Guide to

Bird Ridge Trail

in Chugach State Park

Access: Bird Ridge Trailhead
Allowable Uses: Hiking
Distance: 2.5 miles one way
Elevation Gain: 3400 feet
Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Trail Description:
The Bird Ridge Trail begins as a steep ascent to timberline. The trail then follows the ridgeline to Bird Ridge Point (3505 feet). Expect to see many people on this popular hike. Exceptional views of Turnagain Arm and the Kenai Mountains.

Park Rules:
Bikes are not allowed. Pets must be on a leash while in the trailhead parking lot, and under control on trails and in the backcountry. Please clean up after your pet.

Visit http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chugach for a complete set of park rules.

Safety and Considerations:
Wear proper footwear and carry enough water for this strenuous uphill hike. No water source on the ridge. Snow can linger on the upper ridge through late spring. Trail is exposed, so be prepared for windy conditions. Steep trail with some scrambling. This area is subject to trapping during winter months.

Special Features:
First snow-free spring hike (due to southern exposure) in the park. Early wildflowers. Great views of Turnagain Arm and Kenai Mountains.

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