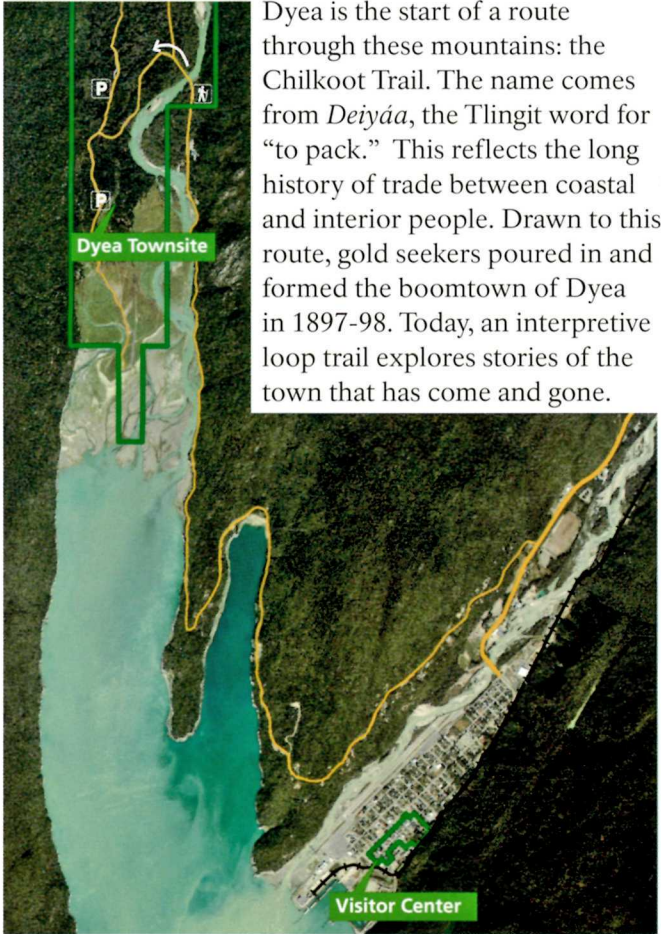




Former Dyea Townsite



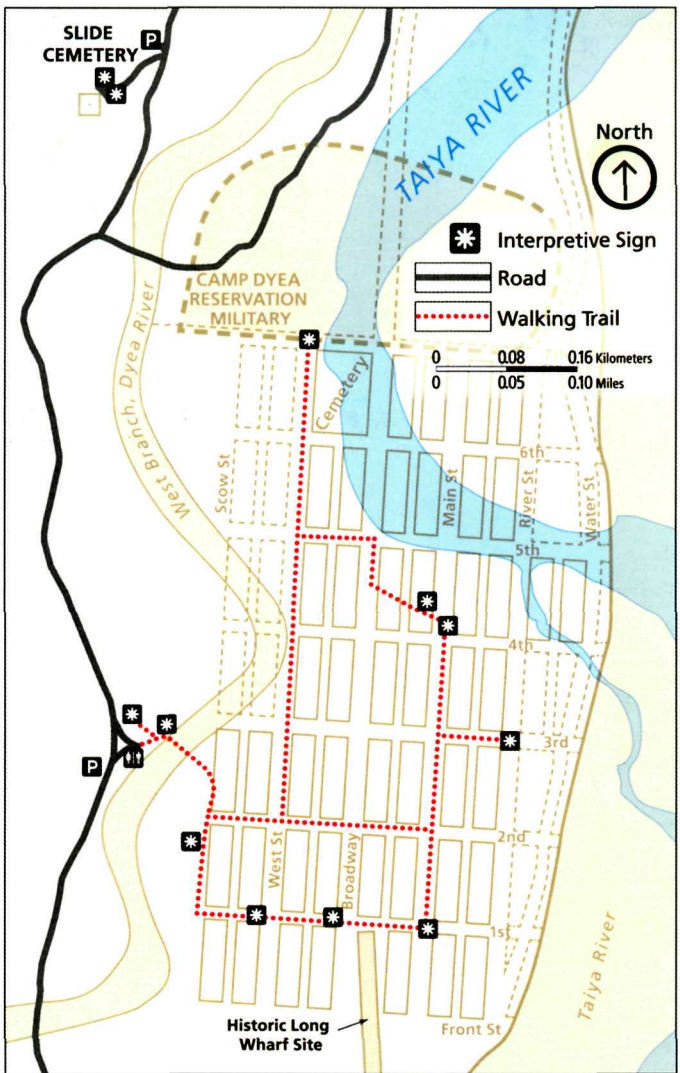
Dyea is the start of a route through these mountains: the Chilkoot Trail. The name comes from *Deiyáa*, the Tlingit word for “to pack.” This reflects the long history of trade between coastal and interior people. Drawn to this route, gold seekers poured in and formed the boomtown of Dyea in 1897-98. Today, an interpretive loop trail explores stories of the town that has come and gone.

Getting to Dyea

From Skagway, turn west on Dyea Road. Drive 9 miles. To reach the former Dyea Townsite, cross the bridge at the Chilkoot Trailhead. Take the first left. At the option to turn for the slide cemetery, stay left to reach the former Dyea Townsite. Ask rangers for transportation options.

Bear Safety

Dyea is black and brown bear habitat. Make noise while you explore. If you see a bear, walk away. If a bear comes toward you, stand still, look big, and talk to the bear in a firm voice. Give wildlife space. Do not approach.



Navigating the Former Dyea Townsite

Read the signs in any order. Trails are wheelchair accessible. Leashed pets are welcome. Motorized vehicles prohibited.

Self-Guided Tour

Ten waysides provide a self-guided tour of the Historic Dyea Townsite. The route travels about 1 mile on flat paths. Two waysides are found at the Slide Cemetery.

Artifacts

You are exploring the ancestral homeland of the Tlingit people and the archeological site of the former town of Dyea. Respect this site by leaving artifacts where they are, so future visitors can glimpse the past, too.