

Downtown Juneau Walking Tour



Your walking tour begins right off the Alaska Fjordlines bus at Marine Park in downtown Juneau. *Expect 1 hour of walking, plus time for visiting attractions.*

start here → On the Docks

- **Adjacent to Marine Park Plaza** are pictures of Southeast's lighthouses, a Juneau distance map of nails hammered into the decking, and a tidewater gauge near the floating dock.
- Use **spotting scopes** to find mountain goats on Mt. Juneau.
- **Patsy Ann Statue**, Juneau's most famous dog, Patsy Ann, deaf from birth, greeted visitors off the ships for 13 years until she died in 1942. She could somehow "hear" the whistles of the approaching ships.

Saloon Central

Start on South Franklin St. Some of Juneau's oldest establishments are bars - remnants of the early gold mining era. The town sported 30 saloons around 1914.

- The **Alaskan Hotel & Bar**, 167 S. Franklin, is listed on the National Historic Register, filled with ornate Victorian furnishings, and a favorite with locals on "open mic" night.
- Find the **Red Dog Saloon** at 278 S. Franklin, where you'll see Wyatt Earp's gun from Nome, multiple taxidermy mounts, and interesting Alaska memorabilia.

South Franklin

Downtown Juneau's most famous thoroughfare.

- The restored **Senate Building** at 175 S. Franklin retains much of its former elegance and houses a variety of shops.
- The Alaska Steam Laundry, now the **Emporium Mall** at 174 S. Franklin, was the center of Juneau's business district. Built in 1901, it boasts an ornate shingled turret and front parapet.
- The historic **Elks Hall** at 109 S. Franklin was the first Territorial Capitol in Alaska. **Gunakadeit Park**, named for a legendary Tlingit sea creature, is across the street from the Downtown Clock on the corner of Front and Franklin streets.

On Front Street

Front Street was the water's edge at high tide before the Alaska-Juneau mine tailings became the foundations of the streets closer to today's waterfront.

- **The Imperial Bar** at 241 Front St. was Juneau's first bar, est. 1891 and originally named the Missouri (and later, the "Louvre"). The pressed tin ceiling and walls behind the bar date from 1906.

On Front Street (cont.) *then here.*

- **Sealaska Heritage Institute**, is a cultural center where you can walk through an authentic clan house, listen to ancient stories, participate in interactive displays including the fishing technology exhibit, which is particularly informative, and view art pieces from native culture. \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors. 105 S. Seward St. www.sealaskaheritage.org

Seward Street

Head two blocks uphill on Seward to see some of Juneau's prominent historic sites.

- In 1913, jeweler and businessman Emery Valentine built the **Valentine Building**, which now houses the Juneau Drug Company, at 119 Seward. He organized the Volunteer Fire Department and served six terms as mayor.
- In 1914 the **Goldstein Building**, 130 Seward, featured a department store. It also served as Alaska's Capitol 3 times.
- At the corner of Seward and 3rd, turn left on 3rd and walk uphill on Main Street to see local artist Skip Wallen's "Windfall Fisherman," a **life-sized bronze brown bear** at the state courthouse.

State Capitol on Fourth

The **Alaska Capitol**, on 4th between Main and Seward, was completed in 1931. Alaska's political powers pass laws here from January through May, but it has free self-guided tours Monday through Friday during the summer.

- Although it has no dome, this working **Capitol** has marble columns, a reproduction of the Liberty Bell, and historical photographs and paintings.
- Across Main is the **State Office Building** (locals call it the SOB). Check out the 8th floor to view the "Old Witch Totem Pole" carved in the late 1800's, a spectacular view of Juneau and free pipe organ concerts on Fridays.

If you are headed to the Alaska State Museum or the Life Size Whale Statue you can take a short cut and avoid eight flights of stairs by taking the SOB buildings elevator down. It is a 15 minute walk to the whale from the SOB.

- **Juneau-Douglas City Museum** focuses on local history, art and culture. Exhibits on fishing, mining, skiing, native history, politics and statehood. Check out the 1959 American Flag out front with 49 stars, not many were made, Hawaii was admitted as the 50th state within the year. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors.

Governor's Mansion

Follow 4th Street, which becomes historic Calhoun Avenue, about two blocks to the **Governor's House**, built in 1912 for \$40,000.

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- Gov. Mike Dunleavy is the 12th to live in the house since statehood in 1959. Prior to that, nine territorial governors and one secretary of Alaska resided in the house.
- Over the years, Charles Lindbergh, Warren Harding, Herbert Hoover and Gerald Ford entered its halls.
- The 14,400-square-foot building has 35 rooms, not including the garage or closets, 10 bathrooms, and six bedrooms. The house boasts eight fireplaces. The second floor serves as the family's personal quarters.
- The **totem pole** outside, commissioned in 1939 by the CCC, tells the story of the mosquito's origin.

Historic Churches

Backtrack on Calhoun, take the **overhead walkway** and trek down 5th Street a little more than two blocks to the next stop.

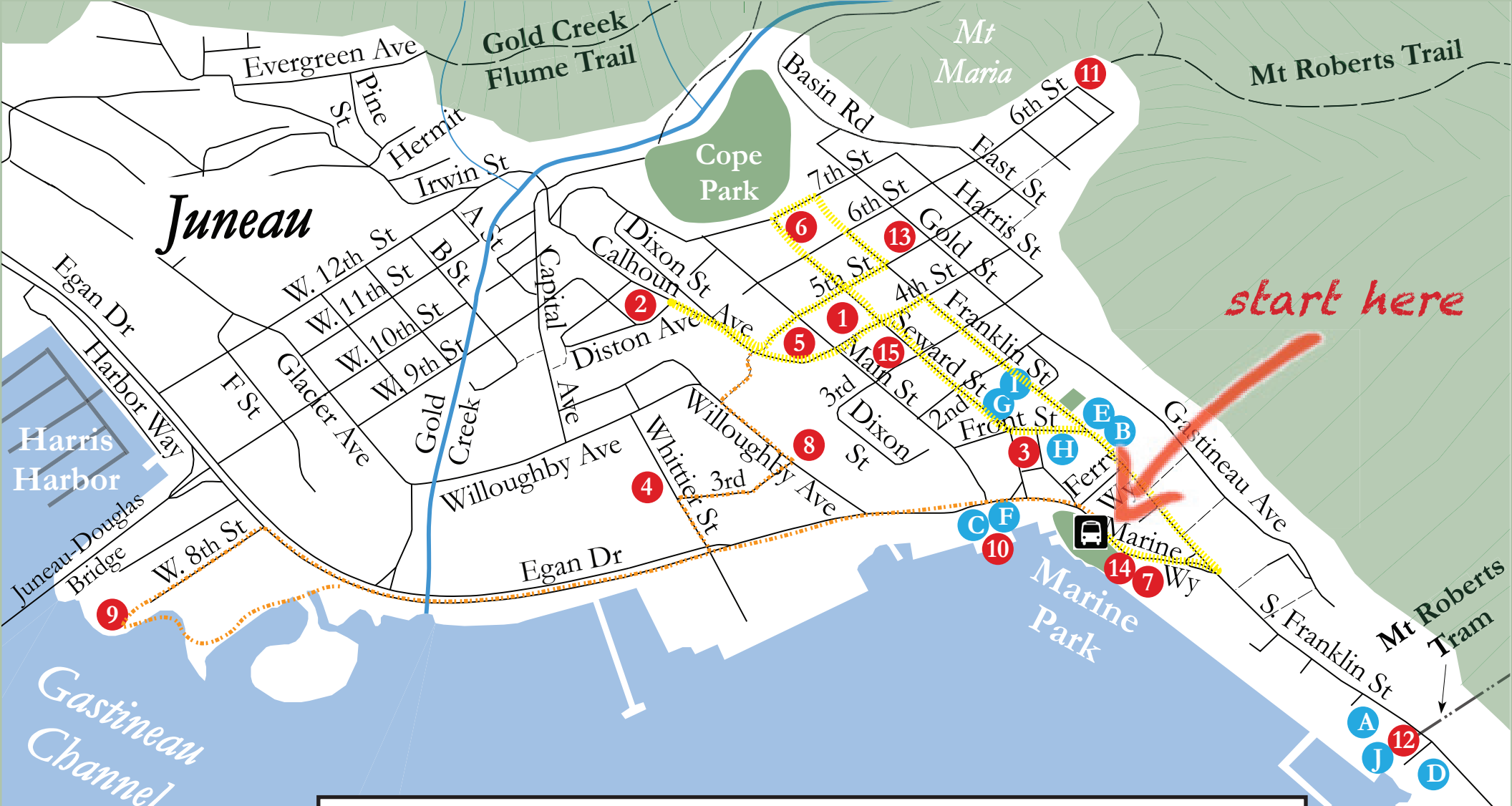
- **St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church** at 326 5th Street, with its gold onion dome, is a reminder of the Russian presence in 19th-century Alaska. Built in 1894 by newly baptized Orthodox Natives and Siberian gold miners, the church has been refurbished and is a national historic landmark. The octagon-shaped structure houses 18th-century Russian icons and religious relics.
- Across Gold Street on 5th Street is the **Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, home to the Catholic Diocese of Juneau.

House of Wickersham

Two blocks uphill will take you through Juneau's "Nob Hill" and the **House of Wickersham** at 213 7th Street. The home remains as it was when Alaska pioneer Judge James Wickersham purchased it in 1928. It was the first large Victorian home built on "Chicken Ridge," the "Nob Hill" of Juneau.

Alaska State Museum and Whale Statue

- The **Alaska State Museum** is located in the new state-of-the-art Andrew P. Kashevaroff (APK) building. Exhibits feature an expansive collection of Alaska Native materials, fine art, and objects relating to topics such as mining, fishing, forestry, tourism, Russian-American period and World War II. There is a discovery room, with a climb-aboard replica of an early sailing ship and fun activities for all ages. Open 7 days a week, \$12 adults, \$11 seniors. 395 Whittier St., museums.state.ak.us
- A **life-sized breaching bronze humpback whale statue** at Overstreet Park, next to the Juneau Douglas Bridge sits in an infinity pool beside the Gastineau Channel. Learn about Alaska's biology on informative & interactive panels while you wait for the impressive fountain to erupt (every 15 mins).




POINTS of INTEREST #


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| 1 Capitol Building | 8 State Office Building |
| 2 Governor's Mansion | 9 Lifesize Bronze Whale |
| 3 Sealaska Heritage Center | 10 Merchants' Wharf Building |
| 4 Alaska State Museum | 11 6th St. Mt Roberts Trailhead |
| 5 Juneau-Douglas Museum | 12 Mt Roberts Tram |
| 6 House of Wickersham | 13 Russian Orthodox Church |
| 7 Juneau Public Library | 14 Patsy Ann Statue |
| | 15 Fishing Bear Statue |

RESTAURANTS A

- A Tracy's Crab Shack
- B Deckhand Dave's
- C Hangar on the Wharf
- D Twisted Fish
- E El Sombrero
- F Pizzeria Roma
- G The Rookery
- H Front Street Cafe
- I Saffron
- J Timberline Bar & Grill

 Alaska Fjordlines bus pick up & drop off

 **Walking Tour Main Route**
Route through Historic Sites (1 hour walking)

 **Walking Tour Side Route**
Alaska State Museum & Whale Statue (20 min walk from Marine Park to Whale Statue)

Mendenhall Glacier bus departs near Mt. Roberts Tram Way (#12)



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