



# Compeau Trail

## Multi-use trail

**Difficulty:** Moderate / Strenuous

**Total Elevation Gain:** Approx. 2150 ft.

**Special Features:** Summer access to the Colorado Creek Cabin, as well as excellent views of the Chena River Valley, Alaska Range, and White Mountains.

### Trail Description:

This multi-use trail provides good summer access to the Colorado Creek Public Use Cabin. Follow the blue/black trail markers for 18 miles to reach the cabin. The dozer line along the ridge offers stunning views of the Chena River Valley, the Alaska Range, and north towards the White Mountains.

### Trail Guide:

Trailhead – The Compeau Trail begins at mile 29.9 Chena Hot Springs Road, on the North side of the road (left side from Fairbanks).

- 0-10 The first 10 miles of trail follow an easy contour route with grades of 10% or less.
- 10-15 At mile 10 the Compeau Trail intersects the Little Chena Dozer Line. The trail follows the Dozer Line for approximately 5 miles along the ridge. Caution: this portion of the trail may be rough and have steep grades.
- 15-16 The Compeau Trail departs the Little Chena Dozer Line near mile 15, and turns South following a steep 1950's dozer line for 1 mile.
- 16-18 The last 2.5 miles follow an easy contour route to the cabin, with grades of 10% or less.

The Little Chena Dozer Line is part of the 18 mile trail to the cabin. The dozer line was constructed in 2004 during the Boundary Fire. The trailhead to the Little Chena Dozer Line is at the end of a 6-mile wood cutting road. This un-maintained road leaves Chena Hot Springs Road at mile 18, next to Two Rivers Elementary School. The Little Chena Dozer Line is 13.5 miles long ending at the top of a prominent ridge. The Compeau Trail joins the Little Chena Dozer Line at about mile 8.5 of the Little Chena Dozer Line.



### Seasonal Trail Closure

Due to saturated soils during spring break-up this trail will be closed (except for hiking) from April 20 through May 22.

### Cautions and Rules:

- Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Weather can change rapidly; carry raingear warm clothes, and be prepared.
- Water sources may be unreliable and unsafe. Carry at least one day's supply of water.
- Mosquitoes and gnats are abundant in summer; carry insect repellent.
- Minimize your impact on the area; camp away from the trail, pack out what you pack in, and bury human waste away from the trail.
- Target practice is not allowed in the Recreation Area except at the mile 36.5 shooting range. The discharge of weapons is allowed only for the lawful taking of game.
- Disturbing or gathering natural materials is prohibited in the Recreation Area, except for berries, mushrooms, and similar edibles for personal use.
- Stay alert and cautious of any trapping activities in the area, traps and bait may be located near trails. Children and pets should be monitored closely.

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