Guide to

South Fork Valley Trail

in Chugach State Park

Access: South Fork Eagle River Trailhead
Allowable Uses: Hiking. No Bikes allowed.
Distance: 4.8 miles one way (to Eagle Lake)
Elevation Gain: 850 feet
Difficulty: Easy

Trail Description:
Trailhead provides access to Eagle and Symphony Lakes; trail leads up valley providing excellent views of the South Fork drainage. Access to Hunter Pass (steep), as well as the Hanging Valley Trail.

Park Rules:
Camping is only permitted over ½ mile from the trailhead. Camping in an undeveloped area of a state park is limited to 10 consecutive days. Open fires prohibited, except in portable camp stoves. Pets must be on a leash while in the trailhead parking lot, and be under control on trails and in the backcountry.

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

Safety and Considerations:
Trail crosses avalanche prone slopes. Trail in between lakes has medium sized boulders that requires stable footwear. Use water purification techniques for drinking water to avoid contracting Giardiasis (beaver fever). Limited parking area. Please do not block access for local residents.

Special Features:
Most of the trail is in open alpine with spectacular views of surrounding peaks. Beautiful Eagle and Symphony Lakes were dammed by a rockslide. Excellent fishing; ADF&G stock lakes with trout and grayling.

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