



Backcountry Trip Planner

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The Park

The Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, together with adjacent National Parks and Wildlife Refuges in both U.S and Canada, is part of the world's largest contiguous piece of internationally protected land, recognized by the United Nations as a World Heritage site. The park is six times the size of Yellowstone, includes 10 of the 15 highest peaks in North America and the nation's largest glacier system. The mountains, high alpine tundra and wide river valleys offer unique opportunities for backcountry travelers to enjoy an incomparable wilderness experience.

The Flight

Flying over impressive glaciers, through colorful jagged mountains and along wide glacial rivers to a remote destination is an experience you'll never forget. On the way, your pilot will be able to point out hiking routes and identify exciting geographic features. We've carefully chosen landing areas offering access to the most spectacular regions of the Park. The Individual headsets provided allow you to talk to the pilot as you fly to a backcountry destination of your choice.

How to Choose your Trip

While offering incredible views and stunning solace, traveling in the Wrangell-St. Elias wilderness can be unexpectedly challenging. Many hiking routes involve river crossings, steep and rugged terrain, and require honed backcountry navigation skills. We recommend that you choose your trip carefully, keeping in mind the following:

- Your experience level. Routes starting at one point and ending at another are the most challenging. Base camp excursions allow you to become acquainted with the Wrangell-St. Elias wilderness without the pressure of reaching a specific destination. Hikers less familiar with Alaska terrain may also opt to hire a local guide. Traveling alone is not recommended.
- Duration of your trip. Inclement weather can foul even the best-planned flight schedules. Remember to allow at least one extra day.

- Cost. Wrangell Mountain Air offers a wide variety of trips. Prices quoted are per person, two persons minimum.

THE TRIPS

Choose among the following types of trips:

Wilderness Backpacking

On the way to your drop off point, enjoy a scenic flight up glacial valleys and past nameless mountains. Once you reach your destination, establish a base camp for day hiking, travel a loop exploring surrounding mountains or hike via a suggested route to another airstrip.

Fly-In Day Hiking

Fly out in the morning and enjoy a day hiking alpine meadows, exploring remote river valleys, seeking out blue glacial ice and waters or just savoring the solitude of remote wilderness. We can schedule a pick up in time for dinner.

Glacier Trekking

Land on one of the numerous glaciers the Park has to offer. Spend a day, or several, amid a playground of blue ice canyons, crystalline streams and deep blue pools. If you do not have glacier experience and the required gear, safely enjoy glacier trekking with the aid of a local guide.

River Rafting / Kayaking

Whether arranging your own rafting trip or hiring a local guide service, floating through the Park is a terrific way to discover the grand scale of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Fly your party and equipment into a remote location and experience the thrill of a whitewater run or relax on a scenic float. Watch for a wide variety of wildlife as you float through some of the most rugged terrain in North America.

Custom Trips

Plan a trip based on your experience level, budget and desired means of travel. You may want to combine rafting, hiking and glacier travel, or arrange to have your pilot drop off/pick you up at some other specified location. Combination custom trips often involve rigorous travel and technical equipment. Local guides may be recommended, depending on your level of experience.

Guided Trips

Local guides are available for any of the above trips. A guide experienced in the Wrangell-St. Elias wilderness will enhance your ability to safely explore and enjoy exciting terrain you might have never visited on your own. Upon request we will provide you with our recommendations of experienced local guides for the type of trip you desire.

BACKPACKING

Wrangell-St. Elias is a wilderness park without maintained trails and a great variety of challenging terrain. The trips listed below traverse a wild, dynamic, awe inspiring land by routes which may or may not have discernable trails. Distance quickly becomes irrelevant in this varying terrain, so we have supplemented rough mileage estimates with recommended travel time in days. We suggest studying the appropriate USGS maps before making your final choice.

RATES ARE PER PERSON, ROUND TRIP, 2 PERSON MINIMUM.

All trips originate at McCarthy unless arranged otherwise

***These Destinations are new this year**

The Goat Trail

\$195 per person

Maps: McCarthy C-3, C-4, B-4

~25 miles

5-8 days

This classic Alaskan hike follows the geographic division between the Wrangell and St. Elias ranges and along an historic route leading from McCarthy to the Chisana gold fields. A scenic flight among high mountains and glacial rivers takes you to the Skolai landing strip (4500'). Spending a day or two in Skolai allows you to explore 'Hole in the Wall' Glacier or hike the alpine bench overlooking Russell Glacier which provides spectacular vistas of the University Range (16,421'). From Skolai, the route climbs over 6000' Chitistone Pass, through Chitistone Gorge and descends to follow the Chitistone River down to the landing strip at Glacier Creek. Steep cliffs interrupted by waterfalls border this canyon, which is home for black and grizzly bears, wolves, wolverine, red fox and mountain goats. Hikers may opt to travel in the reverse direction, beginning at Glacier Creek and ending at Skolai.

***This route may involve difficult river crossings and traverses steep, exposed scree.*

Skolai to Wolverine Mountain

\$220 per person

Maps: McCarthy C-3, C-4

~18 miles

4-8 days

This variation of the Goat Trail allows you to remain at high elevations and avoid the larger river crossings on the Chitistone. After landing at Skolai, you'll follow the same route over Chitistone pass and along the gorge. At the top of Chitistone Falls, you will turn up a small creek valley leading into high alpine meadows, surrounded by hanging glaciers on one end and the impressive views of Mt. Bona (16,421") and Mt. Churchill (15,640') on the other. Watch for caribou, Dall sheep, mountain goats, grizzlies, wolves, and wolverine.

***This route involves traversing steep exposed scree, loose talus, minor stream crossings and wet tundra (depending on the time of year).*

Beaver Creek Trail (Horsfeld to Chisana)

\$325 per person

Maps: McCarthy D-2, Nabesna A-2, A-3

~20 miles

4-8 days

A scenic flight through Chitistone Pass will take you across the divide to the north side of the Wrangells. The Horsfeld landing strip at 3500', in the Nutzotin Mountains, is above tree line in open tundra country, allowing excellent opportunities to watch for caribou, grizzly bears, wolves, wolverines, Dall sheep, and a variety of birds including golden eagles. The trail follows gentle terrain along Beaver Creek and leads to the historic Chisana (Shushanna) gold district - site of the last great Gold Rush in 1913. History buffs may enjoy searching the area for old

cabins and artifacts (not to be removed from the Park please). An extra day or two will allow for a day hike up Carl Creek or Grayling fishing at Beaver Lake. The trail at Beaver Lake continues to the settlement of Chisana. Rustic lodging is available at Chisana, and a restored historic cabin is also available for public use.

***This route follows a well defined trail most of the way, although it may disappear in tundra tussock or be overgrown. It may be wet in certain areas and crosses several streams that vary greatly in size throughout the season.*

Castle Peak Route

\$225 per person

Maps: McCarthy C-6, C-7

~12 miles

3-5 days

A short flight over Kennicott Glacier takes you to a small airstrip in Hidden Lake Valley. Guarded at its end by an ice-dammed lake which drains annually, this canyon offers amazing scenery. Steep limestone cliffs, cut by waterfalls, offer bands of Dall sheep and mountain goats safety from the canyon's predators - wolves, wolverine, foxes, grizzlies and black bears. The route ascends this narrow canyon to a 5400' pass and descends into the Lakina River. While in the pass, visit one of several blue-green alpine lakes and enjoy the view of steep, southeast facing Castle Peak (10,190'). From here, the route takes you down steep, rocky, scree covered slopes to the landing strip on a gravel bar of the Lakina River.

***This hike involves extended side-hill traversing of steep grassy and rocky slopes, as well as river crossings.*

Castle Peak Traverse

\$275 per person

Maps: McCarthy C-6, C-7, C-8

~28 miles

7-10 days

From the Lakina River, the route crosses the valley by way of the toe of the Lakina Glacier, and continues up Mill Creek along the base of Castle Peak. A steep climb takes you to a high pass at 6000', about 1000' above the valley floor. On a very clear day, view Mt. St. Elias (18,008'), Mt. Logan (19,850') and the countless unnamed peaks standing before them. A traverse following the tracks of Dall sheep along the high ridges leads to the final destination at Kuskalana Pass. From the open alpine country of this pass, enjoy excellent day hiking in several directions and opportunities for viewing black and grizzly bears, Dall sheep, wolves, foxes and both Bald and Golden Eagles

This continuation of the Castle Peak Route is recommend for experienced and/or guided backpackers seeking additional adventure and views of the region's highest Mountains.

***Chisana**

\$300 per person

Maps: Nabesna A-3 20-30 miles (depending on trip)

3-10 days

Gold was discovered in the hills and this log cabin town sprang up nearly overnight. The year was 1913 yet today this town still exists and offers the rare experience of a frontier town in a rugged mountain setting. From Chisana you can day hike or hike a loop through the hills where gold was discovered, or head off across the tundra to another airstrip for a later pickup. In Chisana you can stay at a log cabin the National Park Service renovated or at a local B&B. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere and clean mountain air at this fly in only, remote Alaskan town.

Skolai Pass to Nizina Glacier \$215 per person
Maps: McCarthy C-3, C-4 ~28 miles 7-10 days

After a spectacular flight through the Nizina and Skolai valleys, scoping your prospective route along the way, you will land at Skolai Pass (4500') and find yourself surrounded by massive peaks and impressive glaciers. On the other side of Skolai creek, the route follows an old trail along the valley to Frederika Glacier. With attentive route finding, you will travel the Frederika's ice highway, enjoying the bold scenery of the alpine environment. A rigorous climb on the back of an unnamed glacier leads to a lofty pass and stunning views of the Rohn and Regal Glaciers. Descending the green alpine basin before you takes you to the Rohn Glacier. Once again strapping on crampons, you cross the Rohn and Regal Glaciers below the magnificent Chimney Mountain. Enjoy views of Mt. Regal (13,859) and its blue icefalls on the last day of this trip, while traveling down the Nizina Glacier to the airstrip near terminus of the Nizina Glacier.

***This excursion involves traveling on glaciers and requires specialized knowledge and equipment. It is recommended only for backcountry travelers trained and experienced in glacier travel or as an adventurous guided trip.*

Solo Creek to Chisana \$280 per person
Maps: McCarthy D-2, D-3, Nabesna A-3 ~27 miles 4-6 days

Imagine you are a gold seeker in 1913 rushing to Chisana. Follow a historic trail through open tundra to this once booming frontier town. After a beautiful flight through Chitistone Canyon and over the White River, you will land at 3600' near Solo Creek. Passing several small lakes, you climb gradually to a height of 5000', then head down to Geohenda Creek and along its rocky bank to Chisana. Caribou frequent the rolling green country, as well as grizzlies, wolverine, wolves, and many interesting ground-nesting birds such as the quivering snipe. A public use cabin is available along the trail and in Chisana.

***The trail crosses several streams including Geohenda creek and can be quite wet in the flat tundra.*

Iceberg Lake to Ross Green Lake \$250 per person
Maps: Bering Glacier D-4, 5,6 C-4,5,6 ~17 miles 4-6 days

This exciting route begins at a lake nestled in a valley just recently vacated by glaciers. Beginning at Iceberg Lake, follow the shore to an unnamed tributary glacier that joins the Tana Glacier. The route maneuvers across 10 miles of undulating glacier ice surrounded by jagged mountain ridges. Revel in the solitude of this remote landscape and the incredible views in all directions. Traveling East, across the Tana Glacier, the route winds through moulons and across aqua blue glacier creeks to the edge of the glacier near the banks of Granite Creek. Follow this spectacular valley to the landing strips below Ross Green Lake. If your crossing went too quickly you may want to explore the rugged terrain of Thompson Ridge looming high above Ross Green Lake.

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Seven Pass Route

\$450 per person

**Maps: Bering Glacier: D-6,D-7 /McCarthy:A-6,A-7 ~18-35 miles
5-8+ days**

Virtually untouched by human presence, this is a remote hike through classic Wrangell terrain; massive glacier carved valleys, cascading waterfalls, and hidden alpine lakes, all await the adventurous hiker. Reminiscent of the Skolai Valley and the Goat Trail, The Seven Pass Route will challenge and amaze you with a constantly changing landscape. Three different options allow for varied backcountry skill levels and trip lengths, but all will leave you with a truly unique wilderness experience.

*****Hikers should be prepared for changing weather, steep and rough terrain, minor stream crossing and remote route finding. Depending on the route option you choose, glacier travel may be involved. If the full route is done, a guide may be advisable.*

BASE CAMPING and DAY HIKING

Many fly in destinations in the park provide opportunities for day hiking from the comfort of a fixed camp or exploring the country hiking in a loop and returning to the same airstrip. Because of the limited amount of trails and routes in this wilderness park, base camping is an excellent way to enjoy the backcountry.

***Please be aware that base campers will have a much larger impact on an area than continually moving hikers. Please know and follow the NPS guidelines for minimum impact hiking and camping.*

† Traverse routes are available. See descriptions under “backpacking”.

*** These Destinations are new this year.**

†Bremner Mine

\$230 per person

Map: McCarthy A-7

Located in a narrow valley at 3000", the Bremner mine is a collection of 1920's and 30's, era buildings and artifacts from a small scale, hard rock gold mine.

Surrounding mountains offer intriguing routes for day hiking or backpacking in a loop. Take a gold pan along for some recreational gold mining. A public use cabin is available on a first come first serve basis.

***Chimney Mountain**

\$300 per person

Map: McCarthy C-4,C-5

Fly up the amazing Nizina River Valley and land at the base of this spectacular peak perched above the confluence of the Rohn and Regal Glaciers. Day hike the high country and enjoy view of towering peaks and massive glaciers in all directions. Keep your eyes open for the local inhabitants. You will be wandering the summer

***†Chisana**

\$300 per person

Maps: Nabesna A-3

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the National Park Service renovated or at a local B&B. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere and clean mountain air at this fly in only, remote Alaskan town.

***Donaho Lakes** **\$225 per person** **Map: McCarthy C-6**

Just a short hop by plane from McCarthy, these lakes are an ideal place to get away for a day or longer. Surrounded by the Gates, Kennicott and Root Glaciers, this alpine oasis is right in the middle of some of the best views around. To the North is Mt. Blackburn (16,390'), the highest peak in the Wrangells. To the East, Donaho Peak towers over the lake basin. Enjoy some day hiking or head out for a longer adventure. The level of difficulty is up to you.

Doubtful Creek **\$170 per person** **Map: McCarthy C-4**

Located near the lake at the Nizina Glacier terminus, this location offers a variety of hiking terrain and expansive views dominated by nearby Nizina and Chimney Mountains. Follow the river bank upstream, along the glacier margin where blue ice is exposed by calving, seek out waterfall fed rock pools off of Moonshine Creek or ascend Doubtful Creek into the higher country.

Falls Creek **\$275 per person** **Map: Valdez A-1, A-2**

Land in open meadows at the end of a lake-filled valley. Encompassed by hanging glaciers and jagged mountains, enjoy rainbow trout fishing in the blue alpine waters. You can day hike two miles to a large waterfall or pick your way up the rocky, green slopes to higher elevations.

Glacier Creek **\$130 per person** **Map: McCarthy B-4**

Enjoy the flight in to the mouth of the Chitistone Canyon and land at the Glacier Creek airstrip. Surrounded by jagged peaks, glaciers and rivers, take advantage of the National Park Service public use cabin or camp on the dryas bars of the Chitistone River. From the airstrip you can hike the Chitistone canyon, climb to alpine meadows or access the Twaharpie Glacier. The awesome scenery of this secluded place will astound you.

†Granite Creek **\$230 per person** **Map: Bering Glacier D-4, C-4**

Located at the base of jagged Thompson Ridge, innumerable surrounding peaks compose an exciting alpine landscape. From the landing area on a sand bar near Ross Green Lake, explore along Granite Creek or climb to higher elevations. See long open views of Tana Glacier to the west, stretching from the giant Bagley Icefield, which lies just 5 air miles away to the south.

†Hidden Creek Lake **\$180 per person** **Map: McCarthy C-6**

Colorful limestone cliffs border this canyon whose waters empty into glacier-dammed Hidden Lake. A scenic flight over the Kennicott Glacier brings you to a landing strip inside the valley. From here, hike leisurely to the lake and watch for icebergs calving from the face of the Kennicott Glacier or follow the tracks of Dall sheep and mountain goats to the higher elevations.

Huberts Landing **\$270 per person** **Map: McCarthy A-2**
Land near the toe of the Chitina Glacier, which feeds the region's largest river. Here the river bar of the braided waters is three miles wide, and is home to moose, wolves, coyotes and even bison. Climbing moderate slopes behind the strip on a clear day allows views of Mt. Logan (19,850'), the second highest peak in North America. Take the route along the Chitina Glacier to Ram glacier for an enjoyable excursion to a secluded campsite with exquisite views. There is a public-use cabin available near the strip on a first come, first serve basis.

†Kuskalana Pass **\$300 per person** **Map: McCarthy C-7**
Follow the ancient trails of Dall sheep along the rolling alpine slopes of 5000' Kuskalana Pass. On a clear day, find sweeping views of towering Mt. Blackburn (16,390') and distant giants Mt. Logan (19,850') and St. Elias (18,008').

***McColl Ridge** **\$300 per person** **Map: McCarthy A-4, A-5**
Land on a ridge at 5000' with views in all directions. Hiking here is unlimited on the alpine ridges and meadows. See the Wrangell Range to the North and Mt. Logan and St. Elias to the South. Below the braids of the Chitina River wind their way through the beautiful landscape that goes on forever. Savvy observers will have the opportunity to watch Dall Sheep, Mountain Goats, Bears and possibly Wolves. The rolling terrain offers opportunities for base camping as well as a multi-day exploration of the ridge.
(This trip available from mid-June to August 5th).

†Skolai Pass **\$220 per person** **Map: McCarthy C-3**
From the landing strip at 4500', behold Russell Glacier spilling rocky ice into the gravelly expanse of the White River bar. Exploring the alpine terrain, views of Hole in the Wall Glacier, icy University Range (16,421') and grazing caribou call you in all directions.

†Wolverine Mountain **\$180 per person** **Map: McCarthy C-4**
Located on an alpine bench above Chitistone Canyon, this 5000' home for Dall sheep and mountain goat, is an excellent spot for day hiking and backpacking. View the snowy amphitheater of the University Range from nearby higher terrain.

Wrangell Plateau **\$275 per person** **Map: Valdez D-1**
Take a hike along the lower slopes of Mt. Wrangell. The broad, trundle plateau gives you unobstructed views and easy access to the icy Western side of this 13,887' peak. On a clear, windless day you may catch a glimpse of the steam plume rising lazily from this active volcano. Hiking is easy to moderate, and good camping spot can be had near small lakes and numerous clear streams. For the alert backcountry traveler, this location offers good opportunities to see Caribou, Dall Sheep, Wolves and Bears

†Iceberg Lake **\$250 per person** **Map: Bering Glacier C-6, D-6**
Near wide views of massive Bagley Icefield, this landing strip offers a variety of hiking terrain. Enjoy easy hiking along the lake; access the nearby white ice of Tana

RIVER RAFTING AND KAYAKING

Floating the waterways of the Wrangell-St. Elias is an excellent way to enjoy the vast beauty of the region. Running rivers, one is able to access country, which can be otherwise impenetrable. Traveling silently, boaters often see more wildlife than hikers. The rivers are glacial in source. They are fast, and extremely cold, thus requiring extra skill and great caution. Local guides are available. Prices for the following trips are dependent on the number of boats and gear. Please call for a quote.

Hubert's Landing to Nizina River 5 days **Class II**

Land at the toe of the Chitina Glacier, which feeds the headwaters of the Copper River's largest tributary. Floating for 60 miles from here, where the braided Chitina River forms a bar three miles wide, you will be continually joined by churning waters flowing from ice covered giants looming far above the valley. Watch for moose, wolves, Grizzly, black bears and bison, which roam the flat Chitina River banks.

Nizina Glacier to Chitina River 2 days **Class III**

Where Nizina Glacier crumbles into braided waters, begin a float through awe inspiring, cliff-bound terrain. Long tails of waters fall from massively folded and twisted limousine cliffs. After an exciting white water finale through Nizina Canyon, take out at the confluence with the Chitina River.

Kennicott River to Chitina River 1 day **Class III**

With Kennicott Glacier and Stairway Icefall behind you, load rafts at the Kennicott River footbridge into bubbling Class III rapids. A mellow float guides you into braided Nizina River. But waters soon boil again, squeezing through narrow rock-walled Nizina Canyon before reaching the take out at the confluence with the Chitina River.

Tana River to Nizina Confluence 2 days **Class IV**

Flowing from giant Tana Glacier, the Tana River has some of the area's most challenging water. Rushing past sand dunes created by the near desert environment, huge waters tumble into narrow Tana Canyon, and join the Chitina River in forested flats. Take out below the confluence with Nizina River.

***Guided trip is recommended. Only persons with advanced whitewater skills should attempt this trip.*

Disclaimer

Backcountry wilderness travel in Alaska can be dangerous. Any information provided by Wrangell Mountain Air is only intended as an aid and cannot guarantee safety. No information about the backcountry provided by Wrangell Mountain Air can be completely accurate nor relied on because of the constantly changing terrain, river levels and weather. Therefore as a backcountry traveler you are advised to judge and accept for yourself the hazards posed by each trip that you choose to undertake. By flying with Wrangell Mountain Air you accept the risk and responsibility for yourself and for those whom you actions affect in the backcountry.

TRIP PLANNING INFORMATION

The information listed below may be helpful for in planning your Alaskan backcountry adventure. The National Park Service has information about the park as well as publications about stream crossings and travel in bear country. They can also supply trip itineraries for some of the trips listed here.

The books are available at most bookstores. *Fast and Cold*, by Andy Embick, is well written by a man who has floated most of the rivers in the Wrangell-St. Elias. I highly recommend George Herbens' pictorial book on Wrangell- St. Elias. A wonderful combination of stunning photographs and insightful text. Danny Kostos' *Hiking Guide to Wrangell-St. Elias* is a much-needed addition and will be available in spring 2000. Trails illustrated maps give a good overview of the park but for detail pick up a copy of the *Alaska Atlas* by Delorme. You get all the maps of the park as well as the whole state of Alaska. For individual maps contact USGS in Anchorage.

MORE INFORMATION:

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Trails Illustrated Maps
P.O. Box 4357
Evergreen, CO 80437
800-962-1643
e-mail:topomaps@aol.com
Website:
<http://www.colorado.com/trails>

Alaska Atlas & Gazetteer
DeLorme Mapping
Yarmouth, Maine
04032
(Book of maps for Alaska)

BOOKS

*Fast and Cold: A Guide to Alaska
Whitewater*
Andrew W. Embick, 1994

Wrangell-St. Elias
George Herben, 1997

*Hiking Guide to Wrangell-St. Elias
National Park*
Danny Kost, (available spring 2000)

A Field Guide to Alaska's Wildflowers
Verna Pratt

Peterson Guide to Western Birds
Roger Tory Peterson

Soft Paths
B. Hampton, 1998

Glaciers of North America,
Sue Ferguson

Mountain Wilderness
(207 865-4171)

BACKPACKING EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

The following list is neither complete nor universal. Each person should make his or her own list.

ANY TRIP -- In Pack

Essentials:

*Maps of area	Compass
Headlamp (except June & July)	Water bottle
Food	Candle or firestarter
Swiss Army knife	Emergency signal device
First Aid kit	(flares, mirror, whistle, space blanket)
Prescription Drugs	Lighter/Matches in Waterproof case

Recommended:

Sunburn and Lip protection	Emergency shelter (Megamid/tent)
**Bear Spray	Toilet Paper, lighter and plastic bags
Insect repellent	Bandana
Small insulation pad to sit on	Plastic garbage bags
Water treatment system	Camera and film
Altimeter / GPS	

Clothing (Dress in non-cotton layers):

Sturdy boots	Gaiters
Wool or Polypro socks	Wool or fleece long underwear
Wool or Polarplus sweater or Fleece jacket/parka	Wind pants
Rain pants and jacket	Extra clothing (socks)
Sun hat	Wool or fleece mittens or gloves
Short sleeve shirt	Shorts
	River crossing shoes

Overnight And Longer Trips:

Backpack	Warm sleeping bag
Foam pad or mattress	Tent and accessories
Eating utensils	Cook pot(s)
Stove & spare parts	Fuel
Personal hygiene (toothbrush, pack towel, etc)	Repair kit (pliers, wire, cord/rope, buckles, needle, thread, buttons, plastic tie straps, duct tape, etc)
**Bear canisters for food and toiletries	**Emergency Radio (recommended for any fly-in or backcountry trip)

*Some maps available for sale from Wrangell Mountain Air.

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