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Guides



Chase Trail
Alaska



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distance. Never run from a bear or moose. Instead, back away slowly and give them their space. The community of Chase, for which the trail is named, originated in 1922 as a railroad station at Mile 236.2 of the Alaska Railroad. Today, only a few hardy residents remain, living self-sufficient lives along the banks of the nearby Susitna River.

Other areas have blossomed too. Nodwell, just off the Chase Trail past mile 5, has grown into a small community and once even boasted a bar. Clear Creek, at the end of the trail, is known for its great fishing. Locals often recommend the trail to tourists, especially those who want to go beyond Talkeetna's main drag of cafés and shops.

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The first five miles of this 14-mile trail—mostly flat and gravel—follow the Alaska Railroad. Families and those just visiting for the day should love it. Occasionally, a train passes, bringing a roar to an otherwise peaceful landscape. About 5 miles outside of Talkeetna, the trail leaves the tracks and enters a thick spruce-birch forest.

The land adjacent to the trail is private property, so please, no trespassing. Also, be aware that dangerous wildlife (brown bears and moose in particular) do make an appearance from time to time. Be alert and keep your



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States: Alaska

Counties: Matanuska-Susitna

Length: 14 miles

Trail end points: Clear Creek to Talkeetna
Spur Rd.

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The trailhead for the Chase Trail is in the northwest corner of the Alaska Railroad parking lot in Talkeetna.



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-  Trailhead
-  Restroom
-  Parking
-  Water Fountain
-  Tunnel