

Hoonah

Relocation Guide





OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OUR MISSION

Alaska Native People working in partnership to provide the best healthcare for our communities.

OUR VISION

Partnering with our communities to promote a healthy balance of mind, body and spirit.

OUR VALUES

Respect
Cultural Identity
Service
Professionalism
Compassion

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WEATHER

Located 40 miles west of Juneau along Icy Strait on Chichagof Island, Hoonah's climate is similar to much of Southeast Alaska and coastal areas throughout the Pacific Northwest. Winters are mild with some snow and temperatures in the 20s and 30s. Summers are cool with light winds.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

Hoonah originated as the village Xunaa, its name taken from the Tlingit word meaning "protection from the north wind. Hoonah offers incredible wildlife, fishing, and hunting, with a vibrant cultural history. Roughly 788 residents call Hoonah home.

Hoonah has outstanding opportunities for learning about Native Tlingit culture and enjoying world-class foods. For an adventure, you can visit the largest population of brown bears on earth, speed down the longest zipline in North America, or enjoy the company of humpback whales.

Hoonah is an ideal destination for any hunter or angler due to the abundance of salmon, halibut, trout, and deer. All five kinds of Pacific salmon can be found in Hoonah, as well as other seafood, including shrimp and crabs.

ABOUT THE CLINIC

The Hoonah Health Center is a primary care clinic with a medical team of two mid-level providers and two community health practitioners. The clinic is part of the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), a Native-run healthcare organization serving communities throughout Southeast Alaska since 1975.

RECREATIONAL AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Icy Strait Point is located in the Native Tlingit village of Hoonah, and is centered around a restored salmon cannery, which now houses a museum, local arts and crafts shops and restaurants. Outside is the world's largest and highest zip line at 5,330 feet long, featuring a 1,300-foot vertical drop. Icy Strait Point offers numerous activities, including Native dance performances, bear viewing and whale watching. Humpback and killer whales are often spotted along the shores right in front of Hoonah.

Hoonah's access to a variety of fish along Icy Strait attracts sport fishing and wildlife enthusiasts. Sea kayakers are also drawn here for the 40-mile wilderness paddle that follows the shorelines of Port Frederick and Tenakee Inlet from Hoonah to Tenakee Springs. The two inlets are connected by a short portage and the trip ends for many in the Tenakee Springs' natural hot springs. For more information on sea kayaking and hiking in the area, contact the Tongass National Forest, which manages the wilderness areas around Hoonah.

SCHOOL

Hoonah City School
366 Garteeni Hwy.

907.945.3611

hoonahschools.org

Daycare & Preschool

Space is limited in Southeast Alaska child care facilities. Call ahead of time to get on the waitlist for placements before you move.

Hoonah Head Start
3060 Front St.

907.945.3255

ccthita.org/services/family/headstart/index.html

CHURCHES

Harbor of Faith Lutheran Church
Front St.

907.945.3611

United Pentecostal Church
299 Hill St.

Hoonah Presbyterian Church
309 Front St.

Hoonahpresbyterianchurch.org

DINING

The Cookhouse

907.945.3141

icystraitpoint.com

The Crab Station

907.945.3141

icystraitpoint.com

Duck Point Smokehouse Restaurant

907.789-8600

Icy Strait Lodge

907.945.3636

Lil' Gen's

907.945.3359

icystraitpoint.com

The Office Bar

907.945.3215

Srisa's Thai

907.723.4344

OTHER SHOPPING

Baranof Jewelers

907.945.3808

baranofjewelers.com

Brenner's Fine Clothing & Gifts

907.747.3468

Cabin Cache

907.752.0052

cabincache.com

Dei L'e.aan

907.723.1608

lisasartstore.com

Hoonah Liquor Store

907.945.3210

hoonah treasures@gmail.com

Hoonah Treasures

907.988.0532

JJ Pate Pain Ointment

907.957.0588

Tideland Tackle & Marine

907.945.3463

Tlingit Botanicals

907.723.0618

tlingitbotanicals.com

POST OFFICE

USPS Hoonah Post Office
310 Hill St.

800.275.8777

usps.com

TRANSPORTATION

Air: Small planes travel regularly to Hoonah from other Southeast Alaska communities including Sitka and Juneau. Many also offer charter flights.

Road: Most of Hoonah's amenities are within walking distance from the town center. If you would like to take advantage of over 150 miles of logging roads to see the surrounding landscape, car rental services are available. You can bring your personal vehicle by traveling to Hoonah via the Alaska Marine Highway System ferry.

Water: The Alaska Marine Highway System offers regular scheduled ferry service, passenger cabins and vehicle transport between select communities in Alaska, Canada and Washington. You can also rent a small boat if you would like to access more of the surrounding waters, beautiful bays and islands around Hoonah.

GAS STATION

Hoonah Trading Company

907.945.3211

UTILITIES

Inside Passage Electric Cooperative

907.789.3196

insidepassageelectric.org

GCI Communications

800.800.4800

gci.com

City of Hoonah

907.945.3663

cityofhoonah.org

REAL ESTATE AGENT RECOMMENDATION

Mary Wanzer

907.617.0196



SHIPPING

Shipping your vehicle, furniture and other belongings.

Alaska Marine Lines

Alaska Marine Lines offers regular service between Seattle and Southeast Alaska, Central Alaska and Hawaii, as well as seasonal service to Western Alaska. For more information, please visit lynden.com/aml/about/locations/.html or call 800.326.8346.

Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS)

Alaska's footprint is more than 650,000 square miles and much of that has no road access. The primary forms of transportation in areas without roads are by air or sea, so the Alaska Marine Highway is a big part of the "highway system." It is such a unique set of water routes that it has been designated as a National Scenic Byway and an All-American Road, the only marine route with this distinction. Shipping can include vehicles, trailers and pets.

With its southernmost port in Bellingham, Washington, the Alaska Marine Highway System extends more than 3,500 miles to Dutch Harbor, with over 30 stops along the way. Taking a ferry is an excellent way to see a huge swath of Alaska's coastline while visiting unique communities along the way. For reservations, call 800.642.0066, email dot.ask.amhs@alaska.gov or book online at dot.alaska.gov.

PET TRAVEL TO ALASKA

AMHS Pet Policies

Alaska state ferries do allow pets on board all vessels.

- When traveling on the ferry your pet must remain on the car deck in your vehicle for the entire sail.
- If you are traveling on the ferry without a car, your pet must remain in a suitable pet carrier on the car deck during the entire sail.
- Pets are not allowed above the car deck or in passenger cabins. Owners may visit their pets on the car deck only while vessels are in port. Owners are also given the opportunity to attend to pets several times per day during extended sailings. This is done through the purser who will announce on board when the car deck will be open for approximately 15 minutes. During rough weather, at the purser's discretion, car deck calls can be canceled due to safety issues with passengers on the car deck. If this happens, no access to your pet is possible at that time.
- Owners will have the opportunity to disembark and walk their pets while vessels are in port.
- Dogs, cats, and other household pets cost approximately \$50 in or out of Bellingham and \$25 to or from Prince Rupert. Pet travel between any of the other ports is free.
- There is no charge on any route for a certified service animal accompanying a person with a disability. At the time of booking, please notify the reservations agent if you are traveling with a certified service animal and the reservations agent will inform all AMHS terminal and shipboard staff. Only certified service animals are allowed on passenger decks aboard Alaska Marine Highway vessels. Comfort and therapy animals are required to follow the AMHS pet policy and will be restricted to the car deck.

Vaccination Documentation Required

Pets must have a health certificate with proof of current rabies vaccination issued within 30 days of travel. Health records are required for pets entering the state of Alaska, and will need to be shown in Bellingham, Washington, or Prince Rupert, British Columbia before boarding.

A certificate of health is not required for pets when traveling between Alaskan ports. For travel by road through Canada, proof of a rabies vaccination within the last three years is required, but passengers should check directly with Canadian customs for additional information.

Pet Air Travel to Alaska

- Space for pets traveling in the cabin or in the cargo compartment is subject to availability. For travel on Alaska Airlines and Ravn Alaska, please contact Alaska Airlines reservations at 800.252.7522 or alaskaair.com. If your plans include travel on another airline, please contact the carrier directly to reserve space, determine fees and obtain additional information.
- Note: Alaska Airlines does not transfer pets traveling in the baggage compartment to other carriers. Pets must be claimed and rechecked to the connecting carrier.