

Sitka

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

Sitka's climate is similar to much of Southeast Alaska and the Pacific Northwest coastal areas. Winters are cold, windy and overcast with temperatures dropping to the low 30s. Summers are cool and mostly cloudy with the weather staying wet year-round and temperatures reaching the low 60s.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

The Sitka area is one of the most scenic and historic places in the state of Alaska. Residents live in a close-knit community and enjoy year-round events and a thriving arts scene. Sitka boasts 22 buildings and sites that appear in the National Register of Historic Places. Sites not to be missed include the Alaska Raptor Center, Fortress of the Bear, Sheldon Jackson Museum, Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center, and Sitka National Historic Park. The town hosts at least one major arts-community event monthly. Popular annual events include Sitka ArtiGras, the Sitka Summer Music Festival, and WhaleFest.

RECREATIONAL AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Popular Trails

Beaver Lake/Herring Cove Trail Loop	Varies	Mount Verstovia Trail	2.7 miles
The Causeway	1.5 miles	Mount Edgecumbe	6.7 miles
Gavan Hill Trail (to Harbor Mountain)	4.5 miles	Salmon/Redoubt Lakes	5.8 miles
Halibut Point State Recreation Site	0.5 miles	Sea Lion Cove Trail (Kruzoff Island)	2.5 miles
Harbor Mountain (To Gavan Hill Trail)	6 miles	Sitka National Historical Park	1.5 miles
Indian River Trail	4.38 miles	Sitka's Cross Trail Access	3.8 miles
Kruzoff Island ATV Trails	Varies	Starrigavan ATV Trails	Varies
Lake Eva Trail	2.9 miles	Starrigavan Estuary Life/Ben	1.2 miles
Medvejie Lake Trail	0.75 miles	Grussendorf Forest & Muskeg Trails	
Mosquito Cove Trail	1.5 miles	Thimbleberry Lake/Heart Lake Trail	1.85 miles

Fitness Centers

Hames Center 121 John Brady Dr.	907.747.5080	hamescenter.org
SEARHC Fitness Center 222 Tongass Dr.		fitnesscenter@searhc.org
Sitka Studio of Dance 1310 Sawmill Creek Rd.	907.966.2557	sitkastudioofdance.com
The STUDIO by Emily 215 Smith St., Unit C	907.738.5118	sites.google.com/view/thestudiobyemily/home
Yoga Union 115 College Dr.	907.623.7022	yogaunionsitka.org

Other Activities

Alaska Raptor Center
1000 Raptor Way

907.747.8662

alaskaraptor.org

Sea Mountain Golf
301 Granite Creek Rd.

907.747.5663

seamountaingolfsitka.org

Sitka Cirque
207 Smith St.

907.738.0721

sitkacirque.com

Sitka Fine Arts Camp
Sheldon Jackson Campus
110 Campus Dr.

907.747.3085

fineartscamp.org

Sitka Sound Science Center
834 Lincoln St., Suite 200

907.747.8878

sitkascience.org

Sitka Sound Slayers
Women's Flat Track Roller Derby

sitkasoundslayers.com



SCHOOLS

Daycares & Preschools

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

Betty Eliason Child Care Center 607 Lincoln St.	907.747.5892	becccsitka.com
Kids First Day Care 506 1st St.	907.747.5456	threadalaska.org/childcare/kids-first-day-care
Mt. Edgecumbe Preschool 129 Seward St.	907.966-2675	mtedgumbepreschool.org
Sitka Head Start 110 – College Dr.	(907) 747-8356	ccthita.org/services/family/headstart/index.html
Three to Five Preschool 110 Sheldon Jackson Dr. Suite #101	907.747.6898	3to5preschool.org

Elementary Schools

Baranof Elementary School 305 Baranof St.	907.747.5825	sitkaschools.org
Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School 307 Kashevaroff St.	907.747.8395	sitkaschools.org

Middle School

Blatchley Middle School 601 Halibut Point Rd.	907.747.8672	sitkaschools.org
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High Schools

Mt. Edgecumbe High School 1330 Seward Ave	907.966.3200	mehs.us
Pacific High School 509 Lincoln St.	907.747.0525	sitkaschools.org
Sitka High School 1000 Lake St.	907.747.3263	sitkaschools.org

CHURCHES

Calvary Chapel Sitka 502 Hirst Street	907.747.5454	calvarysitka.com
Church of Christ 1113 Edgecumbe Dr.	907.747.5859	facebook.com/SitkaChurch
Church of the Nazarene 305 Lake St.	907.747.8115	nazarene.org
EagleQuest Ministries 601 Alice Loop	907.747.4903	
First Baptist Church 514 Halibut Point Rd.	907.747.8684	
Grace Harbor 1904 Halibut Point Rd.	907.747.5706	sitkagraceharbor.com
Grace Lutheran Church 304 Tilson St.	907.747.6938	sitkalutheran.net
Salvation Army 405 Sawmill Creek Rd.	907.747.3358	salvationarmy.org
Sitka Assembly of God 214 Kimsham St.	907.747.5848	sitkaag.org
Sitka Christian Center 502 Hirst St.	907.747.6771	sitkachristiancenter.com
Sitka Christian Center Parsonage 105 Wolff Dr.	907.747.3680	
Sitka Lutheran Church-ELCA 224 Lincoln St.	907.747.3338	sitkalutheranchurch.com
Sitka United Methodist Church 303 Kimsham St.	907.747.8775	umcsitka.com
Sitka United Pentecostal Church 101 Cascade Creek Rd.	907.690.0292	
St Gregory Catholic Church 606 Etolin St.	907.747.8371	sites.google.com/site/stgregorysitka

CHURCHES

St Michael's Orthodox Cathedral 240 Lincoln St.	907.738-8929	stmichaelcathedral.org
St Peter's By the Sea Episcopal Church 611 Lincoln St.	907.747.3977	stpeters-sitka.org
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 105 Shotgun Alley	907.747.8000	
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sitka Alaska 408 Marine St.	907.747.3363	facebook.com/SitkaUU

DINING

Ashmo's 331 Lincoln St.	907.738.9466	
The Back Door Cafe 104 Barracks St.	907.747.8856	facebook.com/sitkabackdoor
Bayview Pub 407 Lincoln St.	907.747.5300	sitkabayviewpub.com
Beak Restaurant 2 Lincoln St., Suite A	907.966.2326	
Channel Club 2906 Halibut Point Rd.	907.747.7440	
Highliner Coffee 327 Seward St.	907.747.4924	stores.highlinercoffee.com
Ludvig's Bistro 256 Katlian St.	907.966.3663	ludvigsbistro.com
Mean Queen 205 Harbor Dr.	907.747.0616	meanqueensitka.com
Mangiare 118 Lincoln St.	907.623.0888	mangiarerestaurantsitka.com
The Pioneer Bar 212 Katlian St.	907.747.3456	facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063611650089

GROCERY STORES

AC Lakeside 705 Halibut Point Rd., Suite B	907.747.3317	alaskacommercial.com
Market Center 210 Baranof St.	907.747.6686	marketcentersitka.com
Sea Mart 1867 Halibut Point Rd.	907.747.6266	seamart.com

OTHER SHOPPING

Abby's Reflection Apparel & Quiltworks 231 Lincoln St.	907.747.3510	abbysreflection.com
Alaska Pure Sea Salt Co. 388 Lincoln St.	907.747.7258	alaskapureseasalt.com
Alaska Raptor Center Gift Shop 1000 Raptor Way	907.747.8662	alaskaraptor.org
Bev's Flowers & Gifts 213 Harbor Dr.	907.747.5052	bevflowersandgifts.com
The Cellar 203 Harbor Dr.	907.747.8020	cellaralaska.com
Galanin + Klein 401 Lincoln St.	907.738.1111	galaninklein.com
Russian American Co. 134 Lincoln St.	907.747.6228	ussianamericancompany.com
Silver Basin 124 Lincoln St.	907.747.7607	silverbasin.com
Sitka Bazaar 215 Lincoln St.	907.747.5510	sitkagiftbazaar.com
Sitka Fur Gallery 108 Lincoln St.	907.747.8870	akfurs.com
Wintersong Soap Company 321 Lincoln St.	907.747.8949	wintersongsoap.com
Yellow Jersey Cycle Shop 329 Harbor Dr.	907.747.6317	yellowjerseycycles.com

POST OFFICE

USPS – Sitka
1207 Sawmill Creek Rd.

907.747.3381

BANKS

ALPS Federal Credit Union
401 Halibut Point Rd.

907.747.6261

alpsfcu.org

First Bank
203 Lake St.

907.747.6636
888.597.8585

firstbankak.com/index.html

First National Bank Alaska
318 Lincoln St.

907.747.7000

fnbalaska.com

Wells Fargo
300 Lincoln St.

907.747.3226

wellsfargo.com

TRANSPORTATION

738 Taxi

907.738.8294

Baranof Taxi and Tours

907.738.4722

baranoftaxi.com

Sitka Car Rental

907.738.2282

sitkacarrental.com

Sitka Tours

907.747.5800

sitkatoursalaska.com

THE RIDE (fixed-route bus service)

907.747.7103

ridesitka.com

GAS STATIONS

Cascade Convenience Center
1211 Sawmill Creek Rd.

907.747.7966

Halibut Point Marine Services
4513 Halibut Point Rd.

907.747.1089

Petro Express
614 Katlian St.

907.747.3343

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor Vehicle Department
901 Halibut Point Rd.

907.269.5551

doa.alaska.gov/dmv

UTILITIES

Alaska Communications

800.808.8083

alaskacommunications.com/Residential

Alaska Waste
220 Smith St.

907.747.5669

alaskawaste.net

GCI Communications
208 Lake St.

907.747.3535

gci.com

Sitka City Electric Department
105 Jarvis St.

907.747.4000

cityofsitka.com

Sitka City Water/Wastewater Department
100 Admiralty Dr.

907.966.2256

cityofsitka.com

REAL ESTATE AGENT RECOMMENDATION

RE/MAX Baranof Realty
315 Seward St. #A

907.747.5636

baranofrealty.com

MOVERS

AAA Moving & Storage
5218 Halibut Point Rd.

907.747.7281

alliedalaska.com

Sitka Mini Storage Co
310 Jarvis St.

907.747.8595



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 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.

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.