



- 1 POTTER'S MARSH** (mile 117) Photograph waterfowl from the boardwalk, read the wildlife displays, search for spawning salmon, or just soak in the sights and sounds of this peaceful marsh. Thousands of migrating birds rest here including trumpeter swans, rednecked grebes, golden eyes, and pintails.
- 2 POTTER SECTION HOUSE RAILROAD MUSEUM** (mile 115) National Archives photos and model railroads help you imagine the lives of railroad crews who lodged here long before the road existed. Chugach State Park offices are now here (345-5014). Check out the massive 9-foot high rotary plow out back.
- 3 TURNAGAIN ARM TRAILHEAD** (mile 115) Just across the road, the mostly level trail contours the mountainside with spectacular views breaking through the trees. Follow it 9.5 miles to Windy Point, or cut out after 3.5 miles at Mchugh Creek.
- 4 MCHUGH CREEK PICNIC AREA** (mile 111) A waterfall tumbles over boulders into a still pond impounded by a 70-foot cliff at this scenic spot. Hike the trail along the creek to its source at Rabbit Lake, five miles and 3000 vertical feet above, or go in just a short distance to smell the lush forest.
- 5 BELUGA POINT** (mile 110) juts into the Inlet, offering a sweeping panorama. Step up to the viewing scope to spot belugas chasing salmon that come in with the tide, or killer whales hunting belugas. Displays explain whales, tides, and the cycles of life in the silty waters below. You can walk the rocky beach at low tide.
- 6 WINDY POINT** (mile 106) Mountain goats and Dall Sheep roam to the road's edge to feed on plants and lick salt residues. Or look for them high above on the craggy cliffs where their surefootedness protects them from wolves and bears. You might mistake them for specks of snow until you see them move!
- 7 INDIAN VALLEY MINE** (mile 104) is a well-kept secret, founded in 1910 by a 56-year-old vagabond who came to Alaska with the Gold Rush. The Cowles family will show you his 100 year-old cabin, teach you to pan for gold, and regale you with Alaska stories. Pet wild deer, pigmy goats, and exotic birds at nearby Indian Valley Meats.
- 8 BIRD RIDGE TRAIL** (mile 102) climbs 3,000 feet in a little more than a mile to magnificent views of the fjord-like Turnagain Arm. Hike up just a few hundred vertical feet to look for flowers and see the views.
- 9 BIRD POINT** (mile 99) A short boardwalk leads to the water to view the bore tide, a rushing wall of water up to 6 feet high. Turnagain and Knik Arms are the only U.S. locations where they occur regularly. Look for the bore 2.25 hrs after low tide here at Bird Pt (1.5 hrs after at Beluga Pt., 3 hrs at Girdwood, and 4 hrs at Portage). The bike path across the highway leads 7 miles into Girdwood along the old highway.



**10 GIRDWOOD TURNOFF** (mile 90) Just before the turnoff, notice the ghost forest that met its doom during the 1964 earthquake when the land sunk as much as ten feet and saltwater penetrated the soils. The mall at the turnoff is your last chance for gas for many miles.

**11 PORTAGE TURNOFF** (mile 79) A century ago, Portage Glacier filled Portage Lake. The glacier has receded from view, but you can put your fingertips on icebergs from the melting glacier, take a boat ride to its face, and learn about glaciers at the visitor center.