




























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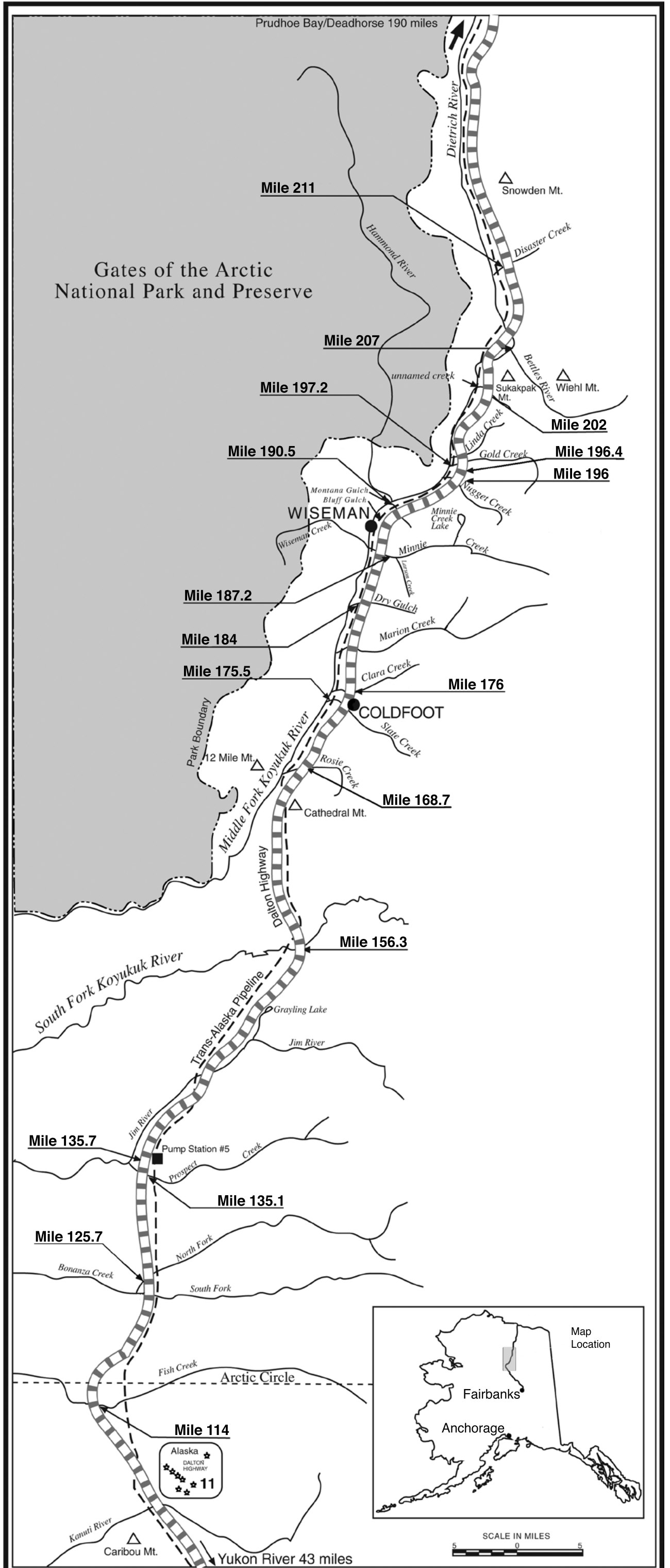
## Areas Open to Recreational Mineral Collection

You may use metal detectors, gold pans or manually-fed rocker boxes or sluices to collect minerals in the following areas, listed with approximate milepost markers. The lands are closed to staking of new mining claims under Public Land Order 5150.

Mile	Name: Open Area
211	<b>Disaster Creek:</b> Open from the bridge upstream for two miles. 
207	<b>Bettles and Dietrich Rivers:</b> Open from bridge upstream for two miles on Bettles River and upstream for two miles on Dietrich River. 
202	<b>Unnamed Creek:</b> Open from bridge upstream for 2 miles.  
197.2	<b>Gold Creek:</b> Open from bridge upstream for 2 miles.  
196.4	<b>Sheep Creek:</b> Open from bridge upstream for 2 miles.  
196	<b>Nugget Creek:</b> Open from bridge upstream for 1 mile.  
190.5	<b>Hammond River:</b> Open from its confluence with Middle Fork Koyukuk River upstream for 1 mile. 
187.2	<b>Minnie Creek:</b> Open from bridge upstream for 1.5 miles, and on all of Larson Creek. 
184	<b>Dry Gulch:</b> Open from highway all the way upstream. 
176	<b>Clara Creek:</b> Open from highway upstream for one-half mile. 
175.5	<b>Slate Creek:</b> Open from bridge upstream for 1.25 miles. 
168.7	<b>Unnamed Creek:</b> Open from mouth upstream to source. 
156.3	<b>South Fork Koyukuk River:</b> Open from bridge for 1.5 miles upstream and 2 miles downstream, but not in the pipeline right-of-way.   
135.7	<b>Jim River:</b> Take side road west. Open from end of road downstream for 2 miles. 
135.1	<b>Prospect Creek:</b> Open from bridge upstream for 1.5 miles and downstream any distance, but not in pipeline right-of-way.  
125.7	<b>Bonanza Creek:</b> Open from North Fork bridge upstream for 2.5 miles, or downstream any distance, but not in pipeline right-of-way. 
114	<b>Fish Creek:</b> From bridge, open upstream for 1 mile and downstream for 1 mile. 

### Potential for placer gold

	<b>Low</b>	{less than \$1.10/yd <sup>3</sup> }
	<b>Medium</b>	{\$1.10 to \$4.50/yd <sup>3</sup> }
	<b>High</b>	{greater than \$4.50/yd <sup>3</sup> }



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## Recreational Mineral Collection



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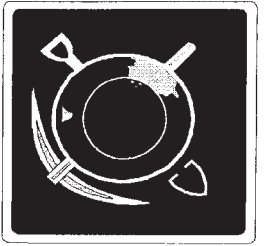
## The Lure of Gold



The mention of Alaska has always conjured up visions of gold. Early gold-seekers traveled to Alaska by every means imaginable and endured endless hardships. They stayed to build communities in the wilderness.

Present-day travelers, still lured by gold, come to Alaska to try their hand at panning or sluicing on the streams of the last frontier. They search for elusive gold nuggets or other semi-precious minerals.

## Recreational Mineral Collection



Some BLM-managed public lands along the Dalton Highway south of Atigun Pass are open to recreational mineral collection.

The BLM has inventoried and rated these streams for their mineral potential. The ratings are on the inside page of this brochure.

Areas closed to recreational mineral

collection include the pipeline right-of-way (27 feet on either side of the pipeline) and land legally claimed for mining or other purposes. You should stay at least 100 feet away from the pipeline to ensure you don't encroach on the right-of-way.

To collect minerals on a private mining claim, you must obtain permission from the claimant. Check with the BLM's Public Information Center in Fairbanks (474-2251) to determine the claimant's name and address.

The removal of placer gold on navigable waterways is regulated by the State of Alaska. For further information, contact the Department of Natural Resources at (907) 451-2705.

### Equipment

You can use a pick, shovel, rocker and sluice box, and metal detector. Motorized equipment is not allowed.

**Suction dredging is prohibited within the Utility Corridor (the BLM-managed public lands surrounding the Dalton Highway) without prior authorization.** Authorization can only be given for suction dredging on existing federal mining claims.

**Historic and Prehistoric Sites** The 1906 Antiquities Act prohibits the removal, excavation or destruction of any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of historic value located on

## Camping



Marion Creek Campground, approximately five miles north of Coldfoot, is the only developed public campground along the Dalton Highway. It has both pull-through and tent sites, as well as outhouses and a water well. Each site has a picnic table and either a grill or a fire ring. This BLM federal fee site is open June through mid-September. Golden Age and Golden Access Passport holders pay half price. Campground hosts live on site.

1:63,360 quads:

Bettles C-2, D-1, D-2  
Wiseman A-1, B-1  
Chandalar B-6, C-6

Survey.

For accurate locations obtain the following inch-to-the-mile maps from U.S. Geological

### Maps

federal land. Please notify the BLM if you find any items protected by the Antiquities Act.

## The Dalton Highway



Built in 1974 to transport materials to oilfields on the North Slope, the Dalton Highway slices through northern Alaska, paralleling the Trans-Alaska Pipeline from Livengood to Prudhoe Bay.

Livengood to Prudhoe Bay.

The BLM manages public land on both sides of the highway from the Yukon River to Mile 301. The state manages the land from there to Prudhoe Bay.

The Dalton Highway is a gravel road that can be very rough, dusty or slippery, depending on weather. If stopping, pull as far to the right as you safely can. Do not block the gates on pipeline access roads.

**Off-highway vehicle use is prohibited within five miles of the highway.**

Carry emergency equipment, such as a CB radio, blankets or sleeping bags, spare tires, standard tools and first-aid equipment. Gas, restaurant food, lodging, phone, tire repair, and emergency towing are available at Yukon Crossing (summer only) Coldfoot, and Deadhorse. **No other public services are available along the Dalton Highway.**

The Bureau of Land Management mission is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the public lands for use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

*For more information contact:*  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Northern Field Office  
1150 University Avenue  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3844  
(907) 474-2200

*Related BLM publications:*  
Birds along the Dalton Highway  
Dalton Highway Visitors Guide  
Bear Facts

*Current road conditions:*  
Department of Transportation Recording:  
(907) 456-7623

*Traveler's Advisory Radio:* 1610 AM  
(originating at Fox, Alaska)

*Visitor information is available at:*

- Yukon Crossing Visitor Contact Station, Mile 56. Open Memorial Day to August 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., no phone.
- Arctic Interagency Visitor Center, Mile 175. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., phone (907) 678-5209, fax (907) 678-2005.

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