PALMER-MOOSE CREEK
Railroad Trail

Description

The Palmer-Moose Creek Railroad Trail is a year-round, non-motorized trail following an old railroad bed along the Matanuska River between Palmer and Moose Creek. The trail is mostly level, the first half passing beneath towering bluffs on the north side of the river. The second half of the trail (from the Palmer side) is more stable, passing through large stands of cottonwood, birch and spruce. The trail provides, at times, brushy views of the Matanuska River and the Chugach Mountain range to the south.

Summer use includes hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Winter uses include mountain biking, cross-country skiing and skijoring.

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How to get there

From Palmer take Eagle Avenue to Denali Street. Park in a dedicated space. The unmarked trailhead is near this intersection. Or take the Glenn Highway six miles to the Moose Creek State Recreation wayside for parking. Cross the highway, follow the creek side trail to the old railroad bed and trail.

Take note

Dogs must be on a leash. Due to erosion on the trail, be careful when walking, especially after rain when rocks tumble down embankments. The trail has been washed out due to landslides and has been repaired several times. Please pack out litter.