

In 1970, Port Chilkoot merged with Haines to become a single municipality, the City of Haines. Two years later, the post was designated a national historic site and became officially known, again, as Fort William H. Seward (although the underlying land is still owned by the Chilkoot Company). In 2002, the City of Haines was consolidated with the Borough of Haines to form the Haines Borough.

Fishing and gold mining were the initial industries of the Haines area. Haines is also remembered for its famous strawberries, developed by Charles Anway about 1900. His Alaskan hybrid, *Burbank*, was a prize winner at the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle, WA. A strawberry festival was held annually in Haines for many years, and this local event grew into the Southeast Alaska State Fair, which each summer draws thousands of visitors. Today, halibut and gill-net salmon fishing and tourism are the basis of the economy. Haines is an important port on the Alaska Marine Highway System as the southern terminus of the Haines Highway, 1 of the 2 year-round roads linking southeastern Alaska with the Alaska Highway in Canada.

Lodging & Services

For a small town, Haines is very much a

full-service community (see listing of services on pages 704-705). Haines has hardware stores, grocery stores (Howser's IGA Supermarket and Alaska Meat and Grocery); restaurants, cafes and taverns; automotive repair, a car wash; laundries, a post office and First National Bank, Alaska. The bank, Howser's IGA Supermarket and the Fogcutter Bar all have ATMs. **Buckshot & Bobby Pins** gifts and several other gift shops and galleries, many featuring the work of local artisans. The Haines public library offers Internet access. Swimming available at Haines Pool adjacent the high school.

Accommodations at **Captain's Choice Motel** (phone 1-800-478-2345), **Eagle's Nest Motel** (907) 766-2891, and historic **Hotel Halsingland** (1-800-542-6363). Bed and breakfast accommodations at **The Summer Inn**, phone (907) 766-2970. See ads and descriptions this section.

Camping

Private RV parks in Haines include **Haines Hitch-up RV Park**, **Oceanside RV Park** and **Port Chilkoot Camper Park**. See ads and descriptions this section.

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There are 4 state campgrounds in the Haines area. Portage Cove State Recreation Site on the waterfront, with 9 walk-in tent sites. Chilkat State Park, located 8 miles from downtown Haines via Mud Bay Road, has 32 tent/RV sites, 3 waterfront tent sites. Chilkoot Lake State Recreation Site, 10 miles from downtown Haines via Lutak Road, has 32 sites. At **Milepost H 27.3** Mosquito Lake State Recreation Site has 5 sites.

Transportation

Air: Haines airport is 3.5 miles from downtown. Air Excursions (www.airexcursions.com) and Wings of Alaska (www.wingsofalaska.com) offers daily scheduled service to and from Juneau, Skagway and other southeast Alaska communities. There are also 2 charter services. Some motels offer courtesy car pickup from the airport.

Car Rental: At Captain's Choice Motel, phone (907) 766-3111; Eagle's Nest Motel, phone (907) 766-2891; Avis Car Rental at Hotel Halsingland (907) 766-2000; and Lynn View Lodge, phone (907) 766-3713.

Highways: The Haines Highway connects Haines, AK, with Haines Junction, YT and was designated a scenic byway in 2009. It is maintained year-round. See HAINES HIGHWAY section. **The 10-mile Lutak Road leads to the Alaska Marine Highway terminal and Chilkoot Lake SRS.** The 8-mile Mud Bay Road accesses Chilkat State Park.

Ferries: Alaska Marine Highway vessels provide year-round service to Haines; see ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY section. **Ferry terminal on Lutak Road, 4.5 miles from downtown Haines;** phone (907) 766-2111.

Haines-Skagway Fast Ferry provides passenger-only transport between Haines and Skagway daily in summer.

Alaska Fjordlines offers a day cruise to Juneau in summer; phone 1-800-320-0146 or (907) 766-3395.

Cruise Ships: Several cruise ships call in Haines.

Private Boats: Transient moorage is available at Letnikof Cove and at the small-boat harbor downtown. Contact the harbor-master, phone (907) 766-2448.

Attractions

Take the walking tour of historic Fort William H. Seward; details and map are available at the visitor information center and at other businesses.

Historic buildings of the post include the former cable office; warehouses and barracks; fire hall; the guard house (jail); the contractor's office; plumber's quarters; the post exchange (now a lodge); gymnasium; movie house; the mule stables; and "Soapsuds Alley," the housing for noncom-

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