



Ship Creek Trail

Start at William Tyson Elementary, End at the Small Boat Launch

Ship Creek Trail runs along what was formerly a Dena'ina fish camp. It is now a transportation and light industrial center offering visitors a glimpse into what makes Anchorage a mighty shipping hub. The creek has retained its purpose, offering unique fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities along its riparian trail. It is common to see anglers pulling king salmon, from Alaska's most productive sport fishery located in downtown Anchorage. The small boat launch, accessible via road, is the only public access to Cook Inlet in Anchorage. Ship Creek Trail is truly a unique experience where industry and wildlife live side by side.

Trail Recipe:

- 1 Start at William Tyson Elementary School, 2801 Richmond Ave
- 2 0.2 mi to Reeve Blvd Underpass
- 3 1.6 mi to Bridge Crossing 1
- 4 2.0 mi to Bridge Crossing 2
- 5 2.3 mi to Spur to Ship Creek Overlook Bridge and Park
- 6 2.5 mi to Kings Landing
 - Alt A: 0.1 mi to AK Railroad, here the trail turns to dirt and follows the creek
 - Alt B: 0.4 mi Take the N C St bridge, walk to Small Boat Launch Rd, cross the creek again
- 7 0.5 mi to the Small Boat Launch and Grandma Olga Statue

Makes roughly 3.4 mi one way

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The Dena'ina place name for Ship Creek, meaning "Stickleback Creek" or "Where Stickleback Run"



Anglers along Ship Creek can pull king salmon in view of downtown Anchorage.



A greenbelt gateway sign indicates the start of the Ship Creek Trail.

* Side Quest

William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery

If you're interested in a side quest off the Ship Creek Trail the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery is a great one. The facility is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm. There is a visitor corridor for public viewing of hatchery activity and a foot path with views of Ship Creek. From early July through September, adult salmon can often be seen in this stretch of the creek.

941 N Reeve Blvd