

Prince of Wales 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

The climate on Prince of Wales (POW) is similar to much of Southeast Alaska and Pacific Northwest coastal areas. Winters are cold, windy, overcast with temperatures dropping to the low 30's. Summers are cool and mostly cloudy with the weather staying wet year-round and temperatures reaching the mid 70's.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

POW is the third largest island in the United States, with a couple thousand miles of roads and a thousand miles of North Pacific Ocean shoreline. There's little of this immense island that you can't explore from roadways, starting on the southern end of the system in Hydaburg, extending through Klawock and Craig, all the way up to Thorne Bay and Port Protection. More than 260 miles of Alaska Scenic Byways connect the communities of the island. The Alaska Department of Transportation cites the Prince of Wales Island road system as "unique because it features some of Southeast Alaska's best qualities, such as a temperate rain forest, bountiful wildlife, Native culture and historical artifacts."

The U.S. Forest Service maintains 18 visitor-use cabins on Prince of Wales Island. Stay over night in remote and beautiful saltwater inlets and forested lakes. POW enjoys some of the best-protected coastline in Alaska making the island an ideal place for kayaking, canoeing, and fishing. Anglers can expect to find five distinct species of salmon, halibut, cod, and red snapper. Hiking, beach-combing, and paddle-boarding are just a few outdoor activities you can expect to enjoy as you explore the Tongass National Forest. Popular annual events include the Whalefest Thorne Bay Days, By the Sea Arts and the Seafood Festival.

RECREATIONAL AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Popular Trails

Balls Lake Trail	2.2 miles	One Duck Trail	1.25 miles
Beaver Falls Karst Trail	1.5 miles	Red Bay Lake Trail	0.75 mile
Canoe Point Trail	0.25 mile	Salmon Bay Lake Trail	1.5 miles
Cavern Lake Cave Trail and Viewing Deck	250 feet	Salt Chuck Trail	0.75 mile
El Capitan Cave Access Trail	1,300 feet	Sarkar Canoe Route	15 miles
Harris River Interpretive Trail	0.5 mile	Shipley Bay Trail	0.75 mile
Honker Divide Canoe Route	63 miles	Sunnahae Mountain Trail	4 miles
Karta River Trail	4.8 miles	Trocadero Trail	1.3 miles
Kegan Lake Trail	0.5 mile	Twenty-Mile Spur Trail	2.6 miles
Lake Ellen/Salt Chuck Trail	1.0 mile		

Other Activities

A Day on the Water

Spend the day fishing, or just float along watching for marine life. Whale-watching makes for a particularly unforgettable experience, as orca can be seen swimming about and humpback whales perform exhilarating acrobatic displays as they feed.

A Stroll on the Beach

Explore the shores of POW's beaches and uncover the natural treasures brought in from the sea. POW boasts of a variety of beach types, from sandy and shale to pebble and clay.

Kayaking/Canoeing

For those who prefer to take in the scenery from the water, POW offers countless miles of shoreline to explore by kayak or canoe.

Bird Watching

Countless breeds of birds, including eagles, kingfishers, hummingbirds, sparrows, swans and migrating geese, can be observed from many choice locations across the island

SCHOOLS

Craig School District	Craig	907.826.3274	ccsd.k12.ak.us
Hydaburg City School District	Hydaburg	907.285.3491	hydaburg.k12.ak.us
Klawock City School District	Klawock	907.755.2220	klawockschool.com
Southeast Island School District		907.828.8254	sisd.org
Thorne Bay School	Thorne Bay	907.828.3921	sisd.org/o/thornebay

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.

Craig Child Care Center 301 Main St.	Craig	907.826.3228	ccthita.org/services/family/headstart/index.html
Klawock Head Start 6170 Hemlock St.	Klawock	800.344.1432	ccthita.org/services/family/headstart/index.html

CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church of Craig and Klawock 515 3rd St.	Craig	907.826.3288	
Liberty Church 601 Brandi Ct.	Craig	907.826.2185	libertychurhalaska.com
New Hope Baptist Church	Craig	907.826.2526	www.nhbccraigak.com
Edna Bay Alliance Church	Edna Bay	907-220.4875	alliancenw.org
Hollis Community Church	Hollis	907-530-7038	ezraaclark@gmail.com
St. John by the Sea Catholic Church 6840 Michigan Ave	Klawock	907-755-2345	
Prince of Peace Assembly of God Church 365 Summit St.	Klawock	907-617-5886	klawockpopag.org
Naukati Community Church	Naukati	907-629-2526	smmccord@gmail.com
Whale Pass Bible Church 100 Beach Rd.	Whale Pass	907-846-5464	whalepasschurch@gmail.com

DINING

AK-49 in Coffman Cove	Coffman Cove	907.329.2269	
Annie Betty's Bakery-Café 302 Thompson Rd.	Craig	907.826.2299	anniebettysbakery.com
Dockside Restaurant 504 Front St.	Craig	907.826.5544	ourdockside@yahoo.com
The Hill Bar 407 Water St.	Craig	907.826.3423	hillbar@aptalaska.net
Papa's Pizza 333 Cold Storage Rd. #202	Craig	907.826.7272	papaspizzaalaska.com
T.k.'s at the Craig Inn 403 Water St. 496	Craig	907.826.3365	
Zat's Pizza 420 Port Bagail Blvd.	Craig	907.826.2345	zatspizza.com
Hála Café	Hydaburg	907.285.3153	Tonyc_stevens@yahoo.com
Totem Trail Café	Kasaan	907.542.4424	ovk@kasaan.org
Fireweed Lodge	Klawock	907.755.2930	www.fireweedlodge.com
AK-49 in Thorne Bay	Thorne Bay	907.828.8828	

GROCERY STORES

AC Thompson House 1300 Craig-Klawock Hwy.	Craig	907.826.3394	alaskacommercial.com
Haida Market AC 13 Main St.	Hydaburg	907.285.3311	
AC store 800 East Klawock Hwy.	Klawock	907.755.2722	
A&P Thorne Bay 409 Shoreline Dr.	Thorne Bay	907.828.3306	akproudmarkets.com/thorne

OTHER SHOPPING

Alaska Gifts Cold Storage Rd. #6-7	Craig	907.826.2991	alaskagiftscraig@outlook.com
Alaskan Echo 302 Front St. suite 101	Craig	907.826.3626	alaskanecho.com
Craig Aquatic Center 1400 Watertower Rd.	Craig	907.826.2794	craigak.com/aquatic
Jeannie's Touch Massage	Craig	907. 826.3683	
JS True Value 510 Port Bagail Blvd.	Craig	907.826.3632	stores.truevalue.com/ak/ craig/5336
JT Browns General Store 1 Front St.	Craig	907.826.3290	
Log Cabin Sporting goods 1 Easy St.	Craig	907.826.2205	logcabinsports.com
Strictly Local 333 Cold Storage Rd. #107b	Craig	303.587.7294	strictlylocalgallery.com
Whale Tail Pharmacy 333 Cold Storage Rd.	Craig	907.826.5750	whaletailrx.com
Betty's Hair Salon 6488 Klawock Hollis Hwy. Suite #6	Klawock	907.755.8883	
Black Bear Store 6624 Big Salt Lake Rd.	Klawock	907.755.2292	logcabinsports.com/blackbear
Raven Hair Design 6701 Hemlock St.	Klawock	907.401.2164	ravenhairdesign.business.site
Wildfish Cannery 6863 Klawock Hollis Hwy.	Klawock	907.401.3555	wildfishcannery.com

POST OFFICE

USPS – Craig 303 Thompson Rd., Craig	800.275.8777	
USPS – Hydaburg 1 Postal Way, Hydaburg	907.285.3514	usps-track.us/location/post-office/hydaburg/1367770
USPS – Klawock 6488 Klawock Hollis Hwy., Klawock	907.755.2977	usps-track.us/location/post-office/klawock/1369203
USPS – Thorne Bay 9998 S Thorne Bay Rd., Thorne Bay	907.828.3490	usps-track.us/location/post-office/thorne-bay/1439452

BANKS

First Bank	Craig	907.826.3254	firstbankak.com
Wells Fargo Bank	Craig	907.826.3040	wellsfargo.com
Tongass Federal Credit Union	Klawock, Thorne Bay	907.228.8669	tongassfcu.com

TRANSPORTATION

Craig Tribal Association Public Transit System	Craig	907.755.2955	823ride@craigtribe.org
Totem Taxi	Klawock	907.826.3077	

GAS STATIONS

Klawock Fuels 6554 Klawock Hollis Hwy.	Klawock	907.755.2955	
Black Bear Store 6624 Big Salt Lake Rd.	Klawock	907.755.2292	logcabinsports.com/blackbear
The Port at Thorne Bay 1212 Shoreline Dr.	Thorne Bay	907.828.3995	thornebayport.com

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

DMV – Craig

907.826.3959

[online.dmv.alaska.gov/
DMVWebCams/office/Craig-CO.htm](http://online.dmv.alaska.gov/DMVWebCams/office/Craig-CO.htm)

UTILITIES

Alaska Power and Telephone
Water St.

Craig

907.755.2955

aptalaska.com

Arrowhead Transfer
1600 Craig-Klawock Hwy. (PO Box 707)

Craig

907.826.2944

[arrowheadlpgas.com/site/
contact/](http://arrowheadlpgas.com/site/contact/)

Petro Marine
110 J.T. Brown St./PO Box 9

Craig

907.826.3296

petromarineservices.com

Alaska Power and Telephone
6174 Klawock Hollis Hwy.

Klawock

907.755.4822

aptalaska.com

Hughes Net

*Each community has city water systems
and the more remote locations have rain
catch systems

REAL ESTATE AGENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Coastal Keller Williams Realty
344 Front St.

Ketchikan

907.247.5811

[coastalak.com/prince-of-
wales/](http://coastalak.com/prince-of-wales/)

Prince of Wales Island Realty-Chuck Klee
P.O. Box 19391

Thorne Bay

219.781.1825

alaskaislandrealty.com

Prince of Wales Realty-Ron Matecki
P.O. Box 76

Klawock

907.401.3679

powrealtyalaska.com



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 dotstate.ak.us/amhs/reservations.shtml.

Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA)

Upon arrival to Ketchikan via AMHS, travelers can board with their vehicles onto the Inter-Island Ferry Authority to enjoy a 3-hour ride with departures leaving daily to Hollis at 3 p.m. The IFA is one of the quickest ferry trips in Alaska, where you can enjoy scenic views from comfortable seating rooms or the heated solarium.

Samson Tug and Barge

Located at 9228 10th Ave. South Seattle, Washington 98108. Please visit samsontug.com/shipping/delivering-receiving-in-seattle or call 206.767.2966.

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.