wrangell is complete without a souvenir garnet from the museum or local children who collect them from Garnet Ledge on the Stikine River.

Harbors. Wrangell has four harbors to accommodate yachts and commercial fishing vessels. Contact the Harbormaster at (907) 874 - 3736 or call them on VHF Channel 16. Fuel, boat ramps, grids, hoists, 150- and 300-ton travel lifts and 40-ton trailers are available for boat owners. Local businesses provide marine repair support services.



Legend

- Forest Service Cabin or Shelter
- Airport Landing
- Highway
- Improved Road
- State Ferry Route

Experience Wrangell

Alaska's Last Great Place

Outdoor Recreation

Wrangell has a variety of outdoor activities that enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy.

There are many options for **hiking and camping** (p.8) on the island. There are trails through both muskeg and forest, all with panoramic views, beautiful scenery and wildlife sightings. Scenic campgrounds offer both full service and remote wilderness settings.

Cyclists will appreciate the five-mile waterfront bike path or may choose to challenge themselves to explorations of the more than 100 miles of Forest Service roads.

Golfers will be delighted by our unique 9-hole USGA golf course, driving range, and disc golf course—**Muskeg Meadows** (p.13).

Paddlers (p.10) will find kayaks, canoes, and stand up paddleboards available for rent to explore the small islands and seemingly endless coastline in the calm waters of the Inside Passage.

In the spring, migrations of Trumpeter swans, eagles, geese, and shorebirds make the Stikine River delta a paradise for **birding** (p.11).

The **Stikine River** (p.6) is an ideal wilderness experience with its vast glacial fed valley. **Glaciers** (p.7) are a popular charter excursion from Wrangell.

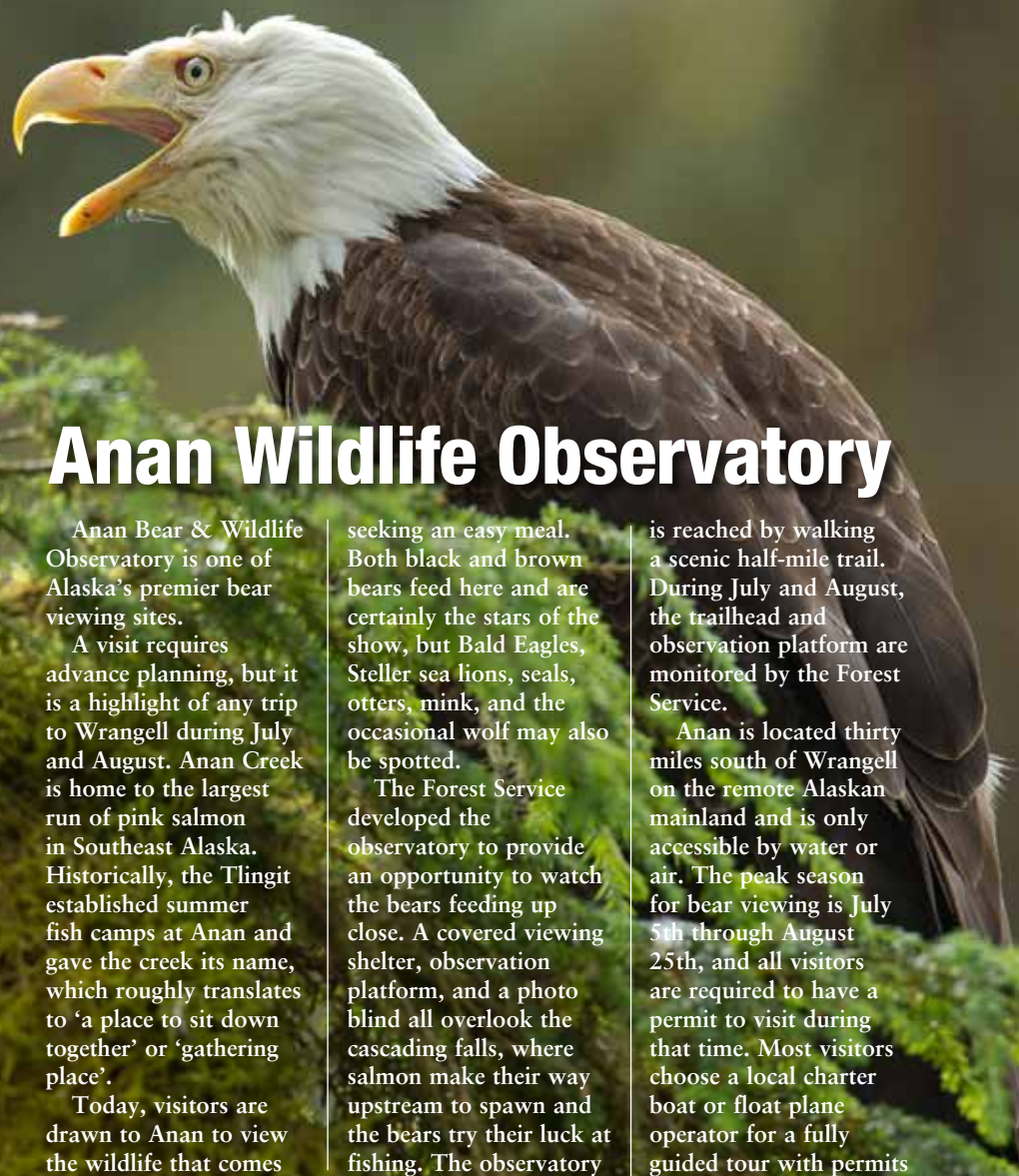
The **Anan Wildlife Observatory** (p.5) is perhaps Wrangell's greatest attraction, where you can enjoy world-class bear viewing of both brown and black bears.

Tours with local charter companies provide unique opportunities for **marine wildlife viewing** (p.12) and spectacular destinations.

Fishing (p.9) for salmon, trout, steelhead, halibut, and shellfish attracts anglers at all levels of experience.

Cultural & Historical Activities

Wrangell has a rich artistic heritage, experienced through both contemporary and historical **artwork** (p.15). Local artists are featured in several shops downtown, while the **Wrangell Museum** (p.19) displays many ancient works and Tlingit artifacts. There are many **cultural attractions** (p.14) documenting Wrangell's long history (p.18).



Anan Wildlife Observatory

Anan Bear & Wildlife Observatory is one of Alaska's premier bear viewing sites.

A visit requires advance planning, but it is a highlight of any trip to Wrangell during July and August. Anan Creek is home to the largest run of pink salmon in Southeast Alaska.

Historically, the Tlingit established summer fish camps at Anan and gave the creek its name, which roughly translates to 'a place to sit down together' or 'gathering place'.

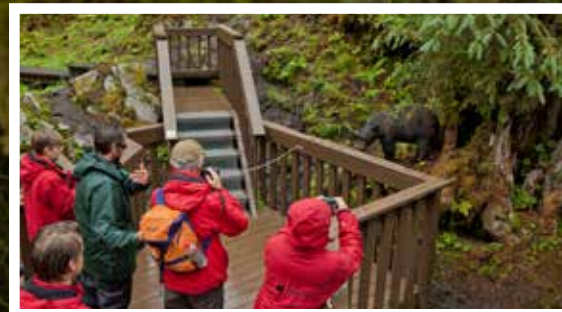
Today, visitors are drawn to Anan to view the wildlife that comes

seeking an easy meal. Both black and brown bears feed here and are certainly the stars of the show, but Bald Eagles, Steller sea lions, seals, otters, mink, and the occasional wolf may also be spotted.

The Forest Service developed the observatory to provide an opportunity to watch the bears feeding up close. A covered viewing shelter, observation platform, and a photo blind all overlook the cascading falls, where salmon make their way upstream to spawn and the bears try their luck at fishing. The observatory

is reached by walking a scenic half-mile trail. During July and August, the trailhead and observation platform are monitored by the Forest Service.

Anan is located thirty miles south of Wrangell on the remote Alaskan mainland and is only accessible by water or air. The peak season for bear viewing is July 5th through August 25th, and all visitors are required to have a permit to visit during that time. Most visitors choose a local charter boat or float plane operator for a fully guided tour with permits included. If traveling on your own boat, you can obtain private permits from www.recreation.gov. Visiting Anan outside of the peak season does not require a permit, but all posted regulations at the trailhead are still in effect for safety.



Stikine River



The Stikine is a massive, wild river that has carved braided channels through spectacular glacial valleys, coastal rainforest and the sandy delta where it empties into the Pacific Ocean at Wrangell's front door.

The Stikine is an international river, originating in British Columbia's wilderness and flowing freely for 400 miles to its mouth just north of Wrangell. The magnificent Stikine's vast ecosystem and abundant fish and wildlife are the reason the community of Wrangell is located where it is today and

why many visitors come to visit. The river can be explored in many different ways, but it is definitely something you don't want to miss.

Take a flight over the river for unparalleled views of its numerous glaciers and spectacular, rugged coastal mountains. Get up close and personal with a jet boat charter out of Wrangell for fun, fast-paced access to the glacier, lakes, hot springs, wildlife and endless scenery. For a more leisurely river trip, canoes, kayaks and rafts are available to rent locally (or bring your own). While exploring,

spend a night or two in one of the Forest Service cabins and soak up the wilderness.

The Stikine is famous for its migrating birds and boasts the world's largest concentration of springtime eagles. All five species of salmon return to the waters of the Stikine. These wild salmon are an important element to regional wildlife and to fishermen—local, commercial, sport and subsistence.

Because the lower Stikine River is an important ecosystem for fishermen, wildlife, plant life, and much more, it is protected as the Stikine-LeConte Wilderness Area of the Tongass National Forest.



Glaciers

If you're looking for the iconic Alaska experience of seeing massive pieces of ice calving off the face of a glacier, LeConte will not disappoint. Navigating through LeConte Bay towards the glacier is a spectacle in itself, as the bay is a constantly changing museum of ice sculptures carved by weather and time. One of the best things about LeConte is that it is not frequented by large ships

and hordes of visitors, so you're likely to see more seals than boats on your visit.

LeConte Bay is home to many bird species, mountain goats, and hundreds of harbor seals in their pupping season from late May to mid-June. They give birth on the ice bergs in the bay to provide protection, though the cycle of life continues, and they are often preyed on by eagles and the

occasional orca.

Shakes Glacier is connected to the same ice field that feeds LeConte Glacier, but it lies nestled in a scenic lake 30 miles up the Stikine River from Wrangell. While Shakes is less active than LeConte, the winding river channels leading to it are filled with beautiful waterfalls and towering peaks. Neither glacier is an experience you'll want to miss.

Hiking & Camping

Hikers and campers will find plenty of choices both on Wrangell Island and in the surrounding area. For those staying close to town, the Mt. Dewey Trail is a popular half-mile hike retracing the footsteps of famous naturalist John Muir and leading to a view overlooking the town and oceanfront. The

Volunteer Park Loop (locally known as the Nature Trail) is also easily accessible from town and offers an easy stroll through muskeg, marsh and rainforest environments.

At the Shoemaker Bay Recreation Area, five miles from town, is the trailhead for the Rainbow Falls trail system. Whether you stop at the platform to

view a scenic 100-foot waterfall or continue on for a longer, more strenuous hike, you're in for spectacular views and lush forest. Backpackers may choose to spend the night at one of the three-sided Forest Service shelters.

City Park, one mile from the ferry terminal, offers tent camping close to town. Shoemaker Bay Recreation Area also offers free tent camping areas and 16 RV sites with or without hookups for a fee. The adjacent marina parking area provides a dump station, water spigot, and restrooms.

Visitors with their own vehicle can access numerous Forest Service campsites on the island. Maps of the trails and roads can be found



at the Visitor Center located in the Nolan Center or at the Forest Service office.

Local outfitters offer canoe and kayak rentals, jetboat charters, or flights providing access to remote Forest Service cabins and trails that can only be reached by boat or floatplane. There are 23 cabins located in the Wrangell area. These rustic cabins include heating stoves, plywood bunks, tables, benches, and outhouses. Information and reservations for these cabins can be found online at www.recreation.gov.

Sport Fishing

Wrangell's calm, protected waters and proximity to abundant streams and rivers make for excellent fishing opportunities. Whether you are an experienced angler returning to Alaska or a novice here for the first time, Wrangell is surrounded by bountiful ocean waters and sheltered passages with easy access, creating the perfect setting for angling adventures. Fish for all five species of salmon, halibut, shrimp, crab, and an array of bottom fish.

Bring your favorite spinning or fly rod and fish Wrangell's idyllic streams and shoreline on your own or hire a local charter company or professional guide for the day or even a multi-day sport fishing adventure.

Join our annual Coho or halibut fishing derby in late August and early September. In Wrangell, the waters are calm and the fishing is great. Make it your next angling adventure.



Paddling

The opportunities abound for paddling the waterways on and around Wrangell Island. Whether by kayak, canoe, raft, or stand up paddleboard, Wrangell is the perfect departure point for spectacular paddle destinations.

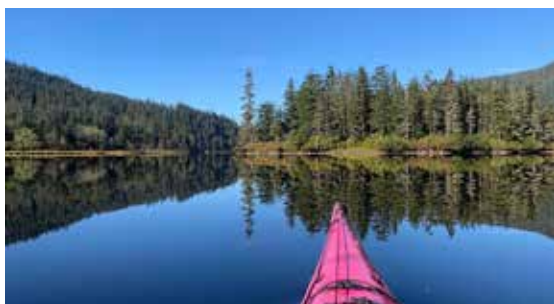
Stay close to town and cruise the local shores to experience Wrangell from the waterline. Glide silently along pristine shores nestled among our countless islands, explore serene freshwater lakes, or ramp up your adventures by paddling down the mighty Stikine River.

Local operators provide rentals and gear for either single or multi-day use. Venture even further by chartering a boat to drop you off at a remote beach or Forest

Service recreational cabin and explore the region by water. There are ample camping spots and cabins to tuck into along the hundreds of shore miles

in the region.

Wherever you choose to paddle, you will truly experience the wilderness of Southeast Alaska.



Bird Watching



Wrangell's location on the Pacific Migratory Route makes it home to some world-class bird viewing opportunities. The Stikine River delta is an important stopover site for migrating birds during spring and fall, bringing in hundreds and thousands of birds including gulls, ducks, Sandhill Cranes, Tundra Swans, Snow geese, eagles, and many others. Local operators provide transportation

to popular viewing areas including the sloughs and grass flats located on the northern end of the Stikine River delta.

In the spring, a run of small fish known as hooligan can bring in as many as 1,600 eagles (not to mention seals and sea lions). This makes the Stikine River the largest springtime concentration of Bald Eagles in the world. The Stikine River Birding Festival, which occurs

in late April/early May, coincides with both the hooligan run and the spring shorebird migration, making it a great time for birders to visit Wrangell.

Close to town, Muskeg Meadows Golf Course and the Nature Trail are great places for an early morning walk to hear and spot songbirds. A drive or bike ride down Zimovia Highway, which parallels the shoreline, gives birders an opportunity to look for waterfowl, eagles, and Great Blue Herons.





Marine Wildlife

Marine mammals are incredibly abundant in the waters around Wrangell. The rugged shoreline of the Inside Passage and the cold, rich waters support a myriad of sea life, including seals, otters, sea lions, humpback whales, orcas and porpoises.

Southeast Alaska boasts some of the most spectacular humpback whale viewing around. This is one of only a few areas in the world where humpbacks exhibit a highly specialized behavior called 'bubble net feeding'. This complicated and still somewhat mysterious feeding technique involves a group of whales blowing rings of bubbles underwater to corral small fish and

capture them as they swim upwards, breaking the surface with their mouths open.

Whale watching and marine mammal tours are offered by several local tour operators. Keep an eye out for whale spouts on the horizon, playful families of otters resting on kelp beds, or the unmistakable sight of an

orca's dorsal fin slicing through the ocean's surface. The annual run of hooligan fish up the Stikine River draw massive groups of seals and sea lions coming to feed en masse before heading off to different feeding grounds nearby. You won't be disappointed in these waters for marine wildlife viewing!



Golfing

Wrangell Golf Club, lovingly known as Muskeg Meadows, is a USGA regulation 9-hole course with a 250-yard driving range. Starting in 2020, Muskeg Meadows now also boasts an 18-basket disc golf course with tournament class baskets for a fun group activity.

The champion golf course is 5,920 yards long, par 70, course rating 119, with two flags at each hole for an 18-hole game. Clubs, carts, apparel, logo discs, beverages, and snacks are available on site at the pro shop.

Open tournaments

are held most every weekend during the summer. While golf and disc golf are our passion, Muskeg Meadows is also a favorite among locals for birding, walking, and cross-country skiing in the winter.

The course winds through rainforest and meadows with abundant berry bushes, streams, and scenic ocean views against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains. Accompanying the vistas, sightings of Sitka black

tailed deer and bald eagles are common, as well as the occasional black bear. It is truly a memorable experience to play golf surrounded by the natural beauty of Southeast Alaska.

The course has exclusive features, including the 'Raven Rule', which states if a raven steals a ball, it can be replaced without penalty, provided there is a witness. In addition to the Raven Rule, the grass course has no 'out of bounds'. If a ball goes off the fairway and can be found in the forest, it can be hit where it is without penalty.

Cultural Attractions

Wrangell is the site of a variety of cultural influences. From its earliest period of occupation, perhaps as far back as 8,000 years ago, people have taken advantage of Wrangell's ideal setting. Ancient petroglyphs give evidence of early occupation. Petroglyph Beach Historic State Park has close to 40 rock carvings scattered on the beach. Low tide allows access to many of them, however certain lighting and weather can play a part in discovering some of the less obvious carvings.

Chief Shakes Tribal House and Island provide a glimpse into the traditional Tlingit way of life. The oldest known house posts in existence, dated to the

late 1700s, are from the original Chief Shakes Tribal House and are on display at the Wrangell Museum. Kiks.àdi Totem Park displays several hand-carved totems.

Wrangell's museum,

located in the Nolan Center, provides an interactive walk through Wrangell's history from the time of the Tlingit Nation's rule through Russian and British control to the present day.



Art

In Wrangell, you will find that the unique art styles of today complement historic crafts from the past. Throughout the city, artistic remnants such as totem poles and petroglyphs serve as reminders of Wrangell's rich cultural heritage. Today, our evolving art community displays their works in many

downtown local shops. Jewelry, paintings, carvings, clothing and much more are all available from talented local and regional artists. From traditional cedar basket weaving to new techniques such as casting plants in resin for jewelry pieces, creativity and inspiration are never lacking.

The Nolan Center hosts regular Community Markets to showcase local vendors and their products. Everything at the market is locally grown, harvested, raised, or handmade. The market creates a fun and welcoming social atmosphere for locals and visitors alike.



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Wrangell's History

Wrangell is one of the oldest Alaskan communities and the only one to have been ruled under four nations: Tlingit, Russia, Britain and the U.S. The Tlingit were the first known inhabitants of Wrangell.

Both Russia and Britain established forts in Wrangell, a focal point for exploration and the development of the fur trade. The town of Wrangell was established after Alaska was sold to the United States in 1867.

A number of activities—gold rushes, fur trapping, farming—flourished through the years as Wrangell experienced several boom and bust cycles. Eventually commercial fishing and processing

entered their heyday and the first sawmill in Alaska, established in 1888, marked the beginning of Wrangell's long history in the timber industry.

Naturalist John Muir was a frequent visitor in the Wrangell area and Wyatt Earp was the sheriff for a

short time. Wrangell was incorporated as a City in 1903. The Tongass National Forest was established in 1907 in southeast Alaska, providing fish and wildlife habitat protection, and unlimited opportunities for recreation and economic prosperity.

Wrangell has been widely used in Alaska for place names, which can sometimes lead to confusion. The city of Wrangell is named after Baron Ferdinand Von Wrangel, governor of Russia's settlements in Alaska from 1829 to 1834. The Wrangell Narrows is a waterway just north of Wrangell Island known for its challenging navigation and marked by numerous lights and buoys. Much further north is Mount Wrangell, located in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve. In the Aleutian Islands there is a Cape Wrangell on Attu Island. There is also a Wrangel Island in the Russian Arctic, not to be confused with our Wrangell Island.

Nolan Center

The James and Elsie Nolan Center is a modern waterfront facility located in the heart of downtown Wrangell. Since its opening in 2004, the Nolan Center has become a popular community gathering place.

Upon entering the lobby, you will feel immersed in culture right away with art and display cases featuring objects from the Wrangell Museum's collection. The detail of the facility is exquisite, down to the replica of the Stikine River Delta inlaid on the floor tiles.

The museum exhibits provide a powerful narrative of the culture, heritage and peoples of Wrangell. Upon entering the facility, it is hard to miss the stunning Chief Shakes house posts that were carved between 1775



and 1790 and are the oldest in existence today. The museum gallery is a stimulating walk through time with several audio-visual opportunities to take it all in.

The Gift Shop is both the entrance and exit to the museum. Books pertaining to the history, culture, nature, adventure and photography of the area line the walls and displays offer one of a kind souvenirs and local art—the perfect place to find a piece of Wrangell

to take home with you (including local garnets).

The Nolan Center also houses the Visitor Center, providing local resources and an interactive map of the area. The Civic Center is used for various events, including meetings, conventions, weddings, concerts and more. On most weekends, the Civic Center is converted into the Nolan Center Theater, where current movie releases are played for the public.



Ports & Harbors

As a remote island community, it goes without saying that boats are very important to our way of life. We rely on ferries for transportation and barges for all of our fuel, groceries and other goods. Most local kids learn how to drive a boat before a car. Wrangell is a port town through and through.

Wrangell provides moorage for float planes and boats in four different harbors. The Marine Service Center is located near downtown and provides haul out, repair and storage services for vessels in Alaskan waters. There are 150- and 300-ton marine travel lifts, a 40-ton hydraulic trailer, boat wash-down area, and more than four



acres of fenced and paved upland work and storage area.

Wrangell has some of the best metal fabricators, shipwrights, fiberglass workers, machinists and mechanics in the region to provide services for yachters and the commercial fleet.

Harbor services for permanent and transient moorage include shore

power, fuel docks, tidal grids, hydraulic hoists, sewer pump-outs, and used oil and waste collection.

Inner Harbor and Reliance Harbor are located half a mile from town near the Harbor Master's business office and industrial area. Heritage Harbor, one mile from downtown, has the largest number of stalls for both long term and transient moorage. The recently renovated Shoemaker Bay Harbor is located five miles from downtown, near RV and tent sites and the Rainbow Falls trailhead. The Summer Float is on the downtown waterfront and used for transient moorage and by tour companies for staging charters.

Local Charm

Wrangell's charm comes from the abundance of local personality and colorful characters. Getting to know Wrangell is getting to know a bit about the people who live here. So, what is it like to call Wrangell home?

- Boats outnumber cars
- There are only 14 miles of paved road and over 100 miles of gravel Forest Service roads
- There are no traffic lights
- Kids learn to drive boats before cars
- You'll only see crowds on the 4th of July, at youth sports games, and for the Christmas Midnight Madness shopping spree
- The dress code is always 'come as you are or as you like'
- 'Southeast sneakers' (Xtratuf boots) are a staple in every household

- Our local newspaper is the oldest continuously published paper in Alaska
- The pace of life is relaxed, but hard work is highly valued
- Drivers pause in the street to exchange friendly greetings

With a small population of around 2,400, we are a diverse and delightful melting pot of people that genuinely care for each other and will help our neighbors in times of need.

Take the time while visiting Wrangell to listen to the local gossip at a coffee shop or visit one of our social hubs—the post office, grocery store, or hardware store. Tune in to our local public radio station, KSTK—they might even let you do your own show if you're in town for a while! Wrangell's charm is sure to captivate you.



Calendar of Events

January Polar Bear Swim

April/May Stikine River Birding Festival

Wrangell is known as the gateway community for the Stikine River and is an important stop for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway. The delta attracts thousands of Bald Eagles, making it the largest springtime concentration in North America. The festival is the perfect opportunity for adventurous birdwatchers to observe hundreds of thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds which migrate to the delta each spring. (www.stikinebirding.org)



May-September Fishing Derbies

Salmon and halibut fishing derbies attract anglers every year hoping for the largest catch and the best story. Cash prizes and donated gifts await the winners. (www.wrangellchamber.org)



Weekend Golf Tournaments

at Muskeg Meadows

Community Markets



July 1-4 Fourth of July

The 4th of July in Wrangell brings family, friends and visitors from all over to experience the small-town celebration in a big way. The festivities start days in advance with community picnics, games, and events. The evening of July 3rd begins with music and ends in a fantastic fireworks display. The 4th of July opens with the annual parade, followed by street games, local vendors, food booths, and the logging show. (www.wrangellchamber.org)

Late July Alaska Bearfest

Celebrate the Bears of Alaska in Wrangell. Bearfest offers many activities for all ages during the five-day festival, which always starts on the last Wednesday in July. Favorite events include the famous slimy fish toss for kids, photo contests and workshops, bear safety presentations, symposiums presented by well-known bear researchers across the country, live music, gourmet dinner and auction, and finally a 5K, half marathon, and full marathon. The must-see excursion (available throughout July and August) is the Anan Bear and Wildlife Observatory to view black and brown bears feasting on pink salmon. (www.alaskabearfest.org).



November Harvest Festival

December Festival of Lights

Travel Directory

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Wrangell RV Park

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THINGS TO DO

Alaskan Artist Brenda Schwartz-Yeager

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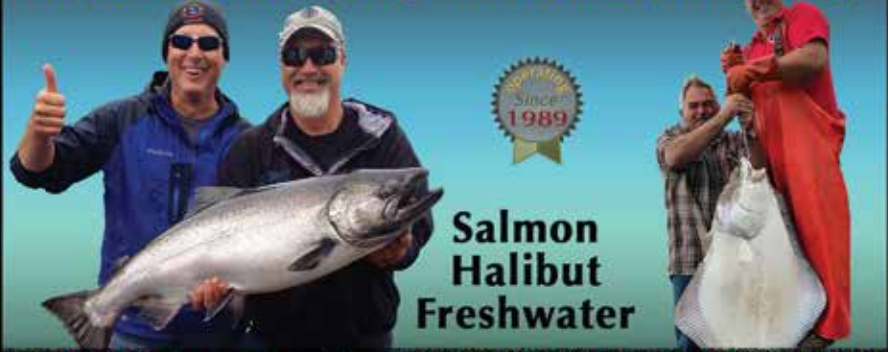
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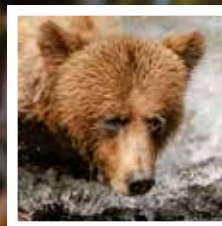
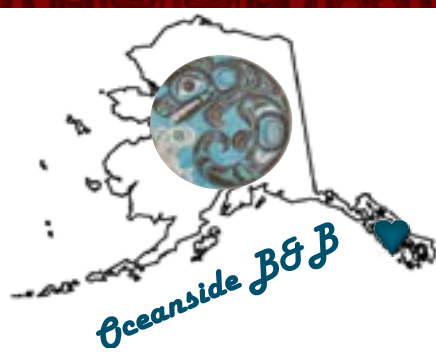
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