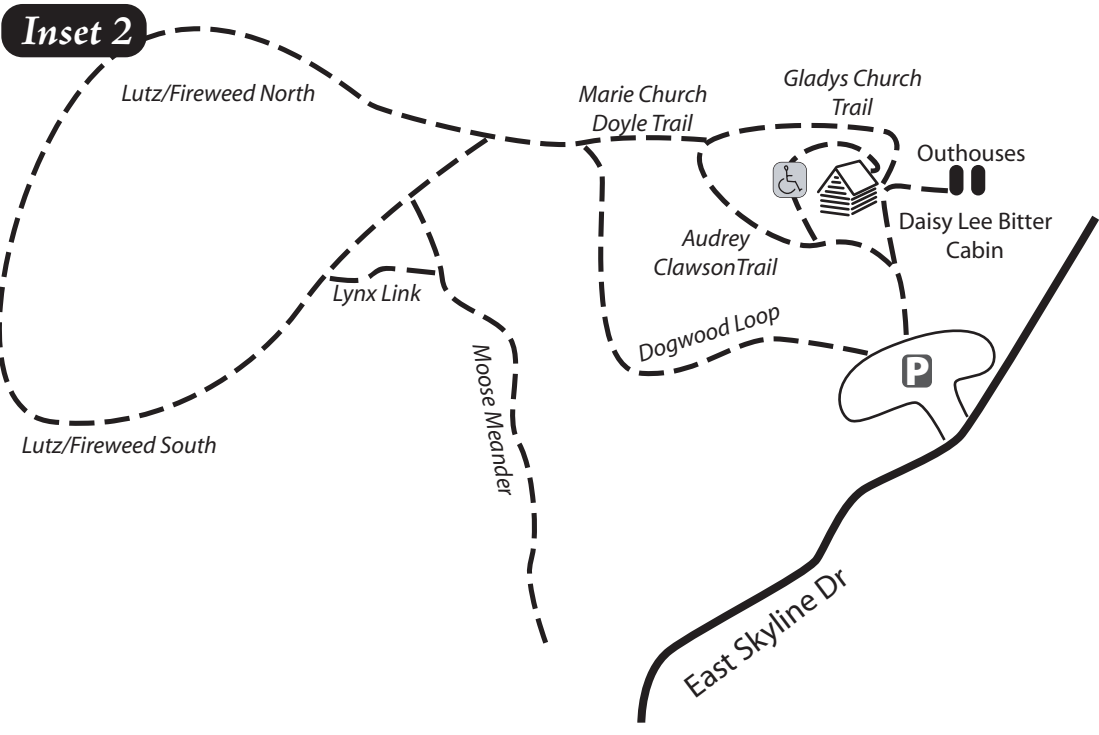


Homer Spit Trail

Difficulty: Easy (paved)
Distance: 3.2 miles to Fishing Hole, 4 miles to harbor
Trailhead: Parking area across Kachemak Drive at base of Homer Spit Road.
 Trail overlooks Mud Bay, a birding hot spot at the base of the Spit, and provides safe pedestrian access to the end of the Spit. Look for shorebirds and waterfowl during migration especially as high tide pushes birds up the beach. Sea otters congregate during winter when broken ice is being moved by tides.

Beach Hike Access Points

Please use only designated turn-offs and parking areas. Good access for low tide walks on the beach on outer, sandy beaches. The lower the tide, the better the walk. Look for sea ducks, grebes, and other waterbirds; sea otters, seals, whales, and marine life at very low tides. Avoid being cut off by tidal channels during incoming tides.

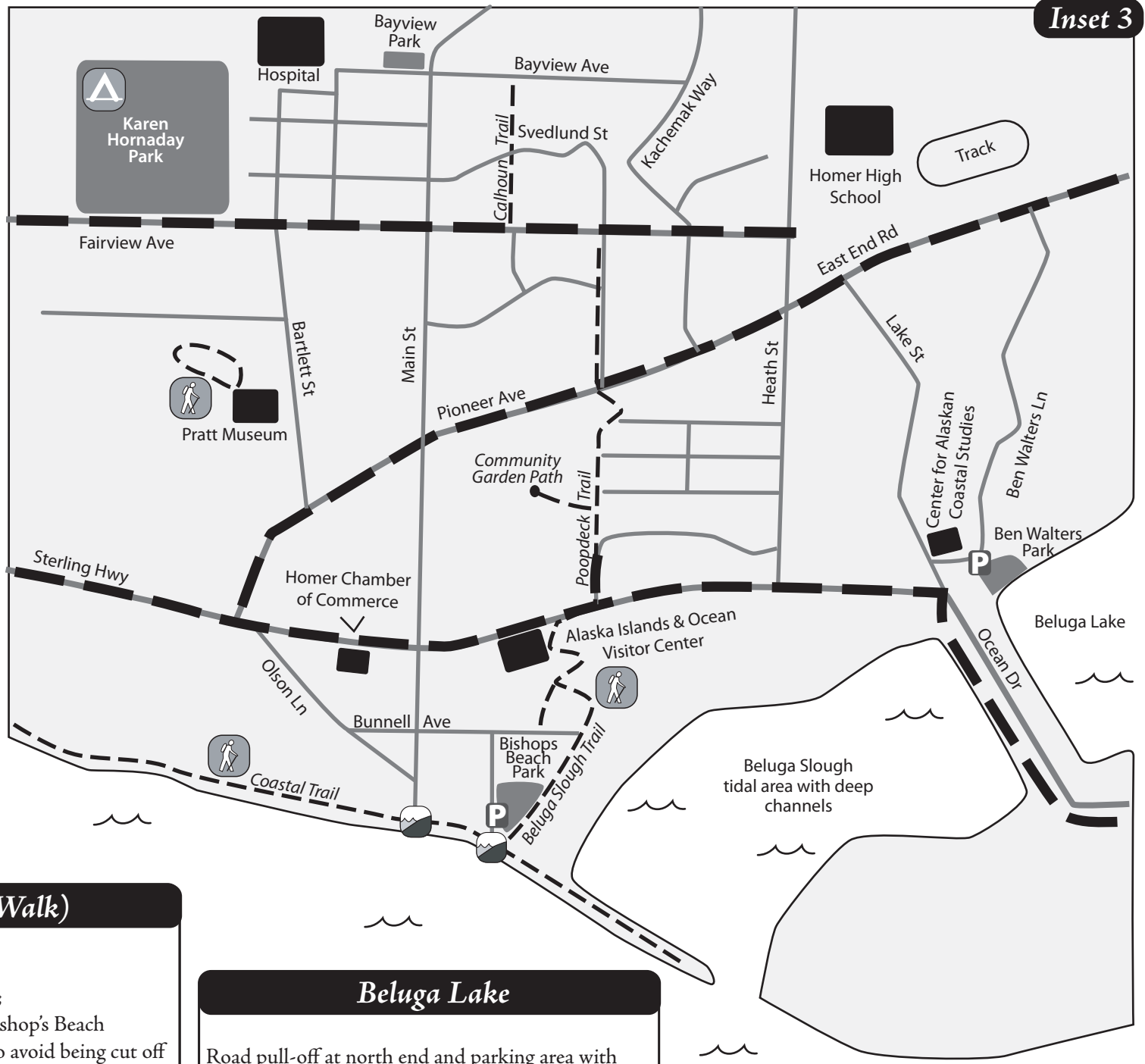


Carl E. Wynn Nature Center Trails

Difficulty: Easy
Distance: Variable, 800' accessible boardwalk to 3 miles.
Trailhead: Parking lot on left 1.5 mile east of junction of East Hill and Skyline Drive. Check in at cabin, June 15 - Labor Day.
 Open 10-6 daily during summer with daily guided hikes highlighting wildflowers, forest ecology, area history, views of the bay, and the many uses of native Alaskan plants. Self-guided hikes available, including a marked loop with guide. Migration corridor for moose and black bears and birding hot spot with variety of habitats for greatest diversity of songbirds in the area. Porcupines, weasels, snowshoe hares, and lynx have also been spotted. Use fee supports Nature Center programs and management by the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. Also open for winter recreation with a marked snowshoe trail. For more information, call 235-6667.

Pratt Museum Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 1/3 of a mile
Trailhead: Behind the Pratt Museum, on the left up Bartlett Street from Pioneer Avenue.
 Self-guided forest ecology trail with markers, guide, and occasional outdoor art exhibits. Look for moose and songbirds. Trail may be muddy after a rain. Botanical garden with good diversity of labeled native plants is in front of the museum.



Beluga Slough Trails

Difficulty: Easy (boardwalk/gravel)
Distance: 0.6 miles
Trailheads: Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center parking lot, East end of Bunnell Avenue, Bishop's Beach parking lot.
 Interpretive boardwalk trail winds through forest and salt marsh habitats and overlooks Beluga Slough, a birding hot spot for shorebirds and waterfowl, particularly during migration.

Coastal Trail (Beach Walk)

Difficulty: Easy, on sand or cobble,
Distance: 7.5 miles to Diamond Creek trail; 15 miles to Anchor Point from Bishop's Beach
 No defined trail. Be sure to plan your hike to avoid being cut off by rising tides. Some stream crossings.
 Look for sea ducks, eagles, otters, whales, and rocky areas for tidepooling at extreme low tides.

Beluga Lake

Road pull-off at north end and parking area with short trail to small dock behind McDonald's.
 Waterfowl, including swans, during migration. Look for nesting red-necked grebes.

