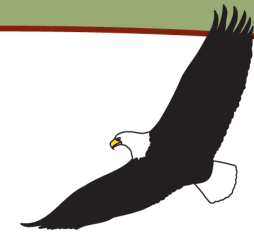


Guide to

K'esugi Ridge Trail System North



in Denali State Park

Little Coal Creek Trail:

Allowable Uses: Hiking

Distance: 3.3 miles

Elevation Gain: 1750 feet

Difficulty: Moderate

K'esugi Ridge Trail

(Little Coal Creek Tr. to Ermine Hill Tr. jct.)

Allowable Uses: Hiking

Distance: 10.8 miles

Elevation Gain: 900 ft. (north to south)

Difficulty: Moderate

Ermine Hill Trail:

Allowable Uses: Hiking

Distance: 3.7 miles

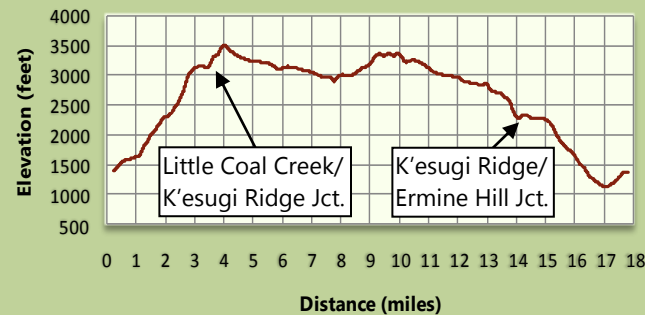
Elevation Gain: 1300 feet

Difficulty: Moderate

Connecting the Trails:

17.8 mile traverse from Little Coal Creek Trailhead to Ermine Hill Trailhead. 28.9 mile traverse Little Coal Creek Trailhead to Byers Lake Campground. 37 mile traverse from Little Coal Creek Trailhead to Upper Troublesome Creek Trailhead.

K'esugi Ridge Trail System North



The Trails:

This trail system offers popular multi-day backpacking trips in south-central Alaska. Hiking is through rolling alpine and sub-alpine terrain, with outstanding views of Denali and numerous small glacially scoured lakes. Lower elevations are forested.

Most people hike from north to south because of less total elevation gain. Hikers can start from the Little Coal Creek Trailhead and finish at the Ermine Hill Trailhead, Byers Lake Campground, or Upper Troublesome Creek Trailhead (See Guide to K'esugi Ridge Trail System South & Guide to Upper Troublesome Creek Trail for more information). These are all one-way trips, so pick-up or drop-off arrangements must be made prior to departure. Day-hikes to timberline are also popular.



Safety and Considerations:

Weather on K'esugi Ridge can change fast. Be prepared with proper clothing and navigation tools in case low clouds move in. Some trails may experience seasonal closures due to high bear concentrations. Please respect closures and always be bear aware while traveling Denali's trails.

Park Rules:

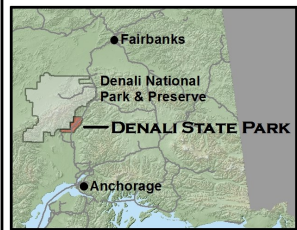
Open fires are prohibited, please use designated fire rings or a camp stove. Pets must be on a leash while in the trailhead parking lot, and under voice control on trails or in the backcountry. For a complete list of park rules please contact the Mat-Su area Parks office (907)745-3975 .





Denali State Park

K'esugi Ridge Trail System North



Legend

- Denali State Park Boundary
- State Recreation Areas
- Trails
- Roads
- Railroads
- Rivers/Lakes
- Gravel Bars
- Streams
- Wetlands
- Trailhead
- Campground
- Interest Point
- Visitor Center
- Public Use Cabins
- Non-Motorized Boating

Scale

0 0.5 1 Miles

0 0.5 1 Kilometers

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