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Guides



**Palmer-
Moose Creek
Railroad Trail**
Alaska



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The northern half of the trail is wedged between tall bluffs and the river, with occasional minor landslides requiring quick repair from local volunteers. Farther south, a dense mix of birch, spruce and cottonwood trees offers ample opportunities for birdwatching and other wildlife encounters. The Chugach Mountains populate the skyline impressively to the south.

The trail dead-ends at Moose Creek, so trail users must



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States: Alaska

Counties: Matanuska-Susitna

Length: 6.1miles

Trail end points: Eagle Ave. and Valley Way
(Palmer) to Glenn Hwy./SR 1 at Moose Creek (6
miles north of Palmer)

Trail surfaces: Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Palmer-Moose Creek Railroad Trail is available along Eagle Avenue in Palmer. Alternatively, park at the northern trailhead off Glenn Highway at Moose Creek, located approximately 6 miles north of Palmer. From the parking lot, cross the highway and follow the short trail along the creek to the start of the rail-trail.



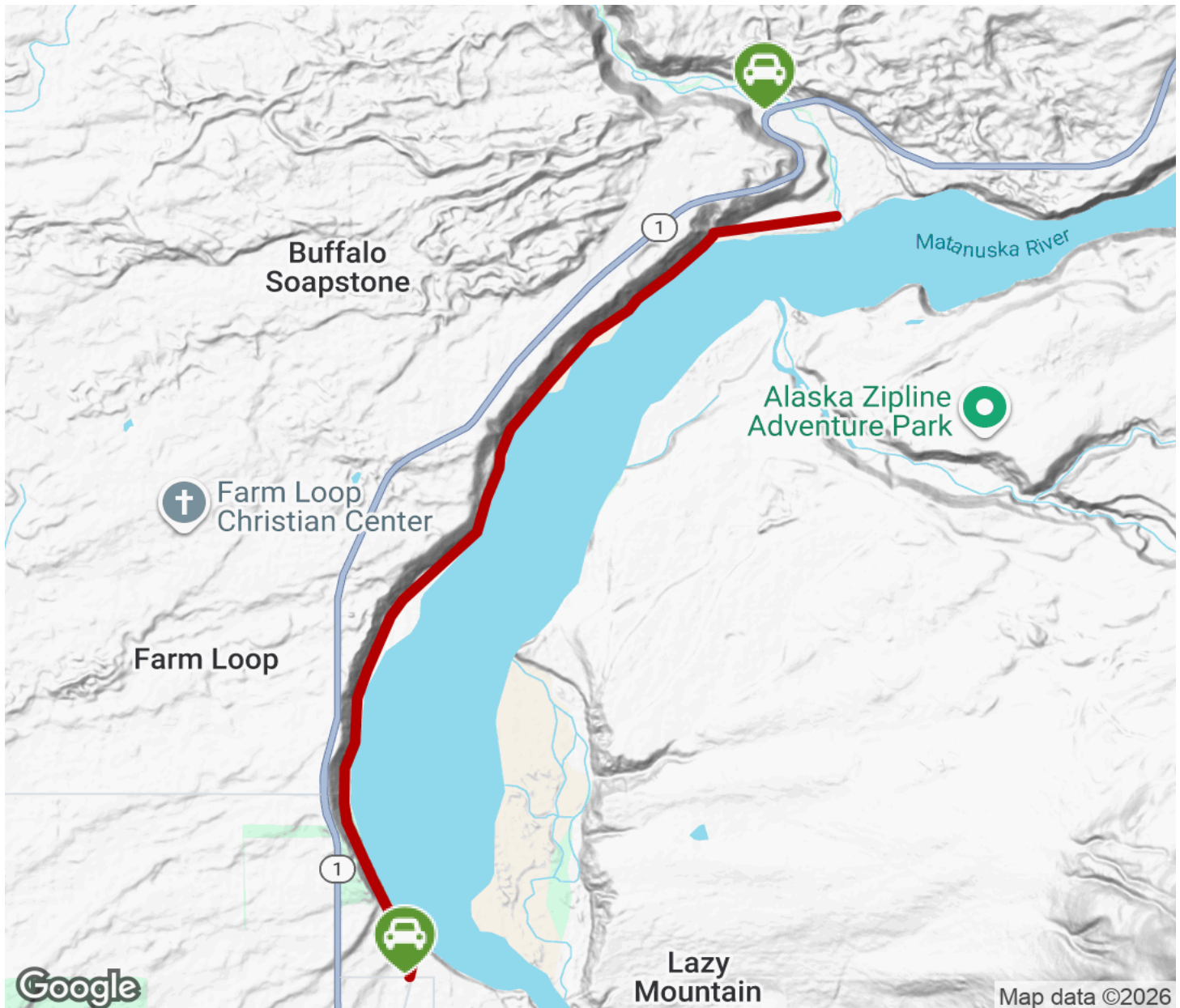
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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