Guide to

Alpine Ridge Trail in Kachemak Bay State Park

Trail Description:
A popular, quick route to alpine areas, this trail begins near the high point on the Saddle Trail and steeply follows a ridge through spruce and alder to alpine tundra, ending on a treeless knoll (near 2100 feet), with spectacular views of Grewingk Glacier and a deep glacial valley. Alpine tundra above treeline invites further exploration of the ridge.

Park Access:
Kachemak Bay State Park is accessed via boat from the Homer Harbor. Local water taxis can provide transportation to most park trailheads.

Camping:
No campsites at or near trailhead; no developed sites, backcountry camping above timberline. Alpine areas are extremely fragile; please practice no trace camping, no campfires.

Water Availability:
Limited water, no streams; seasonal pools beyond trail end. Use water purification techniques for drinking water to avoid contracting Giardiasis (beaver fever).

Trail Access: Saddle Trailhead: Saddle Trail to Lagoon Trail
Allowable Uses: Hiking
Distance: 1.9 miles
Elevation Gain: 1600 feet
Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult; long, steep climbs
Hiking Time: 2 hours (to treeline)

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