Welcome to Haines Junction





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Welcome to Haines Junction! Whether this is your first visit or one of several, we extend a hearty welcome and are sure your stay will reveal why local residents have chosen with pride to call this community and area home. Situated next to Kluane National Park and Reserve, Haines Junction is the ideal base for wilderness excursions. Read on to discover how Haines Junction offers a memorable holiday to those who take the time to explore the area. Area Population: 840

Elevation: 655 metres/2150 feet

Summer Temperature Range Average: 8° to 21° Celcius (46° to 70° Fahrenheit)

Winter Temperature Range Average: -13° to -22° Celcius (8° to -8° Fahrenheit)

Average Summer Precipitation: 36.5 mm (1.43 in) per month

Average Winter Precipitation (snow): 22.3 cm (8.78 in) per month

Room Rates: \$75.00 - \$200.00

Getting Here

#### **BY AIR**

Whitehorse has daily flight services vear round from Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary, and from Juneau and Fairbanks, Alaska. During the summer months, there are direct, charter flights from Frankfurt, Germany and Zurich, Switzerland. From Whitehorse, Haines Junction is a scenic 160 drive. kilometre (100 mile) Several national and local rental car companies operate out of Whitehorse. A bus service operates year round between Whitehorse and Anchorage, Alaska, via Haines Junction.

#### **BY SEA**

Alaska Marine Highway ferries travel to Haines, Alaska on their way through the Inside Passage from Bellingham, Washington to Skagway, Alaska. From Haines, Alaska, Haines Junction is a beautiful 250 kilometre (155 mile) drive via the breathtaking Haines Highway.





#### **BY ROAD**

Snuggled beneath the Auriol Range at the junction of the Alaska and Haines Highways, Haines Junction is 1588 kilometres (987 miles) from the start of the Alaska Highway at Dawson Creek, 803 kilometres (500 miles) from Fairbanks, Alaska and 250 kilometres (155 miles) from Haines, Alaska. Roads are chip-sealed and well maintained year round.



History



Southern Tutchone Camp near present day village of Champagne, circa 1890. Yukon Archives, MacBride Museum Collection.

Lowell Glacier in Kluane National Park & Reserve. Parks Canada Photo. Dakwakada Dancers in traditional dress. Wolf Riedl Photo Alaska Highway. Yukon Archives. Haines Junction lies within the traditional homeland of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Southern Tutchone people who have lived in the area for thousands of years. Originally known as Dakwakada (High Cache), it's more recent history began in 1942 with the construction of the Alaska Highway, locating Haines Junction at Milepost 1016. The following year, a branch road was built over the Chilkat Pass to connect with Haines. Alaska. The Kluane Game Sanctuary was suggested in 1942, established in 1943, and in 1972, Kluane National Park Reserve was designated, with headquarters centered in Haines Junction. Today the village is a full service, year round community.



Wilderness



Haines Junction lies on the edge of a vast and spectacular wilderness. Kluane National Park & Reserve, together with Tatshenshini-Alsek Park in British Columbia. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska, form the largest internationally protected area on earth. This large area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized as a globally significant mountain wilderness. This includes the largest non-polar icefields in the world and Canada's highest mountain, Mount Logan at 5959 meters. Two of the finest rafting



rivers in North America, the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers pass through some of the park's most spectacular scenery. Large concentrations of Dall sheep and grizzly bears are both found in the Kluane area, along with black bears, moose, caribou, mountain goats, lynx, coyotes and wolves.

In Haines Qunction



The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' **Dä Kų Cultural Centre** opened in May 2012. **Dä Kų** is home of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Cultural Centre. CAFN is excited to welcome you to "Our House" and to share our rich culture and heritage with you. We hope you enjoy our orientation exhibits, changing exhibition space, cultural programming and retail store.

**Dä Kų** also houses the **Kluane National Park & Reserve Visitor Reception Centre** and the **Haines Junction Visitor Information Centre**. You will find displays and exhibits, a high definition video presentation, trail information, backcountry travel registration and a wealth of information on activities and visitor services in Haines Junction and the region. Campfire talks and guided interpretive walks in the park are also provided throughout the summer.

The St. Elias Convention Centre is home to a local history exhibit depicting significant events of the Kluane region since 1890. A growing collection of art work including a Millennium Quilt, a Ceramic Tile Mural and a Silk Screen Wall Hanging are displayed in the centre and highlight local artistic talent. As part of the Haines Junction Permanent Art Collection, the centre is home to Yukon Animal Tracks by Anne Macaire – a series of 48 ceramic wall panels depicting actual animal tracks, and Kluane's Mount Logan by Nathalie Parenteau, a triptych acrylic painting celebrating Canada's highest peak. In 2009, the "Skullpture Series" by former Yukon artist Shane Wilson was acquired, comprising 14 hand carved bronze skulls and a set of carved bronze moose antlers. A large triptych of the Lowell Glacier by local artist Libby Dulac was unveiled in 2010.

Exterior artwork can be found at the **James Smith Administration Building** – check out the *"Homeward Bound"* dogsled sculpture designed and created by local resident Bob Braun. Perched

atop the local waste management facility sign is a large metal raven sculpture, designed and created by Paul Baker. This was acquired in 2012, along with another unique piece by the same artist, a truck box planter with three metal ravens which is located at the intersection. next to the RCMP station. Adjacent to the main highway intersection, the Village Monument sculpture illustrates local wildlife. Nicknamed "The Muffin", this is probably the most photographed spot in "The Junction". One block along the highway towards Whitehorse, Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church is another local landmark and visitor attraction. Built in 1954, the church uses parts from an old army Quonset hut left over from the highway construction days. Across the highway, St. Christopher's Anglican Church is an impressive eight-sided log church designed and constructed by a local craftsman.

On the edge of town, Pine Lake is a popular spot for swimming, picnicking, fishing and boating with a beach and playground area that make it a perfect family destination. A short self guided interpretive trail starts at the end of the beach. The access road to the lake is off the Alaska Highway towards Whitehorse, 6 kilometres the main intersection. from Pine Lake is also accessible via a dedicated foot and bicycle trail adjacent to the highway.

At the other end of town, just north of the Dezadeash River bridge,



a parking lot on the west side of the Haines Highway is the starting point for the Dezadeash River Trail. This 5.5 kilometre easy walking trail takes you along the river's edge, through wetland and into forest, to a viewing platform overlooking the river valley. Make sure to check out the swallow nesting boxes just north of the trailhead. For the more energetic, the fifteen kilometre Auriol Trail provides a close up look of the St. Elias Mountains and great views of Haines Junction. The trailhead is located 7 kilometres south of town on the Haines Highway.





Haines Junction's location makes it an excellent base for day trips. On the shores of Kluane Lake, the historic Silver City, Tachäl Dhäl Visitor Centre and the Kluane Museum of Natural History at Burwash Landing, are all an easy, scenic drive to the north. Check out the Spruce Beetle Trail on the way - this 1.7 kilometer interpretive loop trail examines the life of the spruce beetle, and its effect on the forests of the area. Take a picnic and head for Kathleen Lake, Rock Glacier Interpretive Trail, Klukshu Salmon Camp and Million Dollar Falls along the Haines Highway. Or Canyon Creek Bridge, Otter Falls and Aishihik Lake off the Alaska Highway east of Haines Junction are interesting and fun day trips. For boaters, Haines Junction has four major

Day Trips

lakes in the immediate area – Pine Lake, Kathleen Lake, Dezadeash Lake and Kluane Lake, the Yukon's largest lake.

The magnificence of the Kluane region can best be appreciated with a flightseeing tour.



Enjoying the day at the Haines Summit. Wolf Riedl Photo



The splendor of Mount Logan, the St. Elias Icefields, and the Kaskawulsh and Lowell Glaciers, to name just a few, cannot be overstated. Tours operate daily from the Haines Junction airport.

There are several very rewarding half day, day and multi day hikes on Haines Junction's doorstep – the Visitor Reception Centre can provide details, information and maps on all of them. Experience the beauty of our forests, lakes and mountains up close on maintained trails, or hire a local experienced guide for a real wilderness hike.

Haines, Alaska can also be visited in a day via the Haines Highway, one of the most impressive drives in the north. This parkway route



Alsek Valley. Parks Canada / Fritz Mueller Photo • View of Kathleen Lake. Bruce Binder Photo. • Klukshu fish traps. Wolf Riedl Photo.

borders Kluane National Park & Reserve and Tatshenshini-Alsek Provincial Park. Reaching almost 1100 metres at the Chilkat Pass, the road then descends dramatically through several climatic zones before reaching Haines on the shores of America's longest fjord.

Alternatively, Haines can be included on a circular route, continuing on to Skagway and Whitehorse and then back to Haines Junction. Haines Junction is a stopping point on a second scenic loop. This route follows the Alaska Highway northwest from Haines Junction to Tetlin Junction in Alaska. Turning east via the Top of the World Highway takes the traveler back into Canada to Dawson City. The circle is completed traveling south to Whitehorse and back to Haines Junction. Whatever you choose, day trips or circuit trips, Haines Junction is a well placed starting point.





## s Junction, Gateway to Kluane



Activities





Hikers on King's Throne Trail. Parks Canada / Fritz Mueller Photo.

Whatever the season, the area abounds with outdoor activities. And whatever your age group, fitness level or leisure activity of choice, local guides and outfitters are there to show you the way.

Glacier flights, rafting, horseback riding, cycle touring, mountain biking, paddling, hiking, rock climbing, mountain climbing, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, cross country skiing, heli-skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, snowmobiling, northern lights viewing and snow boarding – Haines Junction has it all on offer!

Canoeing the Dezadeash River. Darlene Sillery Photo. Snowshoeing on the Alsek Valley Trail. Parks Canada / Fritz Mueller Photo.



Dog Sledding, www.glanzmanntours.ch Photo. • Overlooking Ä'äy Chú (Slim's River). Parks Canada / Fritz Mueller Photo.



Events



Plan your visit to coincide with one of Haines Junction's annual events. The community plays host each year to several major events – a 320 kilometre snowmachine race, a 244 kilometre bike relay from Haines Junction to Haines, Alaska and community Canada Day celebrations. The community also has an active cultural program, hosting a number and variety of performing arts events throughout the year.

Concert at Junction Overlook. Junction Arts and Music Photo. Trail of '42 Road Race. Wolf Riedl Photo.

Silver Sled Dog Race. Bruce Binder Photo.







#### JANUARY

- Alcan 200 Snowmachine Race snowmachine race from the US/Canada border to Dezadeash Lake on the Haines Highway and back – third Saturday in January.
- Old Timer's Hockey Tournament

#### FEBRUARY

- Female Hockey Jamboree mid February.
- St. Elias Lion's Club Annual Sweetheart Bonspiel – Valentine's Day weekend.

#### MARCH

- Silver Sled Dog Sled Races early March.
- Family Fun Ski Day

#### APRIL

- Ice Fishing Family Day Pine Lake
- Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival

#### MAY

 St. Elias Lion's Club Annual Jorg Schneider Memorial Poker Run – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in May.

#### JUNE

- Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay – over 1100 riders in teams of one, two, four and eight persons ride from Haines Junction to Haines, Alaska – 3rd Saturday in June.
- National Aboriginal Day special events to celebrate aboriginal culture and heritage June 21 every year.
- Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival
- National Parks Day June 16

#### JULY

Canada Day Celebrations – join the celebrations

 highway parade and barbecue, birthday cake
 and special events at the St. Elias Convention
 Centre – July 1st starting at 11:00 am.

#### JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

- Campfire Talks and Interpretive Walks in Kluane National Park – presented by Parks Interpretive Staff – weekly program throughout the summer.
- Coffee Houses northern musicians perform on the deck of the Village Bakery – Friday evenings – Free.
- Tachäl Dhäl Visitor Centre, Sheep Mountain – interpretive programs, information videos, viewing telescope – open daily.
- Junction Community Market Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., starting late May until the end of August - beside St. Christopher's Log Church.

#### OCTOBER

• Halloween Bonfire and Fireworks – fireworks display and hotdog roast at the Dezadeash River Day Use Area, October 31st.

#### NOVEMBER

• Christmas Craft Sale – local craft persons and artists sell their goods at the St. Elias Convention Centre – third Thursday in November.

#### DECEMBER

- Skate With Santa Christmas Eve afternoon
- Homecoming Hockey Tournament Saturday between Christmas and New Years.

Advance accommodation reservations are strongly recommended on any of the event weekends.

# Community Services

Kluane National Park & Haines Junction Visitor Centre. Parks Canada Photo

#### AT YOUR SERVICE

Haines Junction has extensive year round amenities. The community has a grocery store, public school, post office, bank, ATM, liquor store, territorial agent, library with high speed internet facilities, airport, college, two churches, police department, health centre, landfill and recycling centre.

Visitor accommodations include hotels, motels, cabins, bed and breakfasts, RV Parks, and campgrounds complimented with a variety of restaurants and a summer bakery. The village also has a seasonal swimming pool, arena and curling rink.



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### ST. ELIAS CONVENTION CENTRE

Hold your "Function in the Junction"! The St. Elias Convention Centre provides a first class meeting facility with a panoramic view of snowcapped mountain peaks. Completed in 1998, this 18,000 square foot building has

five meeting rooms available for rent ranging in size from 340 square feet to 4000 square feet. The Grand Hall is a multi purpose room with retractable seating for 240 persons and over 5000 square feet of space is available on the lower floor of the Centre for trade show displays and rotating exhibits.

With its stunning setting, weddings are frequent at the St. Elias Convention Centre - a special day deserves a special place! The municipal office upstairs in the Centre is the place to go for facility information and reservations.



## **BUSINESS LISTINGS**

Community Services

Name	Description	Phone (area code 867 unless noted)	Website
14 Acre Farm	Fresh baking available at the Little Green Apple, full service catering	335-0440 335-2258	hainesjunctioncatering.com
Acacia Vintage	Art, craft, clothing, vintage from June - September	634-5164	Facebook: Acacia Vintage
Alcan Motor Inn	Motel, laundromat, showers	634-2371	alcanmotorinn.com
Alpine Meadow Wellness Centre	Massage therapy, Ayurveda and nutritional consultation, raw food classes	634-7024	alpineayurveda.com
Aspen Place Suite B & B	Self-contained units	634-2600	aspenplacesuite.com
Carnivore Cabins	Cabins with kitchens	634-2683	carnivorecabins.com
Cozy Corner Motel & Restaurant	Motel, restaurant	634-2511	
Dalton Trail Lodge Haines Road (40 km S)	Rooms, restaurant (reservation only), guided & unguided fishing and hiking, ATV and canoe rentals	634-2099	www.daltontrail.com
Da Ku Cultural Centre Visitor Reception Centre	Tourist information, Kluane National Park information	634-7207	cafn.ca/da-ku-cultural-centre/
Dulac Art Studio	Local landscape paintings and prints Please call ahead for studio visits	634-2512	
Fas Gas Service Station and RV Park	Gas, diesel, ice, convenience store, RV Park	634-2505	
Frosty's Restaurant	Dine in / take out licensed restaurant from May - September	634-7070	
Glacier View Inn and Lucky Dragon Restaurant	Motel rooms, Chinese and Western cuisine restaurant	634-2646	
Glanzmann Tours Cabins Haines Road (34 km S)	Guided dogsled tours, hiking, fishing trips and canoeing trips, cabins	634-2001	yukon-glanzmanntours.com
H.J. Public Library	Library, internet access	634-2215	
H.J. Liquor Store	Liquor store and territorial agent	634-2201	
Haven in the Willows	Vacation rental home	634-2808	haveninthewillows.com
Inky Fingers Studio and Gallery	Original art, handmade prints, mixed medium	634-2943	marthajritchie.wix.com/ printmaker
Kathleen Lake Campgound	Camping and dry RV from May - September		
Kathleen Lake Lodge Haines Road (26 km S)	Cabins, campground, store	634-2888	kathleenlakelodge.ca
Kluane Bed & Breakfast Silver City (56 km W)	Cabins	841-4250	kluanecabins.com
Kluane Ecotours	Guided interpretive walks and hikes May - September	634-2600	thecabinyukon.com
Kluane Glacier Tours	Air charters, glacier flight seeing tours	1-888-634-2916	kluaneglacierairtours.com
Kluane Green Sprout B & B	Self-contained units	332-1774	kluanegreensprout.com
Kluane Machine	Automotive repairs, licensed mechanic	634-2215	
Kluane Park Inn	Hotel, motel, restaurant (Chinese and Western cuisine), lounge	634-2261	
Kluane RV Kampgound	RV and tent camping, convenience store and souvenirs, gas station, laundromat, showers, car wash	634-2709	kluanerv.ca

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Name	Description	Phone (area code 867 unless noted)	Website
Krude Che Cabins <i>Aishihik Lake/Kluane Lake</i>	Cabins (4 day minimum stay)	634-2378	
Little Green Apple Grocery Store	Groceries, fresh produce, seasonal goods, sandwiches, coffee, Lottery, ATM	634-2505	Facebook: The Little Green Apple YT
m.k.s holistic healing	Holistic energy and body work	333-2611	monikasteputh.com
Mile 1016 Pub	Licensed pub and restaurant	634-2093	Facebook: Mile 1016 Pub
Moe's Yukon Hostel Adventures <i>Haines Road (50 km S</i> )	Cabins, tipis, RV summer and winter camping	634-2666	moesyukonranch.ca
Mount Logan Lodge <i>Alaska Highway (9 km W</i> )	Rooms	634-2817	mountloganlodge.com
North 60 Petro Express	Self serve gas station		
Otter Falls Cutoff Alaska Highway (32 km E)	Restaurant, RV and camping, convenience store, gift shop, gas station laundromat, showers, rooms	634-2812	otterfallscutoff.com
Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church	Church services – 10:30 a.m. Sundays	634-3828	
Paint Mountain Pottery	Potter studio and art gallery	634-3828	
Parkside Inn	Stocked kitchenettes	634-2900	parksidekluaneyukon.com
Pine Lake Campground	Camping and dry RV from May - September		
Raven Hotel and Restaurant	Rooms, dining (reservation only), gift shop	634-2500	ravenhotelyukon.ca
Rocking Star Adventures Burwash Landing Airport (115 km W)	Glacier air tours, air charters, drop off service for hikers/rafters to Big Horn Lake, Lowell Lake	841-4322 1-855-824-2528	rockingstar.ca
Shakat Tun Adventures	Cultural experience on the land. Participate in workshops such as knife making, cultural tools, sewing, beading, and drum making	634-2016	shakattunadventures.com
Source Motors	Gas, diesel, propane, towing	634-2268	
Spruce Cottage Farm	Bedding plants, organic produce	335-9769	sprucecottagefarm.com
Stardust Motel	Rooms	634-2591	stardustmotelyukon.com
St. Christopher's Anglican Church	Church services – 2nd and last Sunday each month 10:30 a.m.		
The Cabin B&B <i>Haines Road (27 km S)</i>	Cabins	634-2600	thecabinyukon.com
Trans North Helicopters	Helicopter Charter Services, Heli tours, Glacier Tours	634-2242	tntaheli.com
Triple S Services	Mechanics garage, tire repairs, roadside repairs	634-2915	
Village Bakery	Baked goods, gourmet coffee, organic snacks, Friday night salmon bake and live music, gift shop	634-2867	villagebakeryyukon.com
Wanderer's Inn Backpackers Hostel	Dorm bunks, private room, shared bath	634-5321	wanderersinn.ca
Wilderness Technologies	Wilderness guiding	689-7700	wildernesstech.ca



**Finding it hard to leave?** Many of our long term residents came for a day! It's no surprise – the tranquility of a small village, with modern amenities and a million dollar view. The municipal offices can help - with information on properties for sale, rental housing, available employment, health and education services, listings of community businesses, community services and community organizations, and information on government services and municipal infrastructure. We would be happy to hear from you at:

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Pine Lake at Sunrise. Pam Butterfield Photo.



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