

Skagway, Alaska

Beginning in Skagway, the White Pass Trail opened in 1897 and became a major transportation route for thousands of gold seekers enroute to the Yukon. By 1898, the Klondike Gold Rush had transformed Skagway from a homestead at the foot of a pioneer pack trail to a city of 10,000. By 1910, the population of Skagway had diminished to 872. Today the remaining buildings of the once booming gold rush city serve as the physical embodiment of the Gold Rush Era. Historic buildings include shops, saloons, a train depot, homes, and cabins. The Moore homestead illustrated in the drawing above tells the story of triumphs and tragedies faced by many dealing with a rapidly changing society. The National Park Service offers tours of the Moore Homestead and many other Gold Rush Era buildings at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Skagway.