

Guide to

Turnagain Arm Trail

in Chugach State Park



Trail Description:

Multiple trailheads to start your adventure; these include: Potter, McHugh, Rainbow, and Windy Corner. Many side trails lead off the main trail with Access to McHugh Lake, Table Rock and several rock climbing areas.

Safety and Considerations:

Moose and bears frequent this trail as a travel corridor. In the spring, beware of moose calving areas around McHugh Creek Day Use Area. Know proper techniques to avoid and respond to dangerous wildlife encounters.

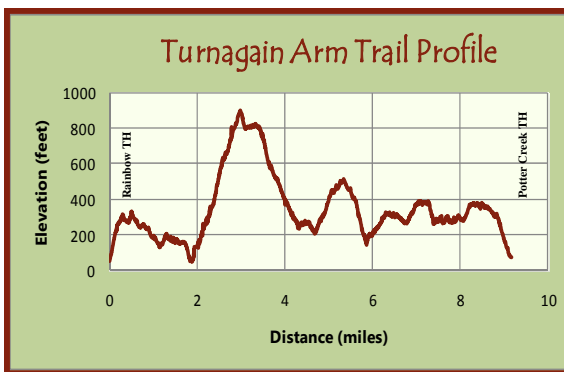
Access: Potter Trailhead (Seward Hwy, Mile 115); McHugh Creek Trailhead (Seward Hwy, Mile 112); Rainbow Trailhead (Seward Hwy, Mile 108); Windy Corner Trailhead (Seward Hwy, Mile 106).

Allowable Uses: Hiking. Bikes not allowed.

Distance: Potter to McHugh - 3.4 miles
McHugh to Rainbow - 4.2 miles
Rainbow to windy - 1.9 miles
Total of 9.5 miles one way

Elevation Gain: 200-1000 feet

Difficulty: Moderate



Special Features:

One of the first trails of the year to melt because of its southern exposure. Trail parallels the highway and railroad; it follows the support route created during 1910's railroad construction. Good views of Turnagain Arm and Kenai Mountains, especially in spring and fall when foliage is minimal. Coastal vegetation and spring wildflowers. Look for Dall Sheep at Windy Corner.

Park Rules:

Bikes are not allowed. Open fires are prohibited except in the McHugh picnic area. Pets must be on a leash while in the trailhead parking lot, and be under control on trails and in the backcountry. Please clean up after your pet. Visit <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chugach> for a complete set of park rules.

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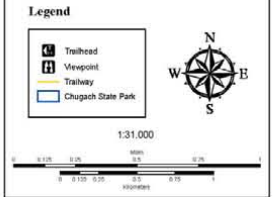


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Projected Coordinate System:
NAD 83, State Plane Alaska, Zone 4
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