Guide to

Flattop Mountain Trail

in Chugach State Park

Access: Glen Alps Trailhead
Allowable Uses: Hiking
Distance: 1.7 miles one way
Elevation Gain: 1300 feet
Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Trail Description:
Trail ascends through a small grove of mountain hemlock before reaching timberline. It then traverses Blueberry Hill before reaching a saddle at the base of Flattop Mountain. Trail steepens and travels through talus fields on its way to Flattop’s summit. The upper route is identified by paint markings on the rocks.

Park Rules:
Pets must be on a leash while in the trailhead parking lot, and be under control on trails and in the backcountry. Please clean up after your pet. Open fires are prohibited except in a camp stove for cooking. Camping is only allowed over 1/2 mile from the trailhead.

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

Contact:
Chugach State Park Headquarters
Potter Section House — Mile 115, Seward Highway
(907) 345-5014  csp@alaska.gov

Safety and Considerations:
Trail becomes steep near the summit and requires some rock scrambling; check each foothold. Popular trail that sees a lot of use. Be aware of climbers above you as they can dislodge rocks. Summit is often cold and windy; bring appropriate clothing. Area is avalanche prone in winter; follow necessary precautions. Wear appropriate footwear and carry water for your hike. No water source on trail.

Special Features:
Most often climbed peak in Alaska. Affords 360 degree views of the Alaska Range, Chugach Range, Cook Inlet, and Anchorage. Popular berry picking area in fall.

Other Information:
The Flattop Mountain Shuttle provides transportation from downtown Anchorage to the Glen Alps Trailhead between mid-May and mid-November. Visit http://www.hike-anchorage-alaska.com for details, or call (907) 279-3334.