

## Edgerton Highway Trails

### Brenwick-Craig Road Easement

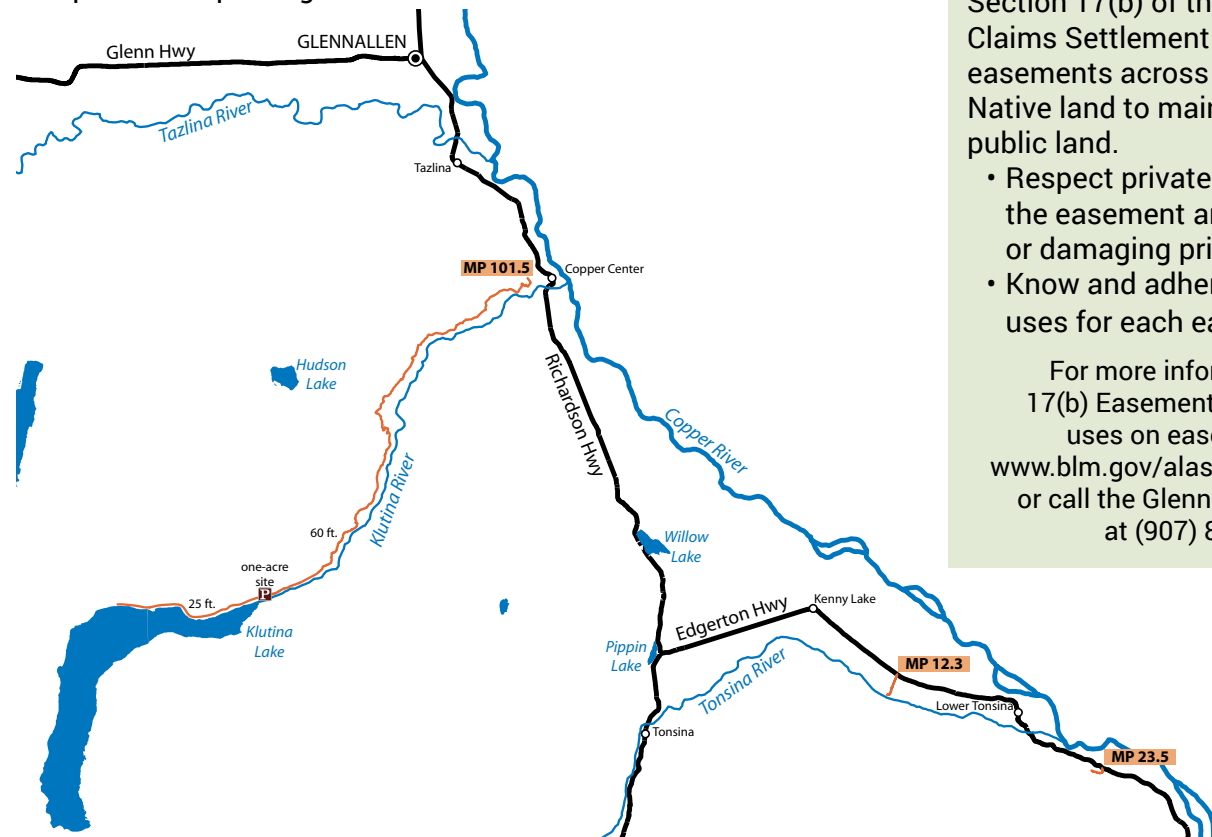
(MP 101.5 W Richardson Hwy) This 17(b) Easement provides access to public lands around Klutina Lake across privately owned Native land. A 60 ft. wide easement proceeds approximately 23 miles along the Klutina River and bluffs and terminates at a one-acre site easement that allows camping for up to 24 hours and parking. It is recommended for high clearance or 4-wheel-drive vehicles only. At the one-acre site, the easement changes to 25 ft. wide with a gross vehicle weight limit of 3000 lbs. The 25 ft. easement extends approximately 7 miles ending on public lands. Camping or parking on or within the easement, outside the one-acre site, is prohibited. This is an easement through private lands and anyone wishing to park, camp, or exit from the easement must receive a permit from Ahtna Inc. in Glennallen.

### Tonsina River Easement

(MP 12.3 S Edgerton Hwy) A 25 ft. wide, 17(b) Easement that provides foot access to the bluffs overlooking the scenic lower Tonsina River. The trail is approximately 2 miles and is primarily used for hiking. There is parking at the trailhead.

### Liberty Falls Easement

(MP 23.5 S Edgerton Hwy) A 25 ft. wide, 17(b) Easement that provides foot access to excellent views of the Wrangell Mountains and Copper River. The one mile trail is in good condition but is fairly steep. There is parking at the trailhead.



### What is a 17(b) Easement?

Section 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act reserved easements across privately owned Native land to maintain access to public land.

- Respect private land by staying on the easement and not littering on or damaging private land.
- Know and adhere to the allowable uses for each easement.

For more information about 17(b) Easements and allowable uses on easements, visit [www.blm.gov/alaska/17b-easements](http://www.blm.gov/alaska/17b-easements) or call the Glennallen Field Office at (907) 822-3217.



When using public lands remember to practice leave no trace principles and leave the trail in good condition for the next visitor.

- Stick to the trail to minimize impacts
- Pack out trash
- Respect wildlife
- Respect other trail users

These trails are open to the public thanks to responsible users like you.



follow designated trail signs

For information about trails within the Tangle Lakes Archaeological District, see the *Tangle Lakes Archaeological District Information Guide and Trails Map*.

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Cover Photo: Middle Fork Trail at Mile 169 on the Richardson Highway. Photo by Ryan Chalker (BLM)

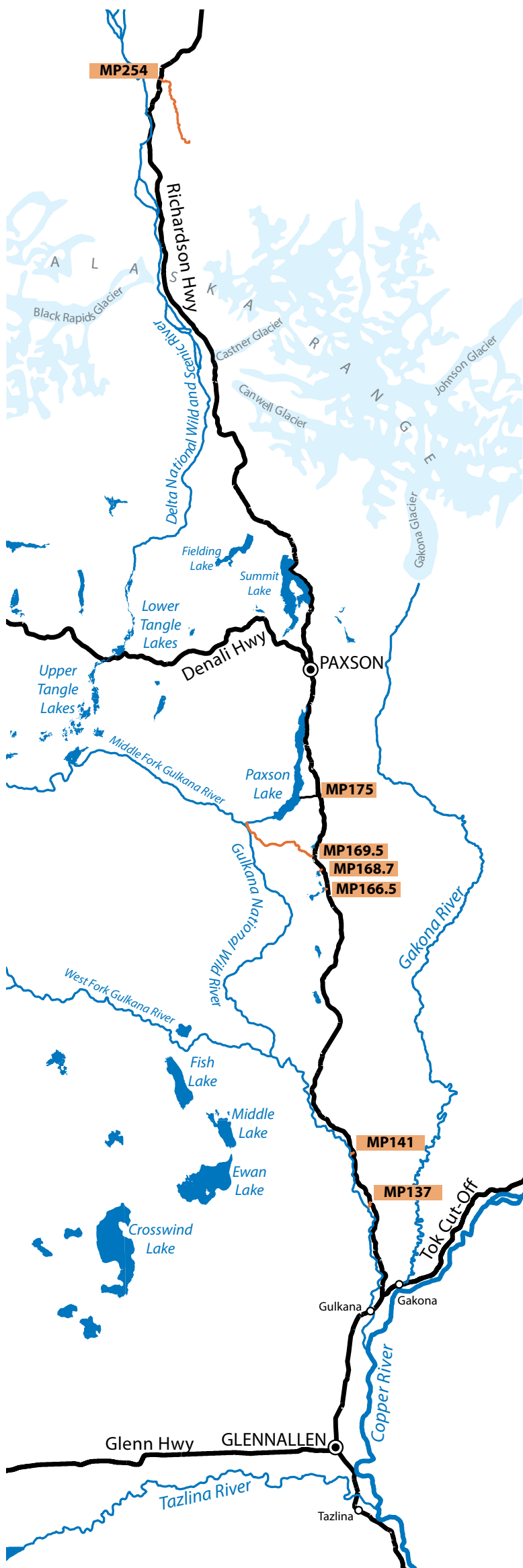


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# Trails & Easements

Richardson & Edgerton Highways

Map & Guide



View of the Delta River and Alaska Range from Coal Mine Road.

## Richardson Highway Trails

### Coal Mine Road/Jarvis Creek

(MP 254 E Richardson Hwy) This unimproved road and associated network of trails provides access to lakes stocked by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and amazing views of the Alaska Range and Delta River. Primitive campsites exist that are not maintained. It is recommended for high clearance, 4-wheel-drive vehicles, and mountain bikes.

### Paxson Lake Foot Trail

(MP 175 W Richardson Hwy) Located in the first loop of the campground trail, the trail provides a short walk to Paxson Lake shoreline.

### Middle Fork Trail

(MP 169.5 W Richardson Hwy) The trail begins in a state highway gravel pit and continues westward approximately 8 miles towards the Gulkana National Wild and Scenic River. Users must stay on the trail at all times within the river corridor. The trail boasts outstanding views of Paxson Lake and the surrounding hills. Primary use is motorized, however hiking is becoming more popular. Please respect all users of the trail. This trail is within the State of Alaska Sourdough Controlled Use Area, so motorized hunting restrictions apply. There is parking at the trailhead.

### Gillespie Lake Trail

(MP 168.7 W Richardson Hwy) This short foot trail provides access to Gillespie Lake. Trail can be wet at times. There is a large parking area at the trailhead.

### June Lake Trail

(MP 166.5 W Richardson Hwy) This short foot trail provides access to June and, via canoe, Nita lakes. Trail can be wet at times. A side road across from the trailhead can be utilized for parking.

### Mile 141 Easement

(MP 141 W Richardson Hwy) A 25 ft. wide, 17(b) Easement that provides foot access to the Gulkana River through privately owned Native lands. The beginning is steep and can be slippery during wet conditions. There is parking at the trailhead.

### Poplar Grove Easement

(MP 137 W Richardson Hwy) A 25 ft. wide, 17(b) Easement that provides foot access to the Gulkana River through privately owned Native lands. There is a one-acre site easement at the end of the trail at the river, which allows camping for up to 24 hours. The beginning of this easement is very steep and slippery during wet conditions. The parking area near the trailhead is on private land and users wishing to park here must pay a fee.

**T**ravel and recreate with minimum impact

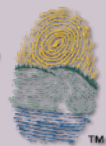
**R**espect the environment and the rights of others

**E**ducate yourself, plan and prepare before you go

**A**llow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it

**D**iscover the rewards of responsible recreation

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## Diverse landscape - Diverse opportunities

- Car camping with the family on *Coal Mine Road* is the perfect opportunity to teach youth about nature.
- Explore the game trails on tundra covered ridges by taking a hike in the *Tangle Lakes region*.
- Experience the soothing sound of loons while canoeing on *Gillespie Lake*.
- Fish and land a salmon after a short hike from the Richardson Highway at *Mile 141*.



Upper Tangle Lakes