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Guides



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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 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 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 distance. Never run from a bear or moose. Instead, back away slowly and give them their space.



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States: Alaska

Counties: Matanuska-Susitna

Length: 14 miles

Trail end points: Talkeetna nr. the airport to
Clear Creek

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Mountain
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country
Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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