Access: Trailhead is located at the end of the maintained portion of the Nabesna Road, mile 42. As you near the end of the maintained portion of the Nabesna Road, you will reach private property owned by the Ellis family. Please respect their privacy and take care not to park on their property or private air strip. Continue driving on the road through the Ellis property. Approximately a 1000 ft beyond the Ellis property, there is a gravel parking area. This is the best place to park your car.

Distance: Approximately 1.5 miles round-trip

Time: 1½ to 2 hours, depending on whether or not you explore the route.

Maps: USGS Maps-Nabesna 1:250,000; Nabesna 1:63,360 (B-4), (B-5)

Difficulty: Moderate, but short. Approximately 400' elevation gain within ½ mile distance.

Highlights: Historic mine buildings, artifacts, and great scenery, Dall sheep viewing.

Route: After parking your car, walk in the same direction down the historic mining road (the non-maintained portion of the Nabesna Road). Follow this level route for approximately 1/3 mile from the parking area, and turn right onto the tree-canopied trail. At this junction, keen observation will provide a glimpse of the Rambler Mine, which extracted gold in the early 1940's, perched high on the side of White Mountain. After turning right onto the trail, you will begin a steady, uphill 1/2 mile ascent through a predominately spruce and alder forest.   After reaching the mine, you may continue on the route upwards for further views. This route is not maintained and may not be readily visible.

Hazards: The mine opening and tunnels, surrounding buildings, and other structures are in a state of disrepair and hazardous. Caution is advised.

Notes: Take standard precautions for travel in bear country. There is no water available along this route. Rambler Mine and other historic sites in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve are part of the rich history of the region. Destruction of historic buildings and/or removal of artifacts is prohibited.

Rambler Mine Trail & Route

Parking Area

NABESNA ROAD

Nabesna Road

Rambler Mine Trail
.5 mile one-way

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