

Tonsina River Trail

Wrangell-St.Elias National Park and Preserve

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Distance/Time:

This easy trail is two miles round trip. Allow 1 hour.

Access:

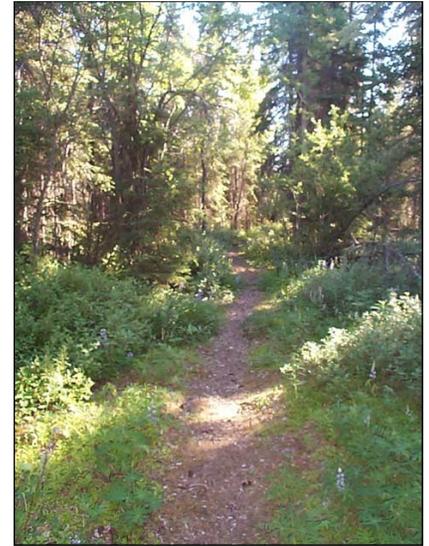
Trailhead is located at mile 12.3 Edgerton Highway. Look for the sign on the west side of the road. The trail travels through BLM lands.

Highlights:

Easy road access. Beautiful views of the Tonsina River and Chugach Mountains. Abundant wildflowers.

Route:

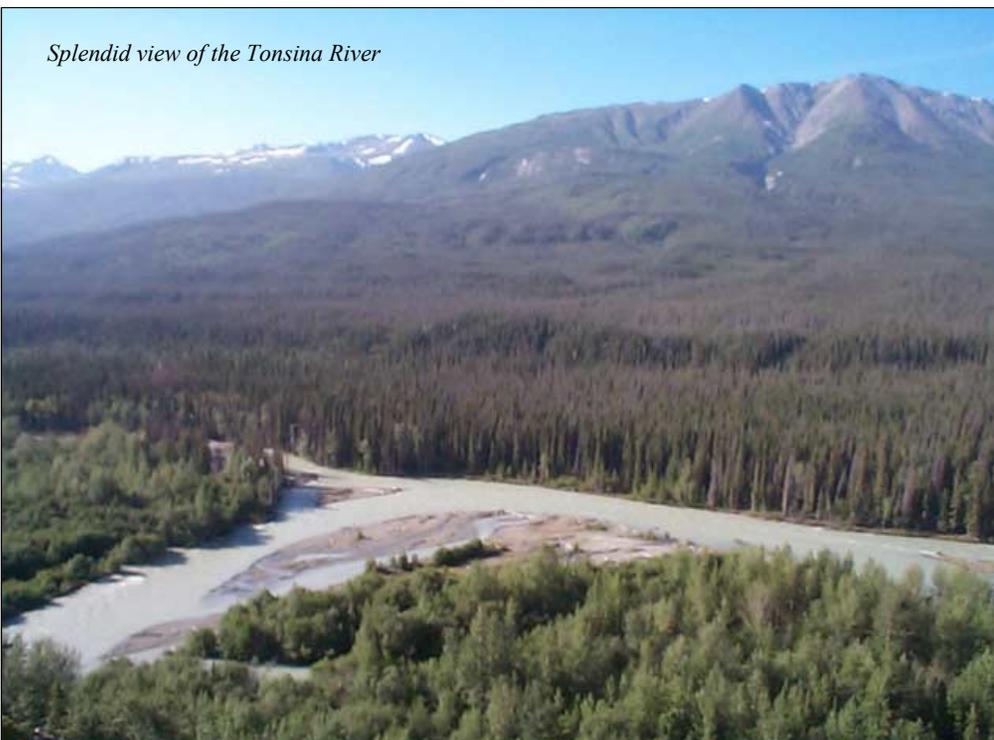
The trailhead is located along the Edgerton Highway at Mile 12.3 (east of Kenny Lake). A pullout along the road provides good parking. The trailhead is marked with a wooden sign and BLM trail register board.



Easy hike through the woods

The path makes for easy walking through the spruce forest. There are a few wet areas along the trail, so be prepared for mosquitoes. In mid-summer it is possible to identify over 15 wildflower species along the trail.

The trail descends gently to a bluff above the Tonsina River, and then leads along the edge of the bluff to a lovely picnic spot overlooking the river. There is also an informal trail that leads down the bluff to the river, but a small side channel makes it difficult to reach the actual river bank, and the best views are found from the top of the bluff.



Splendid view of the Tonsina River

