

Parc national et réserve de parc national Kluane



Distance: 1 km (0.6 mi) return tripTime: 20-60 minutesElevation gain: 90 m (300')Maximum elevation: 871 m (2,860')Trailhead: 1 km (0.6 mi) north of the Thechàl Dhäl (Sheep Mountain) Visitor Centre on the AlaskaHighway.

IN SUMMARY

Self-guiding interpretive trail which leads to the site of the official opening of the old Alaska Highway in 1942.

THE DETAILS

The trailhead begins at the edge of the parking lot and follows the original Alaska Highway. Keep to your left at the bench at the top of the first hill. The trail will continue to climb until you reach a viewing platform and flags which is the location where the Alaska Highway opening ceremony was held in 1942. This walk provides beautiful views overlooking Kluane Lake as well as interpretive panels with information on the construction of the Alaska Highway.

Dall Sheep are often seen here in the spring and early summer.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Dall sheep rely on the plants of south-facing, snow-free slopes for critical nutrition. Dall sheep are high strung and may abandon parts of their range if repeatedly disturbed. **Hikers and photographers are asked to be respectful of the sheep and their fragile habitat.** Please:

- do not approach sheep closer than 50 metres (165 ft);
- hike in small, tight, slow-moving groups;
- never approach sheep from above, as it will confuse and stress them;
- put your dog on a leash, and stay far away from the sheep;
- stay on established trails or routes to prevent disturbance of the soil and fragile vegetation.

Bear sightings are common in the area. Review recommendations for travel within the **YOU ARE IN BEAR COUNTRY** brochure. All bear sightings should be reported to the staff at the Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre in Haines Junction or at the Thechal Dhal Visitor Centre.

Cellular telephones do not work in most of the park. Satellite phones or satellite messaging devices are strongly recommended. **For emergencies please call 1-780-852-3100.**

If you need a topo map: Destruction Bay 115 G/2.





