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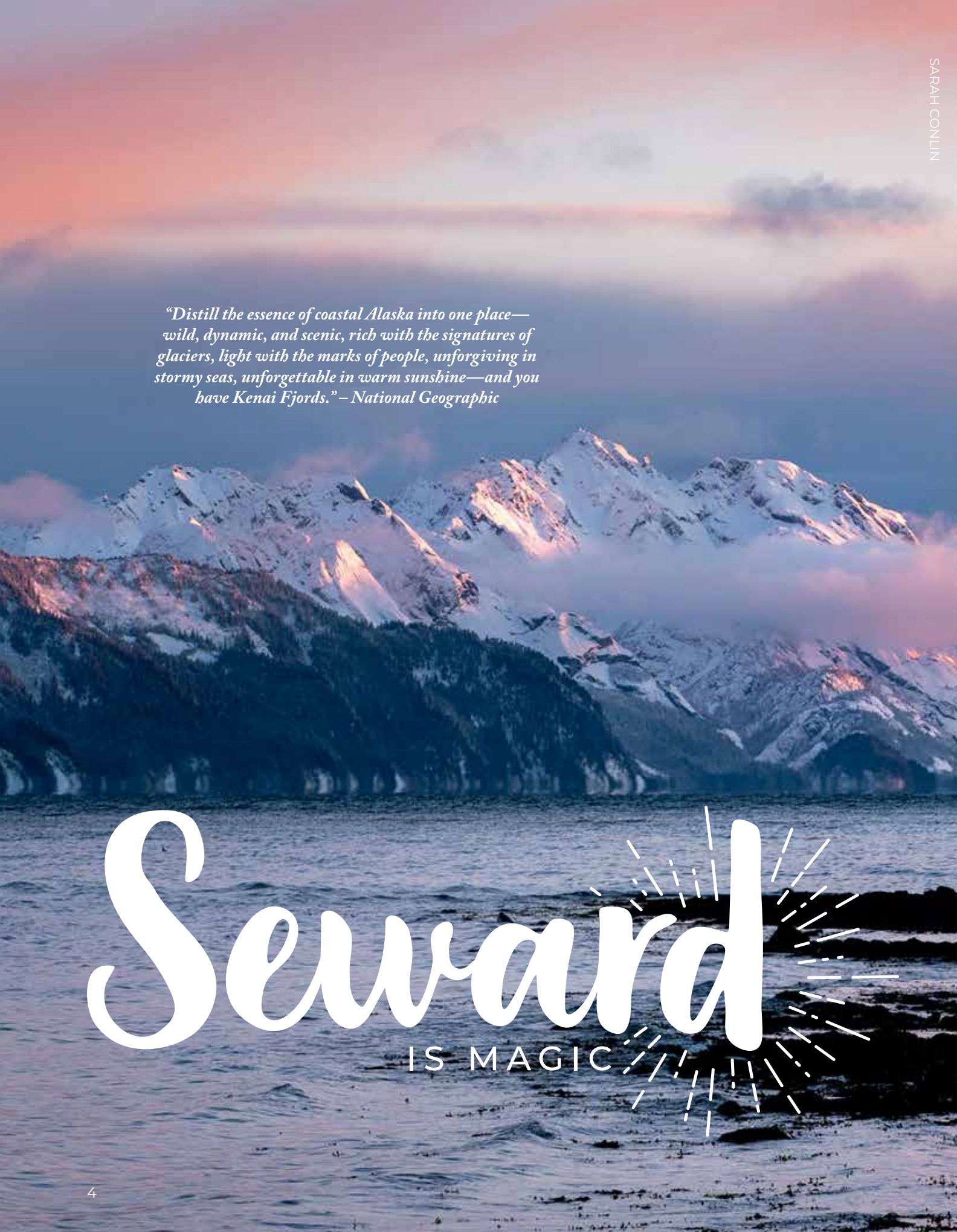

SARAH CONLIN

"Distill the essence of coastal Alaska into one place—wild, dynamic, and scenic, rich with the signatures of glaciers, light with the marks of people, unforgiving in stormy seas, unforgettable in warm sunshine—and you have Kenai Fjords." – National Geographic

Seward

IS MAGIC

Welcome to a breathtaking land shaped by glaciers, nestled between mountains and the ocean. This is the ancestral homeland of the Alutiiq, or Sugpiaq, people, who have called the rocky coasts and icy, glacial bays of the outer Kenai Peninsula coasts and Kenai Fjords home since time immemorial. Attuned with the land and sea, Alutiiq people lived with the natural rhythms of the Kenai Fjords and practiced a subsistence lifestyle of hunting, fishing, and gathering.

Today, this landscape attracts adventurous travelers to enjoy the beautiful vistas, hike the stunning trails, experience the diverse wildlife, paddle and fish the rich waters, and explore our historic community. Join us on your own Alaska adventure and learn why we say,

ALASKA STARTS HERE.

RESURRECTION BAY

FIND YOUR ALASKA

Kenai Fjords, our beloved backyard, is sometimes mistaken for a more tropical location because of its stunning turquoise waters, steep granite faces jutting out of the ocean, and lush vegetation (that is, until a patch of snow gives us away).

Call us biased, but we believe Seward is the best destination in Alaska for anyone with limited time and a big bucket list. Our charming seaside town is just an easy and scenic drive or train ride from Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. An exciting variety of activities and excursions ensures that travelers of all ages and ability levels can experience this magical place.

Because Alaska is a vast state with incredible geographic diversity, planning a vacation can feel overwhelming at first. To help you make the most of your time here, we developed this travel guide to share some of our favorite places and activities with you. We hope you'll join us in this place we're lucky to call home.

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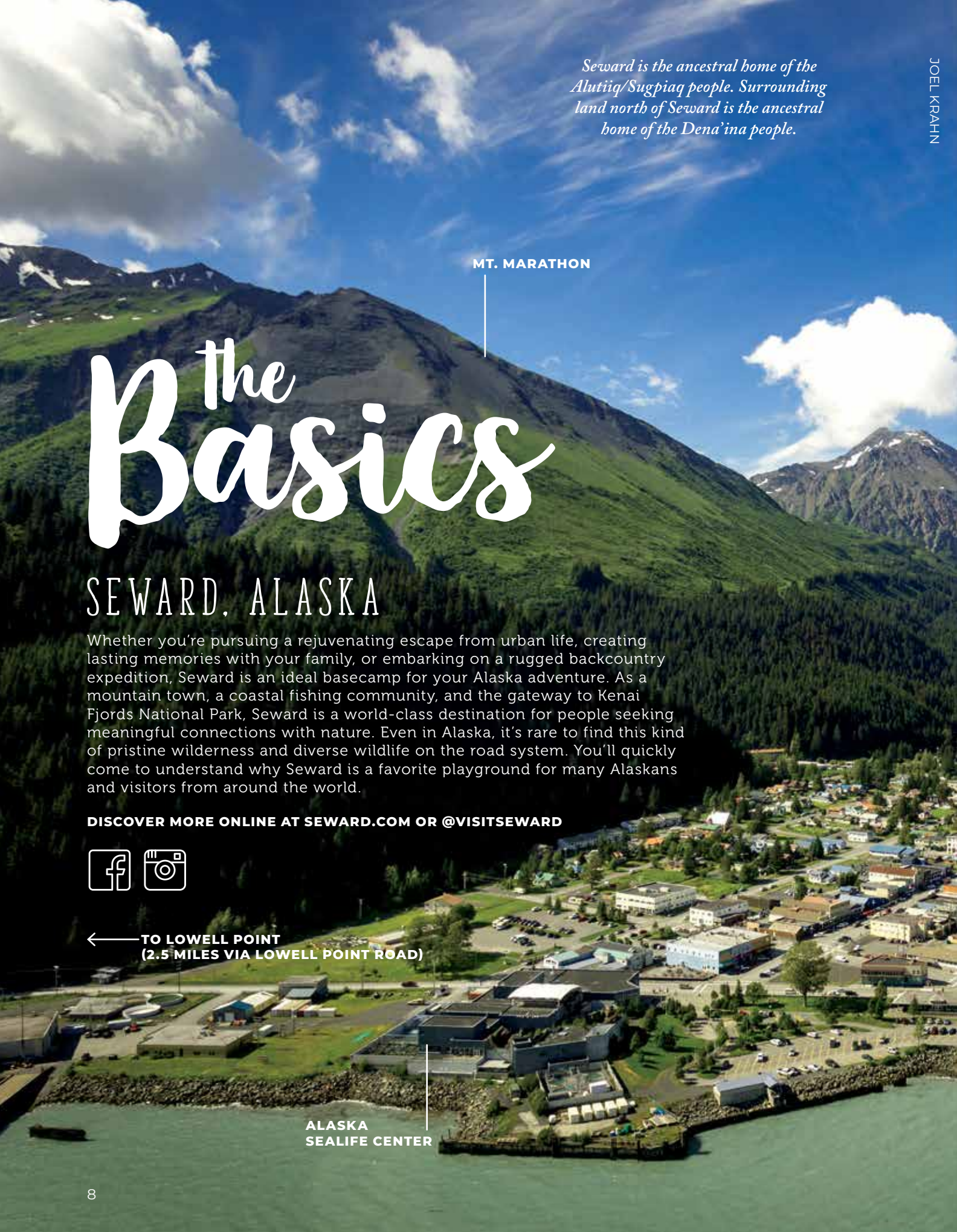

Seward is the ancestral home of the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people. Surrounding land north of Seward is the ancestral home of the Dena'ina people.

JOEL KRAHN

the Basics

SEWARD, ALASKA

Whether you're pursuing a rejuvenating escape from urban life, creating lasting memories with your family, or embarking on a rugged backcountry expedition, Seward is an ideal basecamp for your Alaska adventure. As a mountain town, a coastal fishing community, and the gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park, Seward is a world-class destination for people seeking meaningful connections with nature. Even in Alaska, it's rare to find this kind of pristine wilderness and diverse wildlife on the road system. You'll quickly come to understand why Seward is a favorite playground for many Alaskans and visitors from around the world.

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ABOUT

Seward is located at the head of Resurrection Bay, a stunning fjord on the Gulf of Alaska. Nestled between the mountains and the ocean, our seaside community is home to approximately 2,800 year-round residents. A full range of services are available to ensure a comfortable visit including grocers, restaurants post office, public library, hospital, pharmacy, and a variety of retail shops.

GETTING HERE

Seward is directly connected to the Lower 48 via the Alaska Highway. The closest commercial airport to Seward is **Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport**. From there, pick up a rental car, RV, or hop on a shuttle bus to enjoy the scenic 2.5-hour drive to Seward. From mid-May to mid-September, the **Alaska Railroad** offers visitors a relaxing way to take in the sights. Seward is also a popular cruise ship port.

TALK TO US

Our friendly local travel experts are happy to answer your questions about Seward. Feel free to call or email while planning your visit. Our Visitor Center *(p. 52)* is open weekdays year-round and daily from mid-May through mid-September. Be sure to drop by and say hello during your visit. We'd love to welcome you to Seward in person!

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Join us in early June for Alaska's only seabird festival! Celebrate the return of 30+ species to their summer breeding grounds in Kenai Fjords.

the Locals

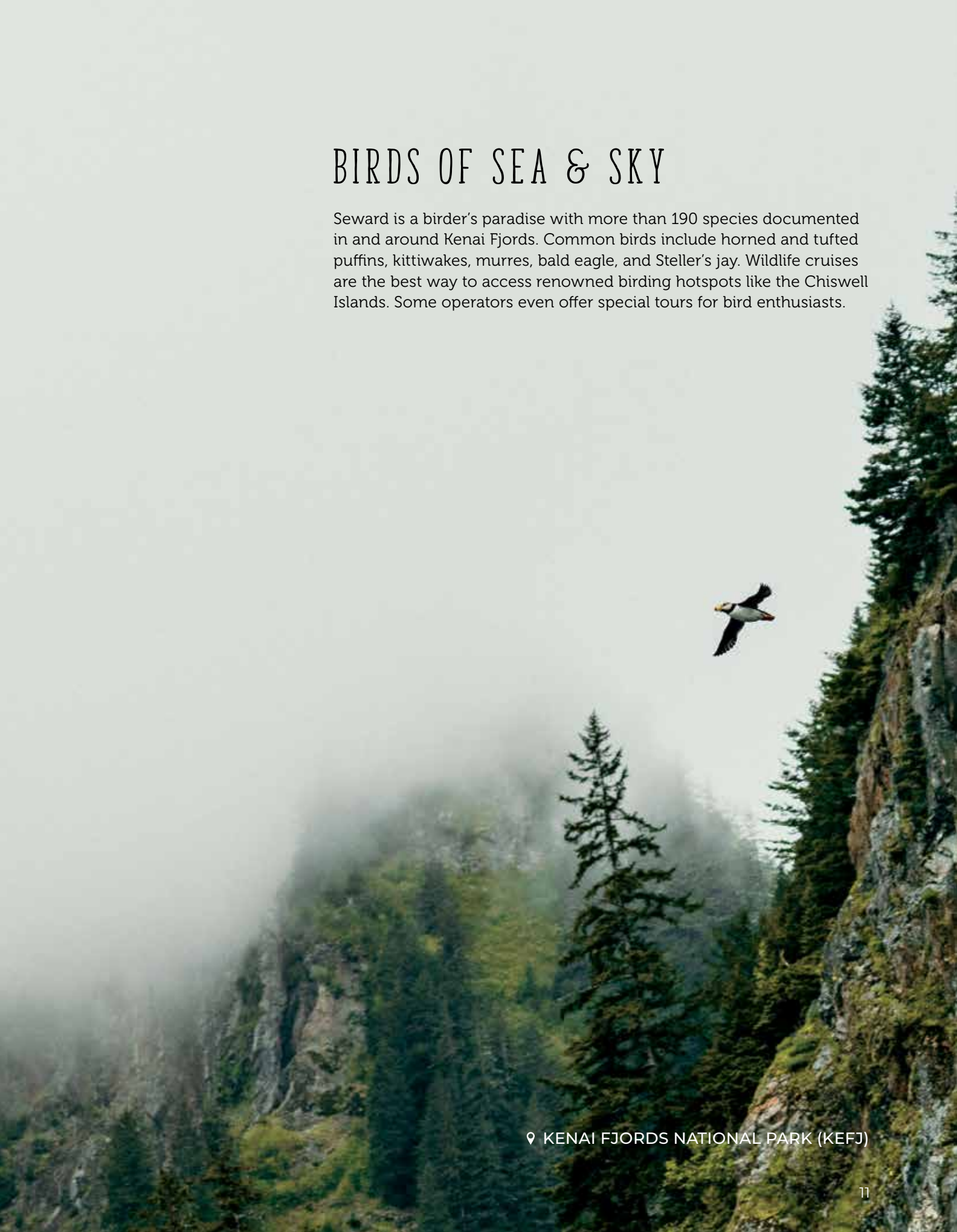
OUR NEIGHBORS ARE WILD

You don't have to travel far to have amazing wildlife encounters in Seward. Many species can be spotted from town, including the Steller sea lion, sea otter, harbor seal, humpback whale, bald eagle, seabirds, and more. Our waterfront path and boat harbor are two excellent places to start scouting.

Of course, your chances of seeing wildlife increase the farther you travel into the Kenai Fjords. We recommend that all visitors venture out on the water at least once during their stay. Learn how on *pp. 20–21.*

BIRDS OF SEA & SKY

Seward is a birder's paradise with more than 190 species documented in and around Kenai Fjords. Common birds include horned and tufted puffins, kittiwakes, murres, bald eagle, and Steller's jay. Wildlife cruises are the best way to access renowned birding hotspots like the Chiswell Islands. Some operators even offer special tours for bird enthusiasts.



KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK (KEFJ)

the Lands

PUBLIC LANDS & WATERS

The land around Seward is vast and unique, full of beautiful panoramas where mountains, forests, ice, and ocean meet. With an abundance of recreational opportunities right at our doorstep, we're happy these public lands are in our backyard.

Spend a day hiking, biking, or running along any of our adventurous trails. For those looking to get off-grid and into the wilderness with a multi-day trip, take advantage of our region's rustic public-use cabins or pitch your own tent. Due to the remote and wild nature of our public lands, this option is best suited for experienced backcountry travelers, but there is adventure out there for travelers of all experience levels and ages.

KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

The Kenai Fjords were formed by glaciers flowing from the Harding Icefield, nearly 700 square miles of majestic ice that forms the centerpiece of the national park. While much of the park is only accessible via air or boat, the Exit Glacier Nature Center is just a short 12-mile drive from Seward and gives visitors trail access to Exit Glacier and the Harding Icefield.

CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

Covering stunning landscapes across Southcentral Alaska, the Chugach National Forest is home to glaciers, salmon and trout streams, cozy public-use cabins, cold-water oceans, and snowy peaks. Opportunities for recreation in the forest include the southern portion of the Iditarod National Historic Trail, a network of trails perfect for hiking, mountain biking, running, and more.

ALASKA STATE PARKS

Take the family for a beach walk at Lowell Point State Recreation Site or a moderate hike or paddle to Tonsina Point. Cruise by water taxi to Caines Head State Recreation Area to explore historic WWII Fort McGilvray and hike rugged trails. Relax overnight at one of three public-use cabins. Boating, hiking, fishing,kayaking, exploring, wildlife viewing, camping, picnicking; Alaska State Parks has you covered!

LAND ANIMALS

Kenai Fjords National Park is home to 29 species of land mammals. Iconic species such as moose, black bear, brown bear, and mountain goat are joined by beaver, porcupine, snowshoe hare, coyote, lynx, and more. Wildlife cruises *(p. 20)* offer opportunities to spot black bears on beaches and mountain goats on steep alpine walls.

The safest way to see these powerful animals up close is at the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center** *(p. 55)*, a 200-acre wildlife sanctuary located at Mile 79 of the Seward Highway.

When hiking the Harding Icefield Trail *(p. 19)* be sure to stop by the **Exit Glacier Nature Center** *(p. 52)* to ask the Kenai Fjords National Park rangers about recent wildlife sightings and safety precautions.

JANESSA ANDERSON

Gray whale tours of Resurrection Bay start in mid-March, while humpback whale are best spotted from May to August. Orca can be found year-round, with the highest chances of being seen from mid-May to mid-June.

MARINE MAMMALS

The waters surrounding Kenai Fjords are home to many awe-inspiring species, including sea otter, Dall's porpoise, harbor porpoise, Steller sea lion, harbor seal, orca (killer whale), fin whale, gray whale, humpback whale, minke whale, and sei whale. Wildlife cruises *(p. 20)* are your best bet for spotting these animals in the wild.

A guaranteed way to experience our region's marine wildlife is at the **Alaska SeaLife Center** ***(p. 55).*** In addition to being Seward's most popular year-round attraction, the Center is Alaska's leading public aquarium and only marine mammal rehabilitation facility. Your admission supports animal care and feeding, wildlife response, and groundbreaking research. Learn more at ***alaskasealife.org***.

KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

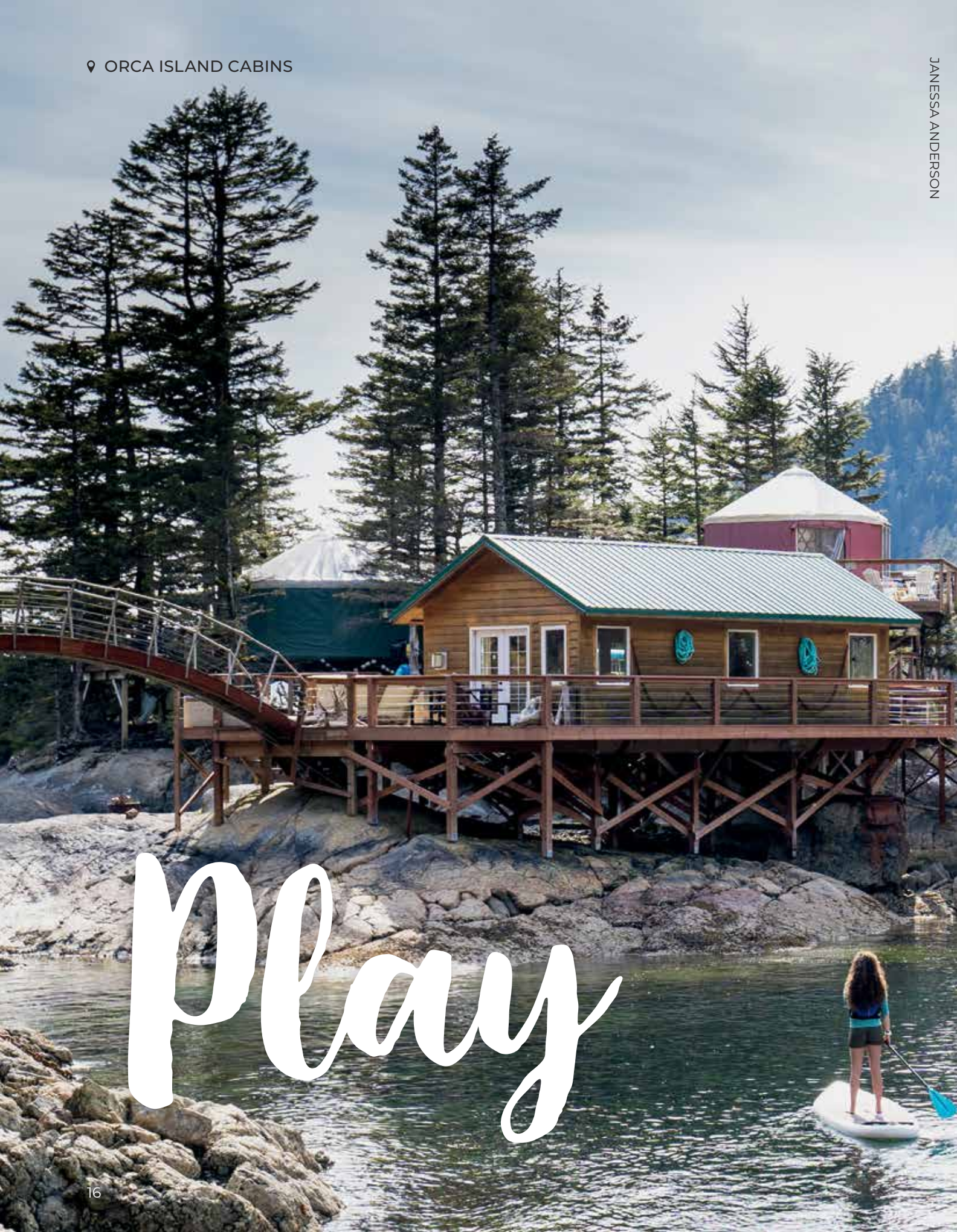
ALASKA MARITIME NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The US Fish and Wildlife Service manages and maintains over 5.9 million acres across the state of Alaska, including the Chiswell Islands, Rugged Island, and Barwell Island. Accessible only by boat, the refuge is where Stellar sea lions haul out and pup, colonies of seabirds nest, and marine mammals find safe-harbor. Visit the Refuge headquarters during the summer months at 95 Sterling Hwy in Homer, Alaska for ranger-led walks, guided tide-pooling, and more.

ALASKA STATE MARINE PARKS

Seward enjoys boat access to three Alaska State Marine Parks in Resurrection Bay. Popular with anglers, boaters, and paddlers, the DNR-managed parks encompass thousands of acres of sand and cobble beaches, spruce and hemlock forests, rocky cliffsides, and sheltered waters. Thumb Cove SMP offers two public-use cabins. On Fox Island, bucolic Sunny Cove and Sandspit Point offer breathtaking views of Eldorado Narrows, Callisto Head, Bear Glacier, and Aialik Cape.

ORCA ISLAND CABINS



JANESSA ANDERSON

Play

WHERE MOUNTAINS, ICE & OCEAN MEET

Discover the many ways to explore Seward and Kenai Fjords, including some of the finest hiking and paddling in Alaska. Get your heart racing with activities like ziplining, flightseeing, sportfishing, and dog sledding. When you're ready for a slower pace, our historic downtown, bustling harbor, and colorful murals offer a glimpse into our uniquely Alaska way of life. What memories will you make here?

Hiking & Mountain Adventures

Climb above tree line to panoramic views and a beautiful ecosystem of delicate wildflowers, hardy lichens, and shaggy mountain goats.

GUIDED HIKING

Guided hiking is a great way to discover new terrain. Book a tour with a knowledgeable guide *(p. 59)* to safely explore our beloved trails and learn about local flora and fauna. Strenuous options also exist for fit hikers seeking a quintessential alpine experience. Guided fly-in trips to more remote locations are also available.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Get into gear and explore Seward on a mountain bike. There are a variety of trails for mountain bikers of any experience level, from beginners looking for rolling singletrack trails through beautiful forests to seasoned bikers looking for a leg-burning, climbing challenge. And be sure to pop into the **Seward Bike Shop** *(p. 55)*, housed in an old train car, for all your cycling needs.

ZIPLINING

Soar above our temperate rainforest! **Stoney Creek Canopy Adventures** *(p. 61)* features eight ziplines, three suspension bridges, and two rappels. The guided tour lasts approximately 3 hours and includes all safety equipment, instruction, and practice on "ground school" runs before beginning the panoramic course.

5 CLASSIC HIKES

Find wonderful hikes for all ability levels in Seward. Start with these five local favorites and check out our trail map *(p. 76)* for more inspiration.

EXIT GLACIER

Easy | 1 mile | minimal gain
Kenai Fjords National Park

The wheelchair-accessible *Glacier View Loop Trail* begins at the Exit Glacier Nature Center. Meander through a cottonwood forest before arriving at a panoramic vista of the glacier spilling down from the Harding Icefield. The *Glacier Overlook Trail* is an additional 0.6 miles of jaw-dropping views.

TWO LAKES PARK

Easy | 1 mile | 100' gain
City of Seward

This family-friendly hike is located right in town. Footbridges cross small streams and several waterfalls can be found on this rustic trail. Winding through temperate rainforest and around two small lakes, this path offers kids of all ages ample opportunities to marvel at various natural wonders.

EXIT GLACIER

Glacier Hiking & Ice Climbing

Seward's Exit Glacier is one of Alaska's most accessible glaciers. These dynamic rivers of ice are constantly changing and will leave you with lasting memories. No prior experience is necessary to enjoy these bucket list adventures.

GLACIER HIKING
Explore extraordinary glacier features—including blue ponds carved from ice and filled with crystal clear water—on a guided tour of Exit Glacier.

Your adventure begins with an invigorating hike on the scenic *Harding Icefield Trail* before donning safety gear and descending onto the ice. For another unforgettable experience, take a helicopter across Resurrection Bay to hike on the less traveled but equally spectacular Godwin Glacier.

ICE CLIMBING
Go deep into the blue with **Exit Glacier Guides** ***(p. 59)*** on this active excursion. Hike up to Exit Glacier and learn the basics of ice climbing on gentle slopes before ascending bigger walls as your confidence grows. Low client-to-guide ratios ensure the highest level of safety. Private tours are also available for helicopter-accessible ice climbing at a remote glacier. These excursions are suitable for beginners with a sense of adventure and moderate fitness.

JOEL KRAHN

TONSINA POINT

Moderate | 4.2 miles | 750' gain
Alaska State Parks

From the trailhead on Lowell Point, this well-travelled path passes above rocky cliffs before descending to a pristine beach. Journey across two bridges and through a mossy wonderland of towering spruce. Loop back along the shoreline to the first bridge across Tonsina Creek to spend some time beachcombing.

MT. MARATHON BOWL

Strenuous | 5 miles | 2750' gain
City of Seward & DNR

The popular Mt. Marathon Hiking Trail climbs steeply from the trailhead. Switchback through the hemlock forest to the more gradual Bench Trail above tree line. Enjoy sweeping views before another steep climb leads to Mt. Marathon Bowl, a high alpine glacial valley surrounded by towering peaks.

HARDING ICEFIELD

Strenuous | 8.2 miles | 3000' gain
Kenai Fjords National Park

This is one of the most spectacular day hikes in Alaska. Experience breathtaking vistas of the vast Harding Icefield which feeds nearly 40 glaciers. Although the view from the top is well worth the effort, shorter hikes to Marmot Meadows or the Top of the Cliffs overlook offer incredible views of Exit Glacier and the valley.

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Wildlife & Glacier Cruises

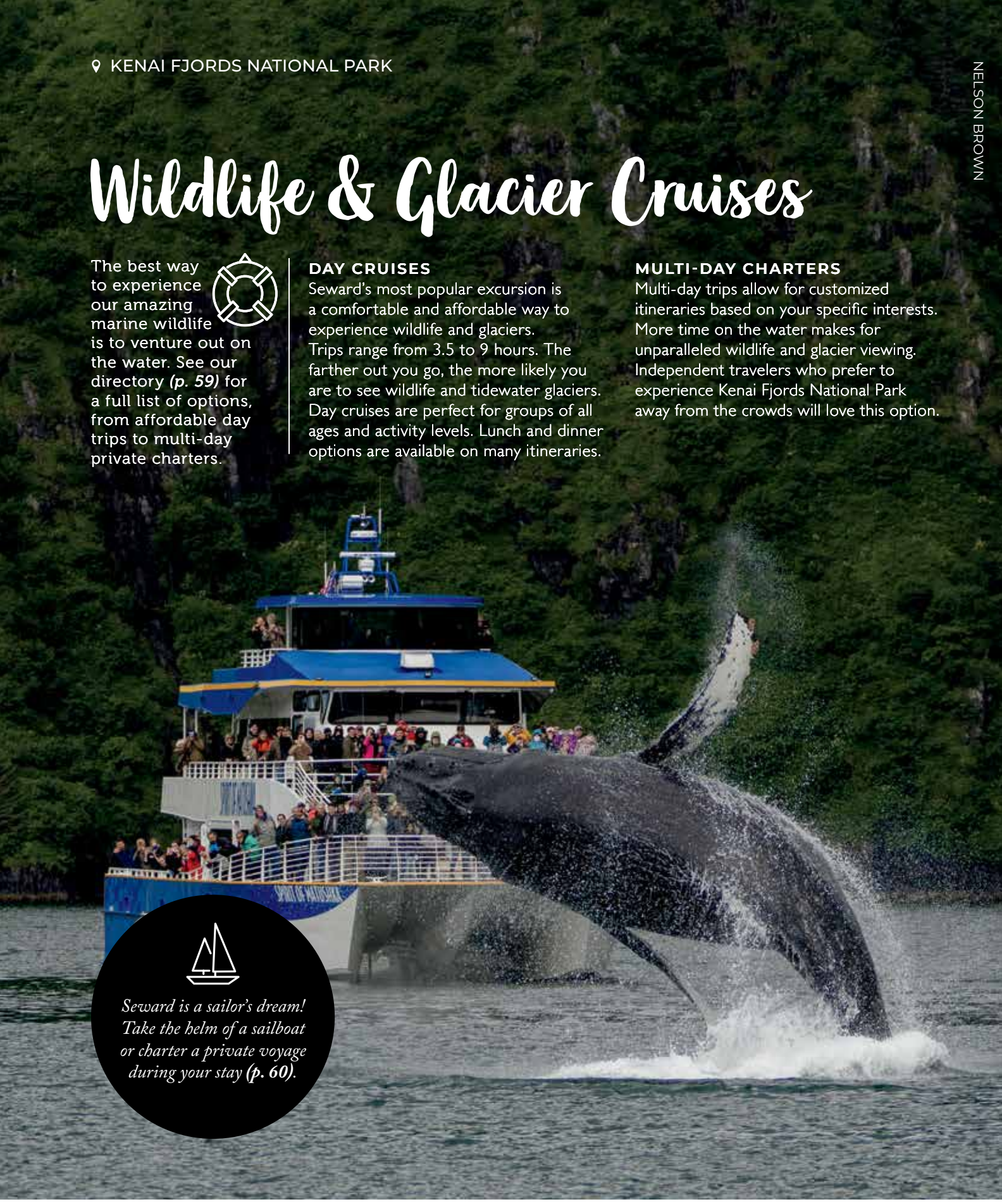
The best way to experience our amazing marine wildlife is to venture out on the water. See our directory *(p. 59)* for a full list of options, from affordable day trips to multi-day private charters.

DAY CRUISES

Seward's most popular excursion is a comfortable and affordable way to experience wildlife and glaciers. Trips range from 3.5 to 9 hours. The farther out you go, the more likely you are to see wildlife and tidewater glaciers. Day cruises are perfect for groups of all ages and activity levels. Lunch and dinner options are available on many itineraries.

MULTI-DAY CHARTERS

Multi-day trips allow for customized itineraries based on your specific interests. More time on the water makes for unparalleled wildlife and glacier viewing. Independent travelers who prefer to experience Kenai Fjords National Park away from the crowds will love this option.



Seward is a sailor's dream! Take the helm of a sailboat or charter a private voyage during your stay ***(p. 60)****.*

Seward's flightseeing operators have superior safety records and decades of experience in Alaska.

Flightseeing

Flightseeing—via a helicopter or small fixed-wing plane—is a great option for time-strapped visitors looking to see as much of Kenai Fjords as possible. Helicopters are also used by kayaking, hiking, yoga, and ice climbing guides to transport clients to remote areas.

SCENIC FLIGHTS

Soar over dramatic fjords, tidewater glaciers, and wildlife in a fixed-wing plane or helicopter ***(p. 58)***. Some itineraries allow time for a glacier landing and brief tour. All trips depart from our local airport; ground transportation is available.

HELICOPTER ADVENTURES

Access remote surf breaks, hidden beaches, and glacial lagoons on fly-in paddling trips. Flying over Resurrection Bay and the Gulf of Alaska is sure to be one of the highlights of your adventure. A quick flight to the top of Mt. Marathon gives you a bird's-eye view of town before descending the hiker's trail. Guided fly-in trips to more remote locations are also available. Getting there is half the fun!

BREANA MATHEWS

KENAI MOUNTAINS

Dog Sledding

Seward may be about 1,000 miles from Nome, but we're home to some of Alaska's most accomplished mushers. The Seavey family boasts seven Iditarod Championships while Travis Beals and Sarah Stokey both have memorable finishes.

KENNEL TOURS

Seavey's Ididaride Sled Dog Tours and **Turning Heads Kennel** *(p. 56)* offer detailed tours of their facilities, training programs, and more. Help the excited pups train for the Iditarod by hopping in a wheeled "sled" and touring the property. These family-friendly tours are fun and affordable. Each summer there are puppies that enjoy being held by friendly visitors.

GLACIER DOG SLEDDING

For a unique adventure, take a scenic helicopter flight to a remote glacier across Resurrection Bay and enjoy a snowy dog sled ride surrounded by icy mountain peaks. Your family will talk about this exhilarating experience for years to come.

Experience the thrill of these world-class athletes and their devoted caretakers. Life is good for these dogs!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Seward is one of Alaska's oldest communities. Our ice-free port has long served as a natural gateway to Alaska's resource-rich interior. Here are a few historical highlights, dating back to our region's First Peoples.

IDITAROD TRAIL

It Starts in Seward

The **Iditarod National Historic Trail** is a 2,300-mile trail network, originally developed to deliver mail by dog team from Seward to rural Alaska Native villages. From the **Iditarod Monument**, retrace the path of these brave mushers as you walk north on the paved trail toward the harbor.

BENNY BENSON

Designer of the State Flag

Benny Benson, an Alutiiq boy living in Seward, was 13 years old when he won a contest in 1927 to design the flag for the Territory of Alaska. Benny's iconic design featuring the Big Dipper and North Star remains today. The **Benny Benson Memorial** north of the Lagoon honors this beloved Alaskan.

Kayaking, Surfing & Paddleboarding

Paddling the waters around Seward allows travelers a chance to experience our coastal ecosystem in a much more dynamic and intimate way. You'll find a list of experienced guides in our directory on ***p. 59***.

KAYAKING

Delight in exploring tidewater glaciers, towering waterfalls, and rugged coastlines from a stable two-person sea kayak. Whether exploring glacial fjords or Resurrection Bay, lucky paddlers travel with knowledgeable and skilled guides on a journey across the waters near Seward. Keep your eyes out for wildlife and feel the katabatic winds rush down the glaciers. Half- and full-day itineraries are available, as well as multi-day kayaking and camping excursions. No prior experience is necessary.

STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING

The vantage point from a paddleboard is hard to beat. Look down on colorful jellyfish, see starfish clinging to rocks underwater, and safely paddle against the stunning backdrop of a glacial lagoon. Full- and half-day tours are available. Basic experience is necessary for some tours; beginners are welcome on others.

SURFING

Seward is a surfer's dream, providing a unique coldwater surfing experience you won't soon forget. Since most breaks are accessible only by sea or air, Seward is one of the few places left in the world where you'll have the waves to yourself. **Alaska Surf Guides** ***(p. 60)*** offers half-day adventures and multi-day expeditions with boards and wetsuits included. Beginners are welcome on most trips.

From family-friendly floats to thrilling whitewater canyons, see ***p. 59*** *for river-based rafting adventures.*

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SLATE ISLAND, AIALIK BAY

ALUTIIQ/SUGPIAQ PEOPLE

Seward's 'Real People'

The Native Alutiiq, or Sugpiaq, meaning 'real people,' are a maritime people adept at handling intense weather. They created innovative skin-covered kayaks, the quayaq, to stealthily hunt on the water. Today, members of the **Qutekcak Native Tribe** ***(p. 72)*** are a blend of Alaska Native peoples from all corners of the state.

EARTHQUAKE OF '64

The Big One Changed Everything

Seward was devastated by the Good Friday Earthquake on March 27, 1964. The 9.2 magnitude quake remains the second-largest earthquake in recorded history. Learn more in the film ***Waves Over Seward***, shown daily during the summer at the **Seward Community Library & Museum** ***(p. 55)***.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD

Bought Alaska for Pocket Change

Seward was named for President Lincoln's Secretary of State, William Henry Seward, who negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867 for the bargain price of two cents per acre. Though the treaty was mocked by some at the time, "Seward's Folly" is now regarded as a masterful deal.

JANESSA ANDERSON

Arts & Culture

Seward's historic downtown and picturesque harbor are home to charming galleries, quirky shops, and one of the largest public mural collections in Alaska.

SHOPPING

From top-of-the-line outdoor gear to handmade local crafts, there's something for everyone in the shops ***(p. 60)*** and galleries around Seward ***(p. 55)***. From our historic downtown to the scenic harbor area, dozens of local artists sell their wares alongside an array of Alaska products and unique souvenirs.

MURAL WALK

Spend an afternoon exploring the 30+ vibrant murals dotting Seward, proudly known as the **'Mural Capital of Alaska.'** Under direction from the **Seward Mural Society**, each painting depicts unique historical characters, local events, and natural landscapes while celebrating the beauty and spirit of Alaska.

COMMUNITY MUSEUM

Curated by Resurrection Bay Historical Society, the **Seward Community Library & Museum** ***(p. 55)*** houses a collection that documents Seward's past. The museum is located on the first floor of the city library and hosts events about historical people and events throughout the year.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Created by the **Seward Historic Preservation Commission**, the Seward Historical Walking Tour includes 46 sites, with 26 interpretative panels throughout downtown Seward showcasing our town's rich history. Start the tour wherever you'd like after picking up a map at the **Seward Chamber of Commerce.**

SEWARD COMMUNITY LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Health & Wellness

Take time to refresh your body and soul with one of Seward's many health and wellness offerings *(p. 61)*. Join a yoga retreat in the forest or spend the day getting a well-earned massage. However you recharge, Seward has you covered.

SPA

Be sure to take some time to unwind and treat yourself in between adventures. With a wide selection of services, **The Retreat Day Spa** in downtown Seward will leave you feeling refreshed and full of energy.

WELLNESS

Seward has a thriving wellness community, with acupuncturists, massage therapists, herbalists and more. Local practitioners offer truly rejuvenating experiences in a variety of modalities.

FITNESS

Warm up with a walk along the waterfront before heading to **5th Avenue Fitness**. Day passes allow guests to use the gym's equipment or try a new class.

YOGA

Whether you want to practice your down dog in a remote cabin or fall into savasana in a heated room, the growing yoga community in Seward offers a variety of classes and retreats.

JOEL KRAHN

SEWARD WATERFRONT PARK

Sportfishing

Seward has a well-earned reputation as one of Alaska's premier sportfishing destinations. Our pristine waters are home to an incredible diversity of species, including halibut, rockfish, lingcod, and all five varieties of Pacific salmon. Saltwater combo fishing trips—targeting halibut, salmon, and rockfish—are a popular option from late June through early September.

RESURRECTION BAY

5 FISH TO KNOW

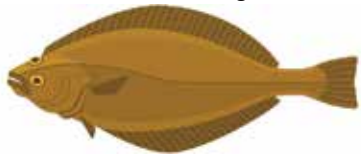
Our waters are rich with an abundance of ocean and freshwater fish. Here are a few species you might find on the end of your line or on your plate.

KING (CHINOOK) SALMON

Prized by cooks for their rich flavor, king salmon can be found year-round in Resurrection Bay. Anglers must buy a king salmon stamp in addition to their license.

PACIFIC HALIBUT

These delicious fish fetch more than $30/lb at seafood markets for their delicate flavor and firm, flaky texture. Seward offers some of the best halibut fishing in Alaska.



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GUIDED SALTWATER CHARTERS

Guided charter fishing trips are a great option for experienced anglers and novices seeking thrilling saltwater action. Experienced captains and crew, comfortable vessels, and top-of-the-line equipment will give you the best possible opportunity to take home your limit. Your charter captain can recommend local seafood processors ***(p. 72)*** that can deep-freeze your catch and ship it directly to your home to enjoy throughout the year.

SHOREFISHING

Seward also boasts abundant shoreline and surf-casting access right from our beaches, including several popular spots within walking distance of downtown. Resurrection Bay king salmon, silver salmon, and sockeye salmon may all be targeted from shore during the summer. **The Fish House** and **Bay Barge Company**, conveniently located in the harbor district, sell fishing licenses and equipment for every budget. Visit **Adventure 60 North** or the **Snagg'n Wagon** to rent all the gear you'll need to hook a dime-bright salmon for dinner. Guided trips—a great option for beginners—are also available.

GUIDED FRESHWATER TRIPS

In the freshwater lakes and streams surrounding Seward, many of which only require a short hike, you'll find wild and stocked trophy rainbow trout, wild Dolly Varden, lake trout, and Arctic grayling. To experience world-class fly fishing on the renowned Kenai River, consider a half- or full-day guided trip out of scenic Cooper Landing, less than an hour drive away.

See pp. 56-58 for a full list of sportfishing charter outfitters and operators.

*Join us for the **ASYMCA Combat Fishing Tournament** in May - sponsored by the **American Legion Seward Post 5**, the **Seward Halibut Tournament** in June, and the **Seward Silver Salmon Derby** in August. Fish on!*

ROCKFISH

More than 30 species of rockfish can be found in the Gulf of Alaska outside Seward. Black rockfish are enjoyed by anglers and boast a mild flavor and flaky texture.

SILVER (COHO) SALMON

Seward is best known for these bright and athletic salmon. Our Seward Silver Salmon Derby—the oldest fishing tournament in the state—has been a summer tradition since the 1950s ***(p. 49)***.

RAINBOW TROUT

Our area lakes have great numbers of these beauties, with fish reaching 25." The Kenai River, a world-renowned fly fishing destination, is less than an hour from town.

Eat

NICOLE GUSTAFSON

THE MERMAID GROTTO CAFE

DINING OUT IN SEWARD

Local cuisine is part of the travel experience. Fresh seafood and Alaska-grown produce are highlights of our enticing food scene. Craft brews, local wines, and small-batch spirits pair perfectly with your meal or a night out. Fine dining restaurants often feature foraged ingredients like spruce tips, wildflowers, alpine berries, and earthy mushrooms in their specials. The land of the midnight sun has never been tastier.

OCEAN TO TABLE

The superior flavor and texture of Alaska seafood is prized around the world. Enjoy salmon, halibut, rockfish, black cod, king crab, and spot prawns from nearby waters, all of which you'll find expertly prepared on nearly every menu in town. For a true ocean-to-table experience, bring your freshly caught fish to **Apollo Restaurant** *(p. 62)*; they'll cook it for you!

JOEL KRAHN

CHINOOKS

BUYING LOCAL SEAFOOD

Seward is a working waterfront, so you can buy seafood freshly harvested from the icy waters of Resurrection Bay and the Gulf of Alaska directly from our local commercial processors *(p. 74)*. Looking to take home a taste of Alaska? **Saltwood Smokehouse** *(p. 61)* makes a variety of delectable smoked salmon and sablefish products right here in Seward.

DINING WITH A VIEW

Many restaurants in Seward offer lovely views. A few standouts include **Chinooks** and **Ray's Waterfront** for panoramic views of the boat harbor, while **Zudy's Cafe** offers sweeping vistas of Resurrection Bay. Locals flock to **Resurrection Roadhouse** on summer evenings to enjoy the river valley bathed in golden light. *See pp. 32–33* for a list of all dining options featuring special views!

The Cookery

Ray's Waterfront

Resurrection Roadhouse

COFFEE CULTURE

Coffee with a splash of local history.

Coffee plays a critical role in Alaska. It helps us power through long days with nearly 19 hours of light, as well as the short days of winter. You can find a great cup of joe in some very unique places around Seward, including a historic church, a converted train car, and a charming candy shop. Or wake up to a cup of Seward every day with a bag of **Caines Head Coffee Company** artisan roasted coffee beans.

See ***p. 63*** for a full list of options for coffee and sweets.

FUN FACT

Alaska's ratio of coffee shops to people is one of the highest in the country!

KAT SORENSEN

RESURRECT ART COFFEE HOUSE

LATE NIGHT & ENTERTAINMENT

Live music and entertainment are regular occurrences in the summer when the daylight lingers all the way to last call. Our thriving local music scene gives Seward an eclectic soundtrack. Trivia nights, dance parties, open mic nights, and karaoke are just a few of the late-night offerings you'll find year-round at our local venues. Local tip: if you ring the bell, the next round is on you!

BREWS, BUBBLES & COCKTAILS

Taste your way around Alaska's rapidly growing craft beverage scene in Seward. Many Alaska beers, wines, and spirits highlight foraged ingredients such as fireweed, lingonberries, and spruce tips. Swing by **Stoney Creek Brewery** or **Seward Brewing Company** *(p. 63)* to sample some of our local brews. Or try a creatively crafted cocktail at one of our local bars and restaurants.

Yukon Bar

Seward Brewing Company

13 Ravens Coffee House

DINING AT A GLANCE

Local Seward dining options by neighborhood. For more information, see the business directory beginning on ***p. 61.***

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

		PRICE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	FAMILY FRIENDLY	GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS	VEGETARIAN OPTIONS	SPECIAL VIEWS	YEAR-ROUND
APOLLO RESTAURANT 229 4th Ave.	*Greek fusion, pizza, seafood, pasta & steak* (907) 224-3092	$$$		•	•	•	•	•		•
FLAMINGO LOUNGE 208 4th Ave.	*Craft cocktail lounge* Find us online!	$$			•		•	•		•
FRONTIER TRADING POST 233 4th Ave.	*Espresso, deli & groceries* (907) 491-1416	$$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
MIDNIGHT BENTO 4th Ave. & Adams St.	*Asian fusion street food* (541) 690-6162	$$		•	•	•	•	•		
MS. GENE'S PLACE 221 5th Ave.	*Elegant breakfast & dinner* (907) 224-6447	$$	•	•	•	•	•	•		
RESURRECT ART COFFEE HOUSE 320 3rd Ave.	*Espresso & baked goods* (907) 224-7161	$	•			•	•		•	
SEWARD ALEHOUSE 215 4th Ave.	*Beer, wine & spirits* (907) 224-2337	$$					•	•		•
SEWARD BREWING COMPANY 139 4th Ave.	*Craft beer & American fare* (907) 422-0337	$$		•	•	•	•	•	•	
SWEET DARLINGS 205 4th Ave.	*Artisinal fudge, gelato & espresso* (907) 224-3011	$$		•	•	•	•	•		•
THE COOKERY 209 5th Ave.	*Modern American cuisine & oyster bar* (907) 422-7459	$$$		•	•	•	•	•		
THE HIGHLINER RESTAURANT 303 Adams St.	*American home cooking* (907) 224-3950	$$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
THE LONE CHICHARRON TAQUERIA 215 4th Ave. Ste. B	*Mexican street tacos & more* (907) 422-0400	$$		•	•		•	•		•
THE SEA BEAN 225 4th Ave.	*Breakfast & lunch, gluten-free & vegan specials* (907) 224-6623	$	•	•	•	•	•	•		
YUKON BAR 201 4th Ave.	*Beer, wine, & spirits* (907) 224-3063	$					•	•		•
ZUDY'S CAFE 501 Railway Ave.	*Cakes, soups, sandwiches & coffee* (907) 224-4710	$	•	•		•	•	•	•	•

EXIT GLACIER & SEWARD HIGHWAY

EXIT GLACIER SALMON BAKE 31832 Herman Lierer Rd.	*Seafood, steak, salad & pasta* (907) 224-2204	$$			•	•			•	
LE BARN APPETIT 11786 Old Exit Glacier Rd.	*Homemade meals & dessert crepes* (907) 224-8706	$$	•	•		•		•		
MUDD HUTT 11748 Seward Hwy.	*Drive-through espresso drinks & snacks* (907) 224-5282	$	•	•		•		•		•
RESURRECTION ROADHOUSE 31772 Herman Leirer Rd.	*Contemporary cuisine* (907) 224-7116	$$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
STONEY CREEK BREWHOUSE 33366 Stoney Creek Ave.	*Craft beer brewery & tasting room* (907) 422-7502	$					•	•	•	•
TRAIL LAKE LODGE Mile 29.5 Seward Hwy. Moose Pass	*Full-service lakeside restaurant & lounge* (907) 288-3101	$$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	

$ = $8–$15
$$ = $16–$24
$$$ = $25+

SEWARD BOAT HARBOR

		PRICE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	FAMILY FRIENDLY	GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS	VEGETARIAN OPTIONS	SPECIAL VIEWS	YEAR-ROUND
13 RAVENS COFFEE HOUSE 411 Port Ave. #1	*Espresso & coffee drinks* Find us on Facebook!	$	•	•		•		•	•	•
ALASKA SEAFOOD GRILL 1321 4th Ave.	*Seafood, burgers & sides* (907) 422-0458	$$		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BREEZE INN RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 303 N. Harbor St.	*American cuisine* (907) 224-5237	$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CHINOOKS 1404 4th Ave.	*Fresh Alaska seafood & upscale comfort food* (907) 224-2207	$$		•	•	•	•	•	•	
COHO JOE'S DOCKSIDE COFFEE 1302 4th Ave. #F	*Dockside coffee & espresso* (763) 229-1315	$	•	•		•			•	
HARBOR ST. CREAMERY 306 S. Harbor St.	*Ice cream* (907) 224-8818	$	•	•	•	•	•			
MERMAID GROTTO CAFE & BOUTIQUE 512 Port Ave.	*Espresso bar, cafe & lounge* (907) 224-3838	$$$	•	•		•		•	•	•
THE PORTHOLE Seward Boat Harbor - F-dock ramp	*Early-morning breakfast, soups & sandwiches* (907) 422-7335	$	•	•		•	•	•	•	
RAY'S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT 1316 4th Ave.	*Steak & seafood* (907) 224-5606	$$$		•	•	•	•	•	•	
SALTWOOD SMOKEHOUSE 2101 Seward Hwy.	*Smoked black cod & salmon* (907) 224-3474	$$		•	•	•	•			
SEWARD'S CUP 1915 Seward Hwy.	*Drive-through coffee & espresso drinks* (907) 744-6444	$	•	•		•				•
SEWARD SUBWAY 303 S. Harbor St.	*Sandwiches, soups, chips & cookies* (907) 224-7165	$	•	•	•	•	•	•		
SMOKE SHACK 411 Port Ave. #4	*Smoked meats, burgers & breakfast* (907) 224-4789	$$	•	•		•	•	•	•	

MIDTOWN

FIREBRAND BBQ 1101 3rd Ave.	*Texas-style smoked meats & sides* (907) 491-0037	$$	•	•		•		•	•	
RED'S BURGERS 302 Van Buren St.	*Burgers, sides & milkshakes* Find us on Facebook!	$$		•	•	•		•	•	
WOODY'S THAI KITCHEN 804 4th Ave.	*Authentic Thai cuisine* (907) 422-0338	$$		•	•	•	•	•		•

Firebrand BBQ

The Highliner Restaurant

Mudd Hutt

Stay

JANESSA ANDERSON

PLAY HARD. REST EASY

Fuel your adventures with quality rest. From rustic to glam, our unique accommodations offer a range of amenities to delight every kind of traveler. In Seward, even budget-savvy visitors can enjoy spectacular views from our waterfront campground. Other options—cozy bed and breakfast chalets, waterfront lodges, and rustic cabins, just to name a few—are so inviting that you may be tempted to stay in. Pro tip: Consider packing an eye mask for spring and summer trips. Our midnight sun is a big (and fun!) adjustment for many visitors.

THE BREEZE INN MOTEL

LODGING AT A GLANCE

From convenient downtown hotels to rustic cabins tucked away in the temperate rainforest, there are plenty of ways to find your home away from home in Seward. A full list of accommodations can be found in the business directory beginning on ***p. 63.***

JANESSA ANDERSON

SEWARD GATEWAY HOTEL

HOTELS & MOTELS

Several full-service hotels in the area can take care of your every need for a relaxing getaway. Downtown, the harbor district, and Exit Glacier Road all offer comfortable accommodations to keep the whole family happy.

RESORTS & LODGES

Guarantee yourself a well curated experience at one of Seward's many resorts and lodges - each with a distinctive Alaska touch. Relax in style, with all the amenities at your fingertips and adventures at your doorstep.

Harbor 360 Hotel

Seward Military Resort

Seward Windsong Lodge

Experience a night (or two) at a quaint downtown cottage or rustic cabin just outside of town. After getting a taste of the Alaska life, you may never leave.

KRISTIAN IREY

BEACH HOUSE ALASKA

BED & BREAKFASTS

Enjoy the hospitality of Seward locals by staying at one of the many cozy bed and breakfasts. Before starting your adventures, spend the morning talking with your knowledgeable host over a cup of coffee and scones.

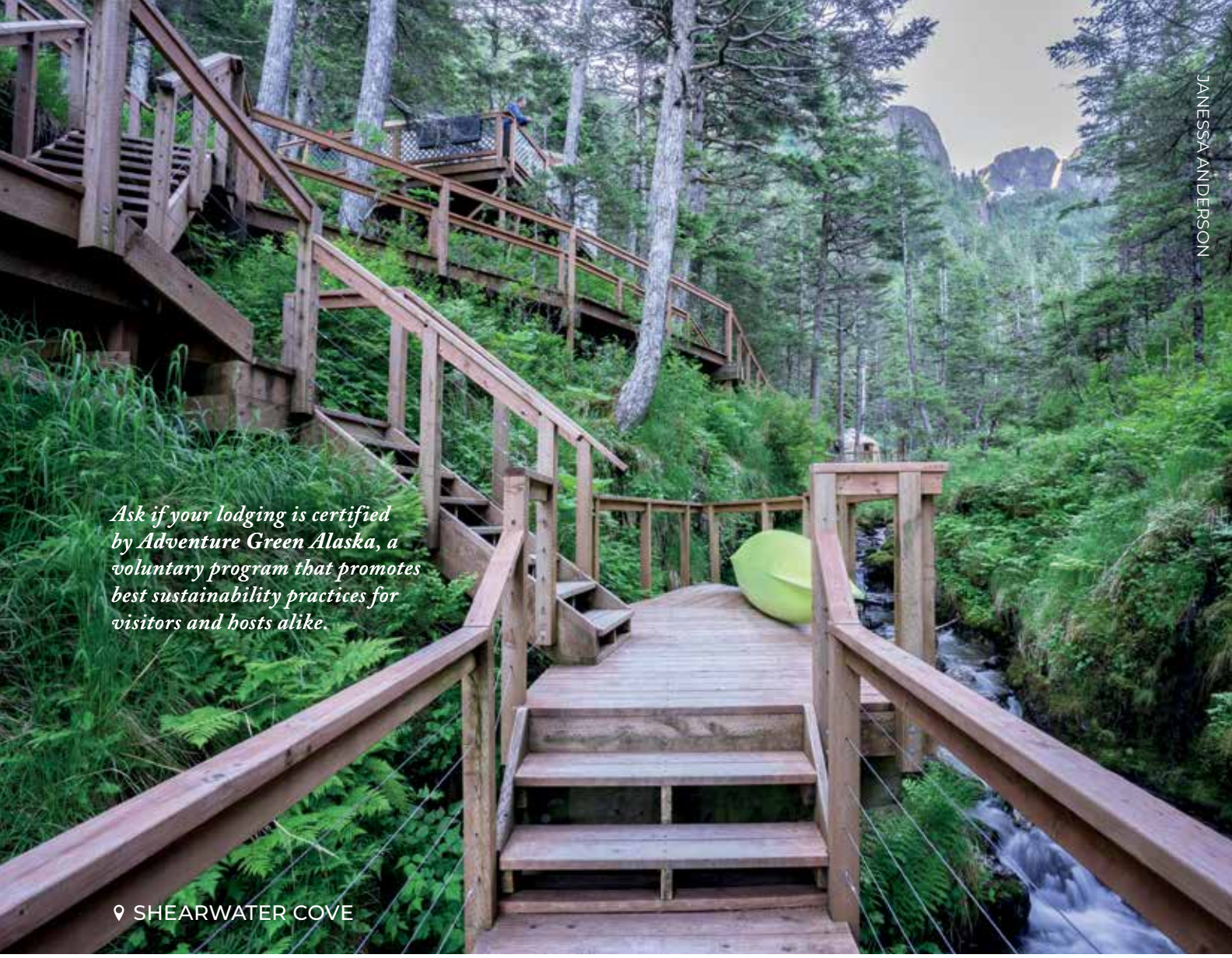
VACATION RENTALS

Unlock the front door and make yourself at home! Well-stocked and ready-to-go, your rental will be the perfect place to unwind after a day of exploring. Many have a kitchen, ideal for cooking your catch of the day!

Angels Rest on Resurrection Bay

Box Canyon Cabins

Salted Roots



WILDERNESS LODGING

For the spectacular lodges, cabins, and yurts in Resurrection Bay and Kenai Fjords, getting there is part of the fun. Amenities at these properties may include guided wilderness excursions, private trailheads, or paddling equipment.

PUBLIC-USE CABINS

Reserve public-use cabins *(see p. 75-79)* in advance to get off-the-grid and into the wilderness. Visit **Alaska State Parks** at *www.reserveamerica.com*, and **Kenai Fjords National Park** and **Chugach National Forest** at *www.recreation.gov.*

Kayakers Cove

Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge

Dale Clemens Public-Use Cabin

Whether you're renting a motorhome (p.67) or driving your own, Seward and the surrounding area are RV-friendly, with plenty of space and hook-ups for your mobile adventure.

JANESSA ANDERSON

SEWARD WATERFRONT CAMPGROUND

CAMPING & RV

Seward's waterfront campgrounds offer dazzling views of Resurrection Bay and Mt. Alice. Wake up to the sound of snorting sea lions and the rush of soaring eagles just beyond your campfire. Other campgrounds in the area offer spruce forests and easy access to salmon runs.

HOSTELS

These affordable properties offer the opportunity to meet travelers from around the world while exploring Alaska. Unique options include a yurt village and private or shared rooms conveniently located downtown.

Stoney Creek RV Park

Seward KOA Journey

Moby Dick Hostel & Lodging

Plan

JANESSA ANDERSON

SET YOUR SIGHTS ON SEWARD

Inspired to begin planning your adventure? The following information will help you dial in your trip. Remember, our local travel experts are happy to answer your questions and provide customized recommendations. We're just a call, email, or drop-in visit away.

RESURRECTION BAY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT'S THE POPULATION OF SEWARD?

Seward's year-round population is approximately 2,800 residents. During the summer, our population nearly doubles as seasonal workers arrive to support our tourism and commercial fishing industries.

WHAT DO I NEED FOR A FISHING CHARTER?

Any angler 16 years old or over will need an Alaska State sport fishing license, which can be purchased online at **adfg.alaska.gov**, or at several charter companies *(p. 56)* and retailers *(p. 60)* in town. Most fishing charters also recommend you bring plenty of food and beverages (we recommend a reusable water bottle) in a cooler. Be prepared for any weather by wearing warm layers and water-resistant shoes, and bring rain gear, hat, gloves, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Don't forget your binoculars and camera, and be sure to bring seasick remedies if you're prone to feeling ill on the water.

DOES SEWARD HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED FOR A COMFORTABLE STAY?

Our small community boasts a full range of services to meet your needs and keep you comfortable during your stay, including a hospital, library, post office, public showers, two laundromats, a pharmacy, outdoor gear rentals, pet sitters, and more. See ***p. 66*** for a select list of visitor amenities.

IS SEWARD PET FRIENDLY?

It's a dog's life in Seward! Feel free to bring your well-behaved and leashed pup on most local trails, with the exception of Kenai Fjords National Park. Consider hiring a local dog-walker *(p.70)* so you can enjoy a full-day adventure knowing that Fido is comfortable.

IS MARIJUANA LEGAL?

Yes, cannabis is legal in Alaska for recreational use if you're over 21! Visit one of our local dispensaries, like **The Tufted Puffin** *(p.60)*, to partake (be ready to show your government-issued ID). Adults are allowed to have up to an ounce of marijuana in their possession at a time. Consumption is not allowed in public, at KEFJ, or while driving.

AVERAGE WEATHER

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN/SNOW	DAYLIGHT
JAN.	32°	22°	7.6″/13.3″	6 hrs.
FEB.	35°	25°	6.3″/21.1″	8 hrs.
MARCH	37°	25°	3.6″/14.6″	10 ½ hrs.
APRIL	45°	32°	4.3″/4.7″	13 ¼ hrs.
MAY	54°	39°	2.8″/.06″	16 hrs.
JUNE	59°	46°	2.3″/0″	18 ¼ hrs.
JULY	62°	50°	3.5″/0″	18 ¾ hrs.
AUG.	62°	50°	5.3″/0″	17 hrs.
SEPT.	56°	44°	8.8″/0″	14 ¼ hrs.
OCT.	46°	35°	9.4″/0.3″	11 ½ hrs.
NOV.	35°	26°	6.7″/10.7″	8 ¾ hrs.
DEC.	33°	24°	7.7″/22.9″	6 ½ hrs.

(Temperatures are in Fahrenheit)

SAMPLE PACKING LIST

There's no bad weather with the right gear.

Rain jacket and pants
Lightweight, wicking base layers
Warm layers (synthetic or wool)
Hiking shoes or boots
Warm hat and gloves
Sun hat, sunglasses, and sunblock
Eye mask and earplugs for sleeping
Cell phone, camera, and charger
Binoculars

DRIVING DISTANCE (in miles)

	Seward	Anchorage	Homer	Denali
Seward		127	168	363
Anchorage	127		222	239
Homer	168	222		459
Denali	363	239	459	

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DESTINATION PLANNING

Our small town is the most gracious host. With a variety of lodging, activities, and dining options, Seward is a unique venue for groups hoping to celebrate, reunite, and experience a special event.

SAYING "I DO"

All love stories deserve a beautiful backdrop - so why not tie the knot amidst majestic fjords, in front of breathtaking glaciers, and awe-inspiring mountains? There are endless possibilities to host the wedding of your dreams.

COME TOGETHER IN SEWARD

Create an unforgettable experience by planning a conference or meeting in Seward. Our small-town charm is paired with hotels, event spaces, and a wide array of activities to create a perfectly curated event.

Plan a relaxing retreat at a remote cabin, use one of our hotels as the home base for your conference, or celebrate with loved ones on a private boat charter.

Call the **Seward Visitor Center** at **(907) 224-8051** or email **seward@visitseward.com** to start planning your event today.

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RAINY DAY SPECIALS

Seward is a coastal temperate rainforest, which means we get rainy days that keep everything lush and green. Don't worry, our tours run rain or shine! In case you're looking for indoor activities, we have plenty to keep you and the family exploring.

Summer Days

Summer's long days flood Seward with glorious sunshine all season long, even well past midnight! The summer solstice marks the longest day of the year and brings nearly 19 hours of daylight.

LOWELL POINT

MAKE THE MOST OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

Seward is the best Alaska destination for someone with a long bucket list. From our small town, visitors can explore glaciers, hike mountains, see wildlife, catch their dinner, and more.

If you have just one day in Seward, you can make the most out of our midnight sun. Check out the **Alaska SeaLife Center** *(p. 55)*, stroll along the **Seward Waterfront Park**, explore historic downtown, hunt for murals painted by local artists, enjoy a hike at **Exit Glacier**, watch the salmon run, or even take a few casts from shore. Many of our tour operators offer half-day trips, like ice hiking, kayaking, and wildlife cruises.

If you have a **weekend** to explore, a full-day marine wildlife tour will take you deep into **Kenai Fjords National Park** *(p. 55)* where you'll see tidewater glaciers and search for wildlife. In town, refuel at your favorite coffee house or over delicious Alaska fare from local chefs before catching live music at our downtown bars.

With a **week** to spend in Seward, you'll start to feel like a local. Book a multi-day kayak excursion and fall asleep to the sounds of glaciers calving. Charter a multi-day cruise and explore secret coves. Access parts of the fjords that few get to see while staying in a luxurious wilderness lodge. Back in Seward, you'll have time to explore more trails, try more restaurants, and meet more locals before packing your bags and memories to return home.

First Friday Art Walks (May–Sept)

Alaska SeaLife Center (Open year-round)

Seward Farmers Market (June–Aug)

Winter & Spring

Temperatures drop and snow falls, but spirits stay high in Seward.

HOLIDAYS & SEASONAL FESTIVITITES

Throughout the fall, winter, and spring, Seward stays busy with fun festivals and events. Find the perfect one-of-a-kind gift or souvenir, enjoy a delicious meal, and take in the sights, all within walking distance!

Plan ahead to celebrate our annual local events, like the end-of-summer **Seward Music and Arts Festival** that brings artists, makers, vendors, as well as delicious food and entertainment to historic downtown Seward.

Join us for **Shop Small Weekend** in late November when Seward businesses go all out spotlighting local makers and offering specials on lodging, activities, and more. The **Kenai Crewsers** *(p. 73)* **Holiday Arts & Craft Fair** in December is a great chance to peruse the goods and wares of vendors from all across Alaska.

The holiday celebrations continue through the winter with **New Year's Eve** and **Valentine's Day** festivities, making Seward the perfect destination for a winter weekend away.

If you're feeling brave, join us in January for the **Seward Polar Bear Jump** where costumed men and women jump into the frigid waters of Resurrection Bay for a good cause, the **American Cancer Society** *(p. 73)*.

The Mermaid Festival *(p. 71)*, celebrated along with **Harbor Opening** the third weekend of May, brings vendors, makers, and musicians to Seward. Mermaids and pirates aren't limited to the harbor, though, with celebrations extending throughout town all festival long.

Seward Music & Arts Festival (Oct)

Holiday Arts & Craft Fair (Dec)

Seward Polar Bear Jump (Jan)

JANESSA ANDERSON

SEWARD BOAT HARBOR

THERE IS NO "OFF" SEASON IN SEWARD

While the midnight sun may be setting, summer's end doesn't mean the adventure is over. There are plenty of options outside our busiest season for a trip to Seward.

Fall foliage provides a beautiful backdrop, making it the perfect time to mountain bike, hike, trail run, or maybe even pitch a tent and spend the night under the stars (we forget what they look like in the summer!).

September through April, when skies are clear and it's dark enough, you may be able to sneak a peek as the Northern Lights (or Aurora Borealis) paint the night sky, though due to Seward's coastal location and frequent clouds, our displays are not as reliable as what you might see further North.

There are boundless outdoor activities to enjoy in Seward in the winter and spring. Luckily for us (and yes, we mean luckily) our snow can stick around until May, meaning we get to enjoy skiing, fat biking, ice skating, and more!

Avid skiers can strap skins onto their skis (or splitboards!) and head into the backcountry where snow peaks beckon, while regularly groomed ski trails around Seward attract nordic skiers of all skill levels. Whether you prefer skate or classic technique, check in with the **Seward Nordic Ski Club** ***(p. 60)*** for the most up-to-date conditions.

MOUNT MARATHON RACE & JULY 4TH FESTIVAL

In 2017, Outside Magazine declared, "Mount Marathon is the Toughest 5K on the Planet."

Seward's Mount Marathon Race is regarded as one of the hardest short-distance mountain races in the world. Up to 30,000 people descend on Seward to watch the mayhem and celebrate Independence Day.

The grueling course climbs 3,022 feet above sea level, followed by a fast and dangerous descent. The 3.1-mile race has an average slope of 34 degrees and is 60 degrees at its steepest.

The first organized race was held in 1915, making it one of the oldest footraces in the country. This year, over 1,000 gutsy women, men, and children—including multiple generations of Alaskan families—will tackle the mountain on race day.

Learn more at ***mmr.seward.com***.

Festive floats join parade on Fourth Ave.

Midnight fireworks ring in the holiday.

Waterfront spectators enjoy boat parade.

JANESSA ANDERSON

SEWARD BOAT HARBOR

Reel in your silver salmon straight from shore! The derby has a designated shorefishing category.

SEWARD SILVER SALMON DERBY

Alaska's oldest and largest fishing tournament is a family favorite for Alaskans and visitors alike.

The annual competition brings anglers to Resurrection Bay each August in a bid to bring in the largest silver salmon.

Started in 1956, the derby is one of the oldest and largest in the state. The derby days are Seward's busiest fishing days each year, with thousands casting their line for the chance to win. Prizes are awarded for the heaviest fish overall and for those who catch any of the tagged fish. Anglers can also win daily prizes.

A portion of derby proceeds support fishery restoration and enhancement efforts to ensure we'll be enjoying this fishery for years to come.

Learn more at ***salmon.seward.com.***

JANESSA ANDERSON

HIT THE TRAILS

It's important to observe 'trail etiquette' when enjoying the land in and around Seward. To guarantee the best experience and to ensure that the trails we love are available to all for years to come we ask that trail users respect the environment, the wildlife, and fellow trail goers by remembering to leave no trace and practice these 'rules' of the trails.

MT. MARATHON BOWL

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Research and get ready for your trip, no matter how short! Preparation allows backcountry travelers to have a great time while minimizing their damage to the land around them!

STAY ON THE TRAIL

Trail use is recommended whenever possible to avoid further impact on the land. Don't cut switchbacks or blaze your own path, that's what the trail is for!

BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

We want everyone to enjoy their outdoor experience, so show respect to those around you!

Trails can get narrow and winding, so it's important to know that those who are traveling downhill should yield to uphill traffic.

When passing, follow the rules of the road, and pass on the left. If you're traveling at a faster speed, make sure those ahead of you know you're coming by giving them a friendly "on your left!"

As for hierarchy on the trails, horses and pack animals have the right of way over hikers, who have the right of way of cyclists.

RESPECT THE WILDLIFE

Alaska is home to some big animals like bears and moose. It's important to remember that when hiking, you're in their home. While bear attacks are rare, it's a good idea to carry bear spray in an easily accessible spot, and to know how to use it.

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Leave areas as you found them. Do not dig, construct, or rearrange. If you clear an area, replace the items before leaving. Don't damage or alter live trees or plants.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Pack out what you pack in. Don't leave any bit of waste, garbage or otherwise, on the trail for others to find.

MIND YOUR PETS

When building fires, cooking dinner, or just enjoying the trail, remember that your best friend may not be everyone else's best friend. Dogs should be leashed when hiking unfamiliar trails, for their safety and the safety of others. Also, make sure your dog is fit enough for the task and just as prepared as you are!

VISIT LIKE A LOCAL

We'd love to see you in Seward this year. Here are a few tips on blending in with the locals while you're here.

BE A HIGHWAY HERO

Lights are required on the Seward Highway at all times. Spot some cool wildlife? If it's safe to do so—not on a blind corner!—pull over to the shoulder before quietly observing the animal(s). When driving, let others safely pass. Take your time and enjoy this scenic byway! Highway conditions are available online at ***511.alaska.gov.***

BE COURTEOUS

Gratuity guidelines are simple. Tip tour guides (fishing, kayaking, wildlife viewing, hiking, etc.), restaurant staff and taxi drivers 20 percent for excellent service. Lodging guests should tip housekeeping staff $2 to $5 per day.

KEEP SEWARD GREEN

Help us keep Alaska wild and beautiful for generations to come. Here are five things you can do to reduce your environmental impact while traveling:

1. Purchase carbon offsets: Reduce your environmental footprint while traveling by purchasing carbon offsets for your flight, cruise, drive, or local activities. A good Alaska-based option is Juneau Carbon Offset ***(juneaucarbonoffset.org)***.

2. Carry reusable shopping bags: Bring a bag from home, purchase one in Seward, or borrow a bag courtesy of local volunteers at **Ukanuzit** ***(p. 60)***.

3. Bring a reusable water bottle: Refill stations are available at various locations downtown ***(see map on p. 78)***.

4. Pack it out: We'd appreciate it if you'd pack out any trash that you may find on the beach or trail—that's what most locals do!

5. Recycle whenever possible: Several recycling stations are available around Seward ***(see map on p. 78)***. The largest range of materials are accepted at the Seward Transfer Facility (3200 Dimond Blvd).

Visit ***sustainableseward.org*** for more information about efforts to reduce waste in Seward.

JOEL KRAHN

LEARN FROM THE LOCALS

You've got questions, we've got answers! Whether you're looking for the best restaurant for picky eaters, the best hiking trail with salmonberries, or the best wildlife field guide, the friendly staff at the following visitor centers are here to help you make the most of your trip!

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS

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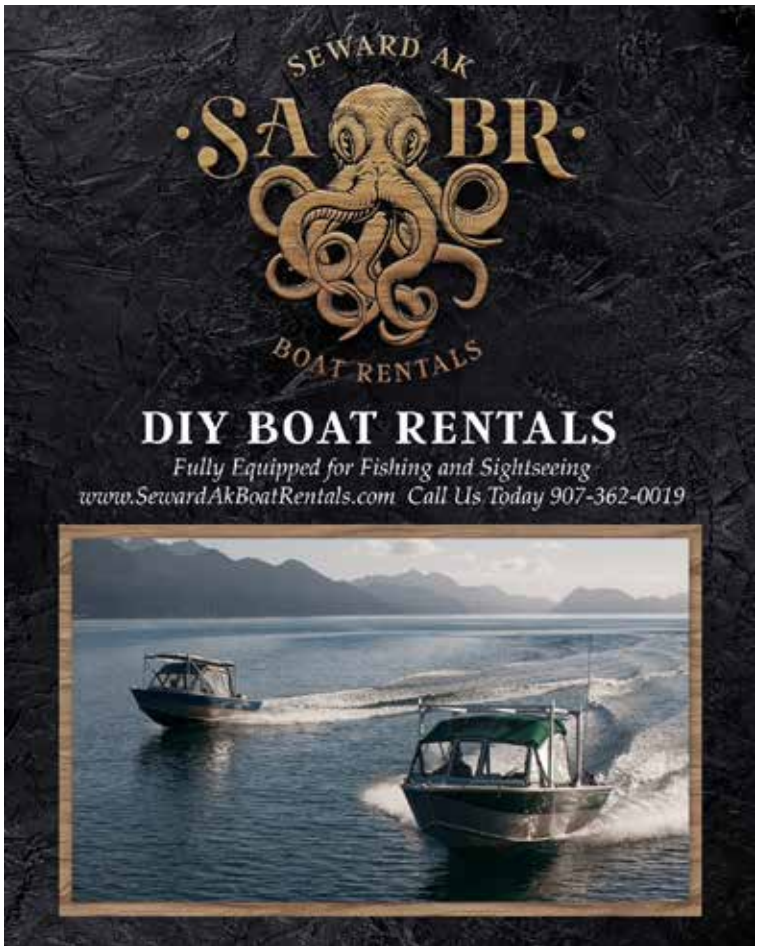

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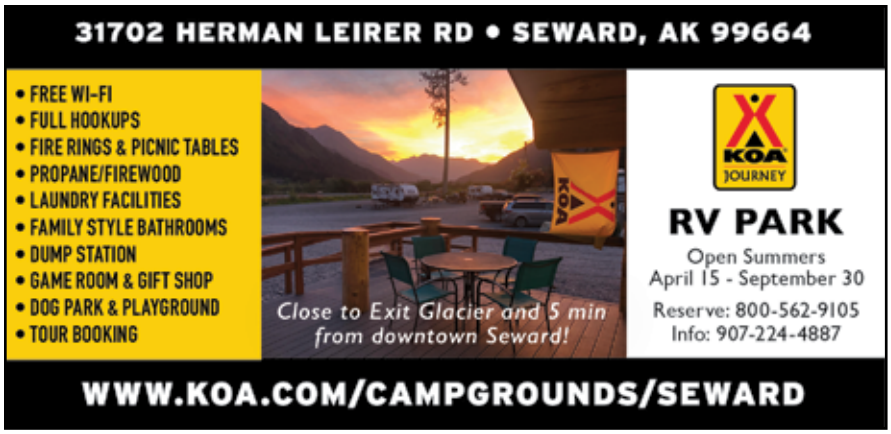

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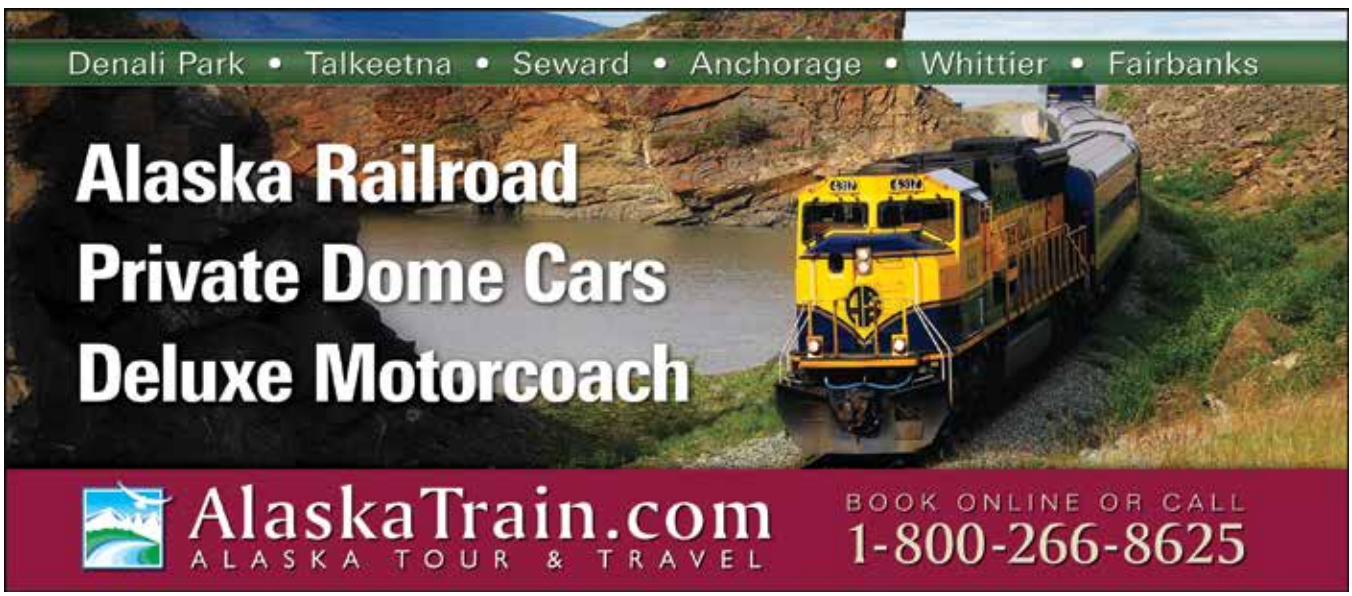

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tananavalleyrailroad.org

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Seward Pride Alliance
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GETTING AROUND TOWN

Seward is compact and easy to navigate. The majority of activities and attractions are found within one mile of the boat harbor, so walking and biking—especially along the waterfront path—are feasible with light luggage or a daypack.

The City of Seward and many hotels, lodges, and tour operators offer complimentary shuttles. A map of Seward, including the free shuttle route, can be found on ***p. 78***.

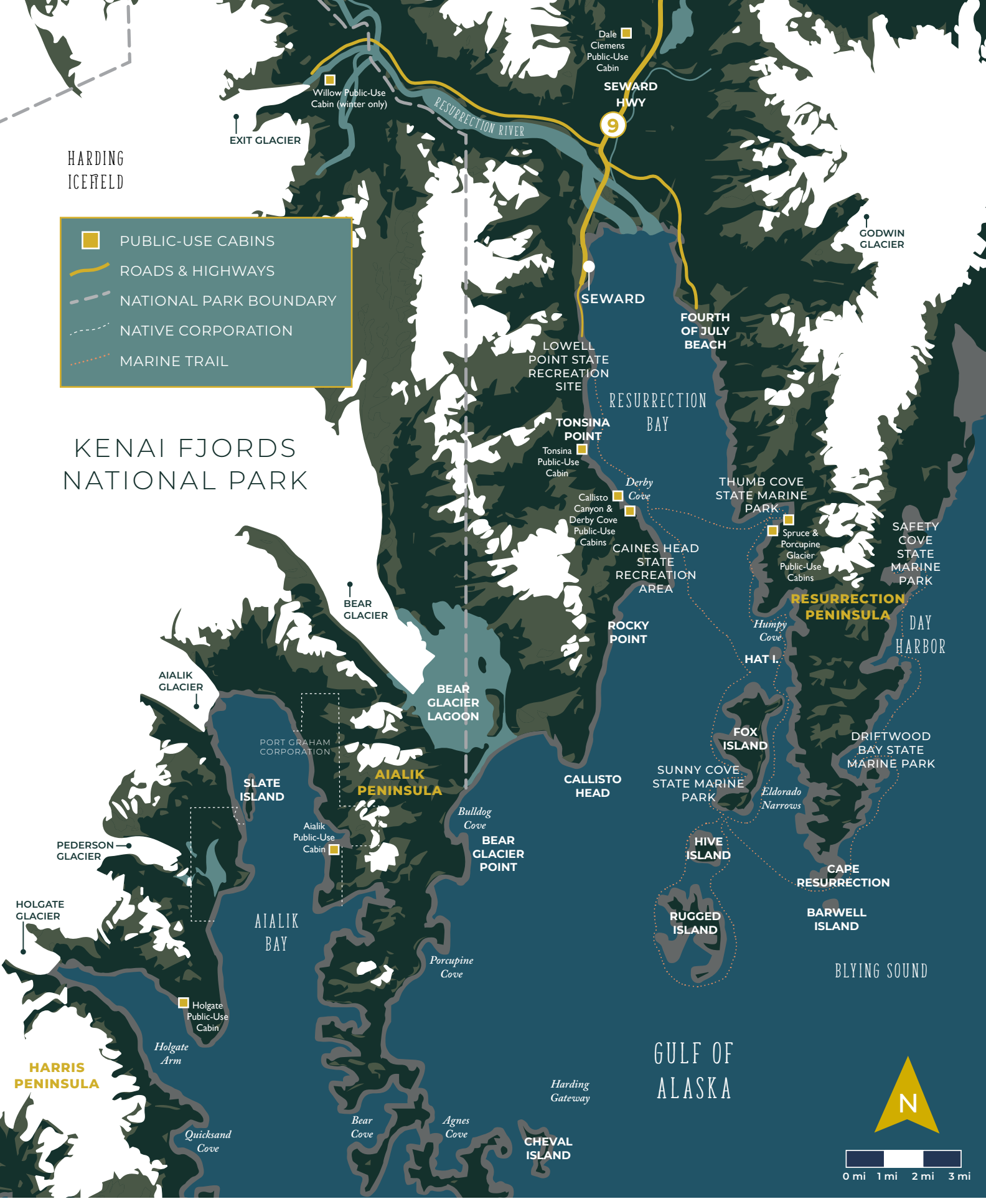
See ***p. 67*** for a full list of transportation operators.

ACCESSIBILITY

Visitors with limited mobility and families with small children have several options for accessible activities and attractions Wheelchair and stroller-accessible options include:

- Wildlife & glacier sightseeing vessels
- Paved waterfront trail
- One-mile loop trail near the Exit Glacier Nature Center
- Alaska SeaLife Center
- Some charter fishing vessels
- Seward Community Library & Museum
- Historic downtown shops
- City shuttle

Visit ***seward.com*** for ideas to help you plan your perfect trip!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SEWARD AREA TRAILS

1. **TONSINA POINT** . . . . . (Lowell Point State Rec Site) | Moderate | 4.2 miles RT | 750' gain
2. **MOUNT MARATHON HIKING TRAIL** . . . . . (Mile 1) | Difficult | 4.3 miles RT | 2,750' gain
3. **TWO LAKES PARK** . . . . . (Mile 1) | Easy | 1 mile RT | 100' gain
4. **IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL - SOUTH PORTION** . . . . . (Nash Rd) | Varies
5. **LOST LAKE** . . . . . (Mile 5.1) | Difficult | 13.8 miles RT | 2.650' gain
6. **RESURRECTION RIVER.** . . . . . (turn at Mile 3.7) | Easy to Difficult | 8.7 miles RT | 1,200' gain
7. **EXIT GLACIER** . . . . . (turn at Mile 3.7) | Easy | 1 mile | 100' gain
8. **HARDING ICEFIELD.** . . . . . (turn at Mile 3.7) | Difficult | 8.2 miles RT | 3,000' gain
9. **GRAYLING & MERIDIAN LAKES** . . . . . (Mile 13.2) | Moderate| 3.4 miles RT | 700' gain
10. **PRIMROSE** . . . . . (Mile 17) | Difficult| 13.3 miles RT | 2,600' gain
11. **PTARMIGAN LAKE** . . . . . (Mile 23) | Easy to Moderate | 6.8 miles RT | 1,100' gain
12. **CARTER LAKE** . . . . . (Mile 33) | Difficult | 3.7 miles RT | 1,100' gain
13. **JOHNSON PASS** . . . . . (Mile 63.3) | Moderate | 20.4 miles | 3,000' gain

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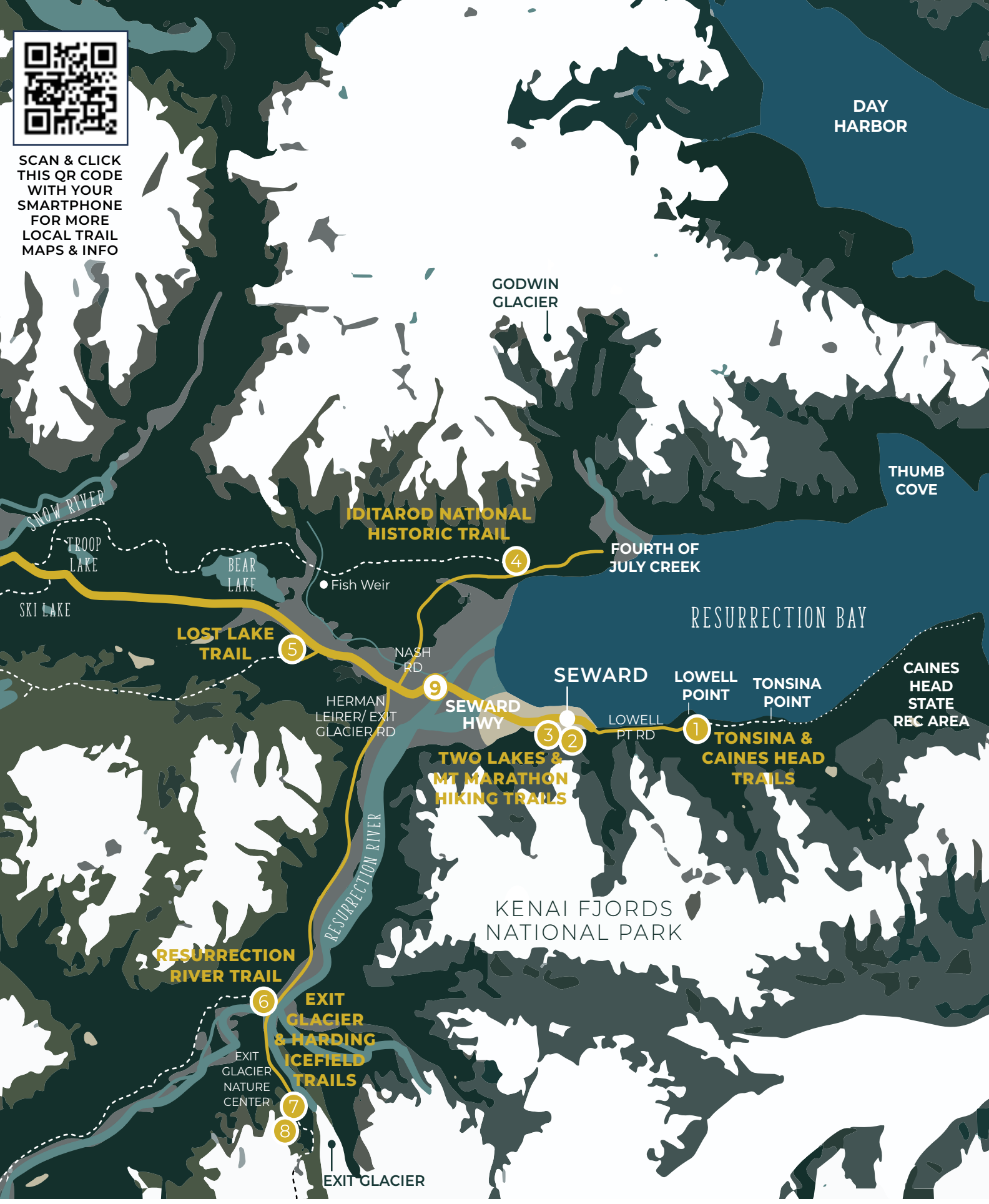
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RESURRECTION RIVER
KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK
RESURRECTION RIVER TRAIL
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EXIT GLACIER NATURE CENTER
7
8
EXIT GLACIER

SHUTTLE STOPS (Look for the **FREE SHUTTLE** bus operated by Seward City Tours)

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7. HARBORVIEW INN . . . . . Seward Seaman's Mission, Bank
8. SENIOR & TEEN CENTERS . . . . . Historic Downtown, Laundromat, Hospital
9. KAWABE PARK . . . . . Historic Downtown, Stores & Restaurants, Restrooms
10. ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER . . . . . Historic Downtown, Stores & Restaurants, Waterfront
11. SOUTH WATERFRONT PARK . . . . . Picnic Pavilion, Playground, Skate Park
12. RESURRECTION CAMPGROUND . . . . U.S. Post Office, American Legion, Restrooms/Showers
13. NORTH WATERFRONT PARK . . . . . Ball Fields, Campgrounds, Park Bench Areas
14. HARBORMASTER OFFICE . . . . . Harbor, Shops, Restaurants, Restrooms/Showers

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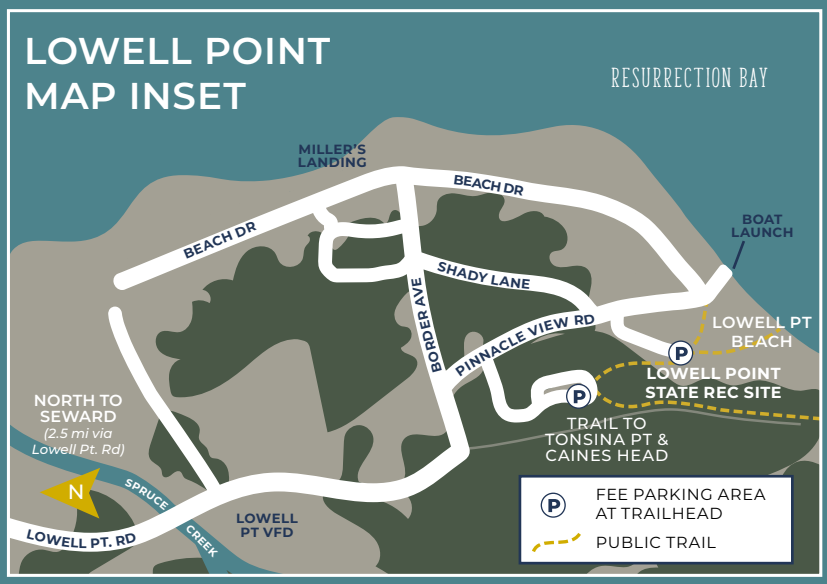

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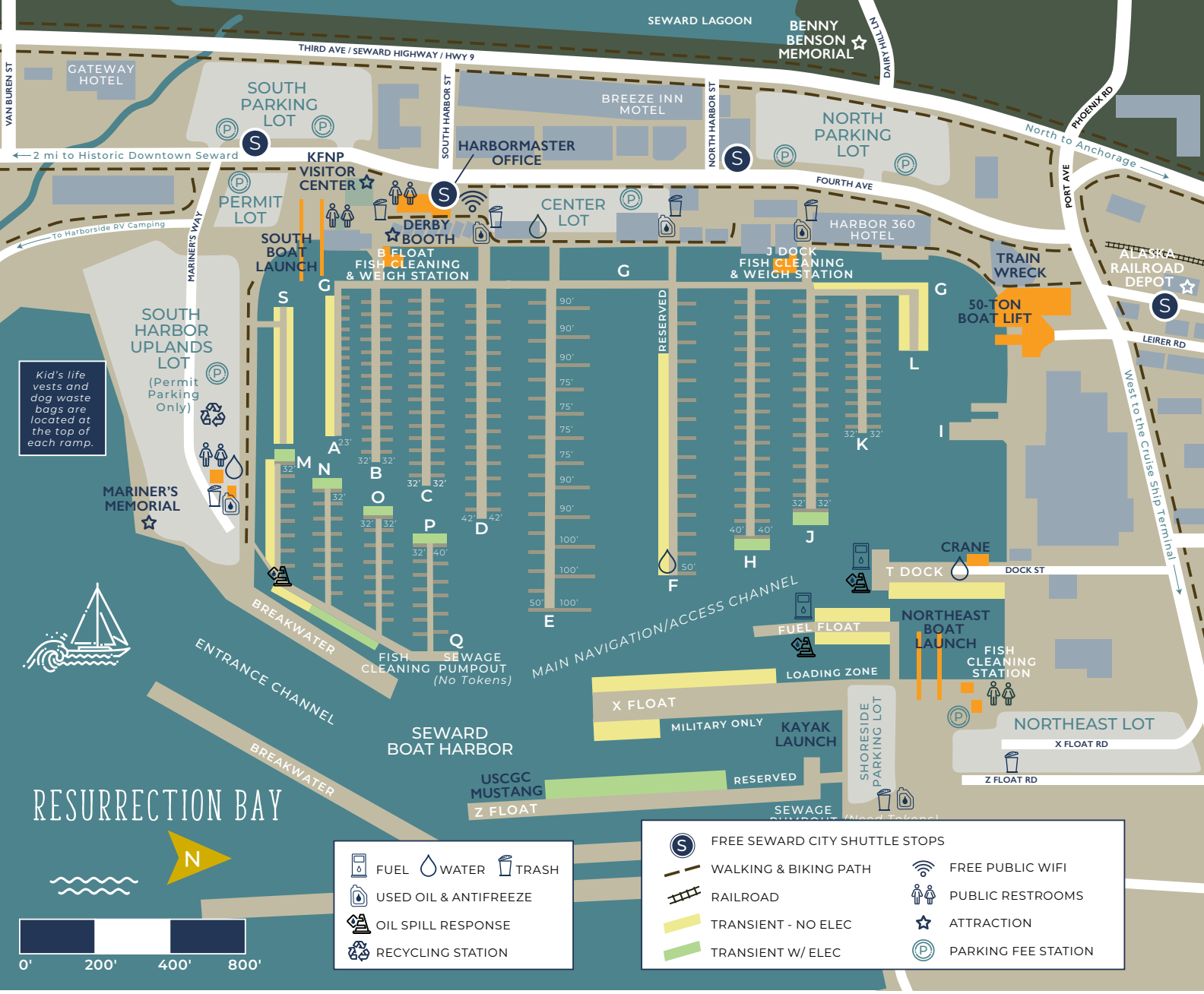

SEWARD BOAT HARBOR

Established in 1964, Seward's boat harbor welcomes a variety of vessels including the local fishing fleet, hundreds of charter fishing and tour boats, the US Coast Guard Cutter Mustang, and more. A certified Alaska Clean Harbor, dedicated staff strive to maintain one of the premier ports in the Pacific. Be sure to call or visit the Harbormaster office for more information.

Our town's full-service harbor has a lot to offer including:

- Free public WIFI, restrooms & token-operated showers
- Children's PFDs & pet waste bag stations
- Designated fish cleaning stations at B, J, and Q floats
- Public boat launch with loading zone parking
- Dumpsters, recycling & hazardous waste stations
- Transient vessel moorage
- Amenities & boat repair services nearby
- Fueling stations, potable water, electrical service & sewage pump-outs
- 50-ton and 330-ton Travelifts, as well as a 5000-ton syncrolift

HARBORMASTER OFFICE

1300 4th Ave Seward, AK 99664
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April 1- September 30
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October 1- March 31
Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HARBOR MONITORS

VHF Channel 17

ADVENTURE FOR ALL

All are welcome, safe and respected in Seward.

Whether you call Seward home or are just here exploring our seaside town, know that this is a place of belonging.

The Seward Pride Alliance** hosts year-round events to engage LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies. Learn more about events and the group's safe space initiative at **sewardpride.org.

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NORTHERN HEART

By Dawn Randazzo

The saltwater air sings to my soul
I will always be a child of this ice and snow
The smell of the ocean makes me whole
I look out in the distance where the sun sets low

Beyond the horizon
Where the mountains touch the sky
Driving down the highway
Troubles in the by-and-by
In that northern land
Where the ocean meets the sand
Is where my heart will lie

Dawn Randazzo is Iñupiaq and Sugpiaq. Her Iñupiaq name is Aġutaiuuq and her Sugpiaq name is Allguk. Her mother's family is from Shishmaref and her father's family is from Tatitlek. She loves to oil paint, berry pick, play guitar, and skin sew.

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