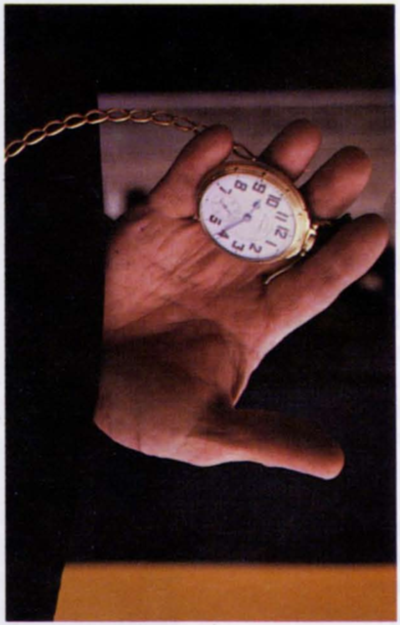


# The Alaska Railroad

Stretching four hundred and seventy miles, from Seward to Fairbanks, The Alaska Railroad spans the wilderness of the last frontier. Travelling on The Alaska Railroad brings you close to this magnificent land—and to the people who call it home.

Alaska is a land of contrasts—in terrain, in climate, and in lifestyles. Prospectors, miners, and trappers still roam the Bush, while satellite communications technology links Alaska's cities with their counterparts. Like all frontiers, Alaska is an adventure. A trip on The Alaska Railroad will show you the real Alaska—the beauty of the untouched wilderness, blended with the vitality and excitement that comes with the building of a new land.

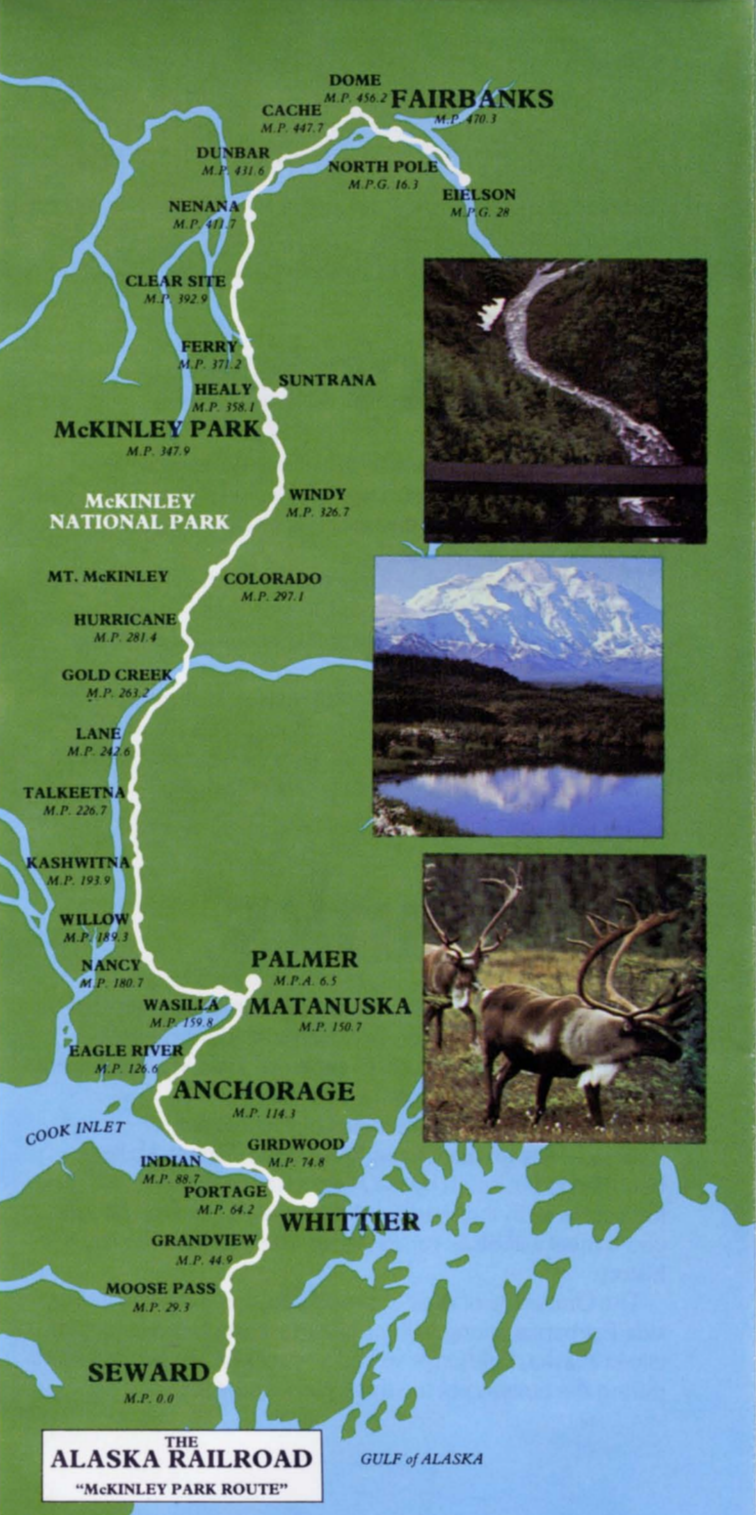
You can see, and feel, it all for yourself—on The Alaska Railroad. Travelling on one of our Aurora streamliners lets you see Alaska in comfort—and in the best Alaskan style. Naturally, you'll find vistadome cars, where you can get a birds-eye view of the Great Land; and the dining car frequently features Alaskan delicacies. And, aboard the Aurora, you'll discover something on which Alaskans particularly pride themselves—outstanding hospitality.



## Incredible Alaska. Get close To it.

One of the things that makes Alaska a scenic showcase is its endless variety. Seashore gives way to meadows and then to mountains with almost bewildering suddenness; with the tallest peaks in North America forming an impressive contrast to the fresh green fields of the Matanuska and Tanana Valleys.

In the long days of Alaskan summer, wildlife is everywhere. Spotting bear, fox, or moose (to name just a few) is a continuing delight. And the plants and wildflowers that blanket Alaska in summer create a technicolor extravaganza you'll never forget.



## THE ALASKA RAILROAD

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The Alaska Railroad is often referred to as The Mt. McKinley National Park Route. During the summer months, this vast wilderness is served by twin Aurora streamliners, leaving from Anchorage and Fairbanks.

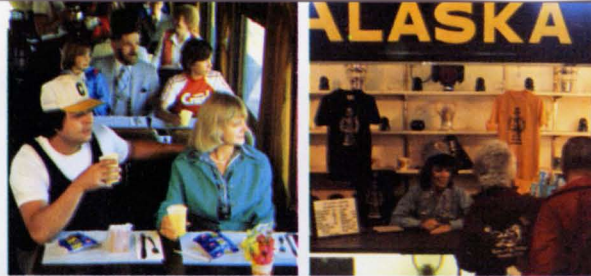
# Mt. McKinley National Park

Upon arrival at the Park, you can settle in for a night's stay at the colorful McKinley Park Station Hotel, McKinley Village, or other fine facilities in the area. Better still, plan to spend at least a couple of days. You'll want to take time for the McKinley Park Tundra Wildlife Tour, so don't forget your camera! Venturing deep into the heart of the park, you'll see caribou, Toklat Grizzlies, Bald Eagles, moose, Dall Sheep, mountain goats, foxes, and wolves. In fact, an African safari is the only other way to see so many different animals in their natural environments. And McKinley itself, rising more than twenty thousand feet into the sky, provides the scene with the most spectacular backdrop in North America.

When you've explored this fascinating wilderness, return to Anchorage or Fairbanks via The Alaska Railroad. Your McKinley experience could be the most exciting two-day adventure you've ever had.



For more information about accommodations and reservations at McKinley Park, and other locations along The Alaska Railroad, write or call: National Park Service, 540 West 5th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 271-4243



Occasionally, The Alaska Railroad will run special trains at the request of various groups or organizations. If you'd like to put together an expedition for a group of hikers, skiers, bird watchers, rock collectors or any other group, contact the traffic officer at The Alaska Railroad.

## One-Day Trip



If you don't have time for an extended Railroad journey, consider taking a one-day trip. There are numerous stations where you can hop off and catch the return train back. For details contact our main office.

## Seward



Although passenger service is not regularly scheduled to Seward, special trains often carry visitors to this charming town for activities such as the Annual Fourth of July Mount Marathon Race, which draws runners from all over the country; and the Seward Silver Salmon Derby, held each summer—an irresistible challenge to sport fishermen.

Special trains will often make the run to Seward for these and other events.

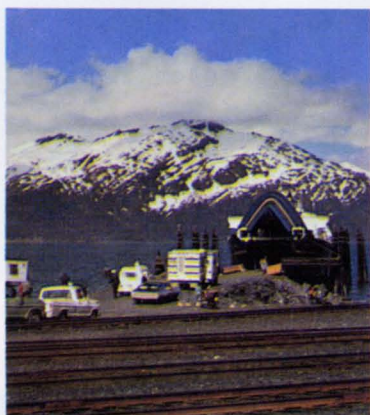


## Skiing

In order to accommodate the enthusiastic skiers who flock to Alaska in the winter, The Alaska Railroad offers special ski-train runs during the season. Enjoy cross-country and downhill skiing at Grandview, or at majestic Mt. Alyeska.

## The Whittier Rail/Ferry Route.

You can take the whole family on a rail shuttle trip to Whittier—in fact, you can bring your car, truck, or camper, too. The Alaska Railroad and the Alaska Marine Highway System have joined forces to create an unusual rail/ferry trip. At Portage, you drive your vehicle aboard an Alaska Railroad flatcar for a 35-minute trip.



Emerging from two mountain tunnels, you find yourself in Whittier, on Prince William Sound. One of the three communities regularly served by The Alaska Railroad, Whittier is a beautiful setting in which to spend the day. Rent a boat and do some salt-water fishing, take a sightseeing cruise—or just enjoy the fjords and glaciers of the Sound.

If you want to see more of this breathtaking country, drive aboard an Alaska Marine Highway ferry for a journey to Valdez, past natural wonders like the massive Columbia

Glacier. Watch for seals basking on the ice floes—you might even see a whale or two. Return by the same route, or drive back to Anchorage via the scenic Richardson and Glenn Highways.

Vehicles must board and disembark at Portage. Passengers wishing to travel without vehicles may board in Anchorage. No reservations are necessary on the railroad; however, they will be required on the Alaska Marine Highway. For more information, write The Alaska Marine Highway, P.O. Box 2344, Anchorage, AK 99510.

## The Cities We Serve

The cities served by The Alaska Railroad are unique—but each is a thriving example of the spirit of Alaska. The Alaska Railroad played a major part in the development of these cities, and we take special pride in bringing them new visitors.

Anchorage



Fairbanks



## Anchorage

Anchorage owes its existence to The Alaska Railroad, having started life as a railroad construction camp. The combination of railhead and deep-water port produced what is now Alaska's largest city.

The size and sophistication of the city is often surprising to visitors. A campus of the University of Alaska is located in Anchorage, as well as a community college and a private university.

Many of Alaska's most beautiful recreational areas are within easy driving distance of Anchorage. It's a booming metropolis on the edge of the wilderness—and that makes it ideal for those who enjoy the best of both worlds.

## Fairbanks

Unofficial capital of the Interior, Fairbanks was founded by Tanana Riverboat Captain E.T. Barnett, during his (successful) search for gold. And Fairbanks' Gold-Rush roots are readily evident in this friendly, colorful city.

Fairbanks—northern terminus of The Alaska Railroad—lies on the Chena River in the Tanana Valley, bounded to the south by the Alaska Range. Sourdough-style log cabins sit in the shadow of skyscrapers; and the people you'll meet will be as varied and as interesting as the city's history.

The University of Alaska's main campus is located just outside Fairbanks, along with its fine museum. Second-largest city in Alaska, Fairbanks served as construction headquarters during the building of the trans Alaska pipeline.