

## Hideout Trail

Round Trip: 1.5 miles  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Hiking Time: 1.5 to 2.0 Hours

U.S.G.S Maps: Kenai C3  
Elevation Gain: 850 Feet  
High Point: 1,538 Feet



**Trailhead:** The trailhead is on the north side of Skilak Lake Road, approximately 1.25 miles east of the turnoff to Hidden Lake Campground. Also, it is approximately 1.9 miles west of the east junction of Skilak Road/Sterling Highway.

**DESCRIPTION:** Hideout Trail was built during the summers of 1999 and 2000 by Student Conservation Association volunteers, and is one of our newest trails. It has numerous switchbacks, and most roots and rocks have been removed. The trail ascends gradually over most of its length, but several portions are moderately steep. The trail ends on a rocky outcrop. Please avoid disturbing plants in this rocky outcrop area. They are easily destroyed because they are shallowly rooted in rocky soil. Please walk and sit only on exposed rock in this area. No campfires here, please. Sturdy hiking shoes are recommended.

**SCENIC VIEWS:** Almost the entire length of the trail affords excellent views of the upper Kenai River, including the eastern half of Skilak Lake, and the entire Kenai River Canyon. Be sure to take along your camera and binoculars.

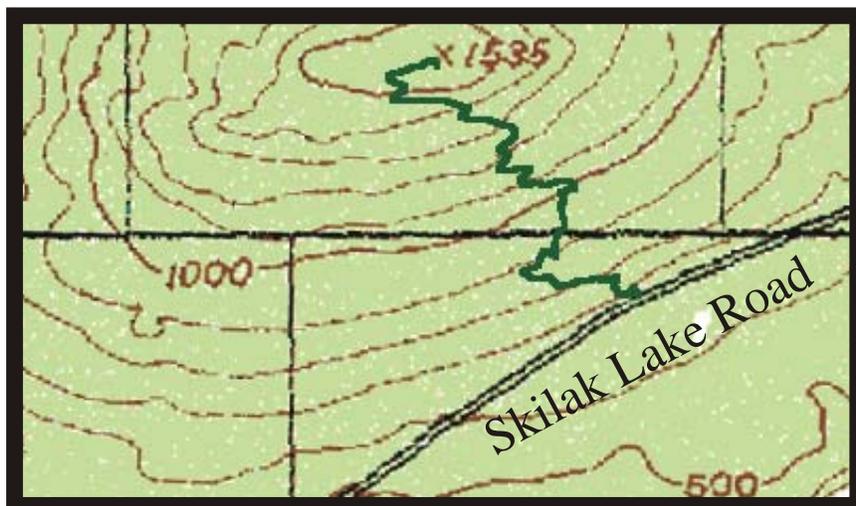
**CAMPING:** There are no established campsites along this trail. Any camping must be done ¼ mile from Skilak Lake Road. Please use a backpacking stove to reduce impacts. Carry enough water since none is available in this area after snowmelt.

**FISHING:** There are no fishing opportunities along this trail.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** The entire mountainside along the trail is carpeted with wildflowers in season, with fireweed blooming in profusion from mid to late summer. Berry picking is possible for high-bush cranberries and red raspberries. The Pothole Lake wildfire burned through the area (in 1991), so there are few trees to block your view. Keep your eyes open for wildlife; moose and bear frequent this area.

**WINTER ACTIVITIES:** During winters with adequate snow cover the trail provides good snowshoeing opportunities.

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