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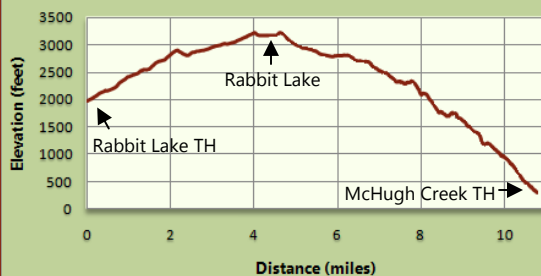
McHugh & Rabbit Lake Trails

in Chugach State Park

Access: McHugh Creek Trailhead (McHugh Lake Trail); Rabbit Creek Trailhead (Rabbit Lake Trail)
Allowable Uses: Hiking. No bikes allowed.
Distance: (to Rabbit Lake) 6.4 miles via McHugh Lake Trail; 4.4 miles via Rabbit Lake Trail, or a 10.8 mile traverse
Elevation Gain: 2900 feet via McHugh Lake Trail; 1200 feet via Rabbit Lake Trail
Difficulty: Both are moderate.



Rabbit Lake Traverse Trail Profile



Trail Descriptions:

Rabbit Lake: Past the gate, the trail follows an old roadbed through brush and quickly opens up to views of Rabbit Creek Valley. The road then peters out and a narrower trail leads to Rabbit Lake.

McHugh Lake: Trail follows switchbacks through Cottonwoods and Aspen until tree line, where alders and grasses are encountered. Alpine dominates in the upper valley, where views open up. Trail follows the north side of McHugh Creek until it reaches Rabbit Lake.

Special Features:

Day hikes to Rabbit Lake from either trailhead or a traverse of both trails. Popular backpacking location. Beautiful Rabbit and McHugh Lakes are framed by alpine meadows and the rugged Suicide Peaks.

Safety and Considerations:

Parking is limited at the Rabbit Lake Trailhead on Lower Canyon Road. Area around lakes can be extremely windy.

Park Rules:

Open fires are not permitted. Portable camp stoves are permitted. Camping is only allowed over ½ mile from the trailhead or developed road. Camping in an undeveloped area of a state park is limited to 10 consecutive days. Visit <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chugach> for a complete set of park rules.

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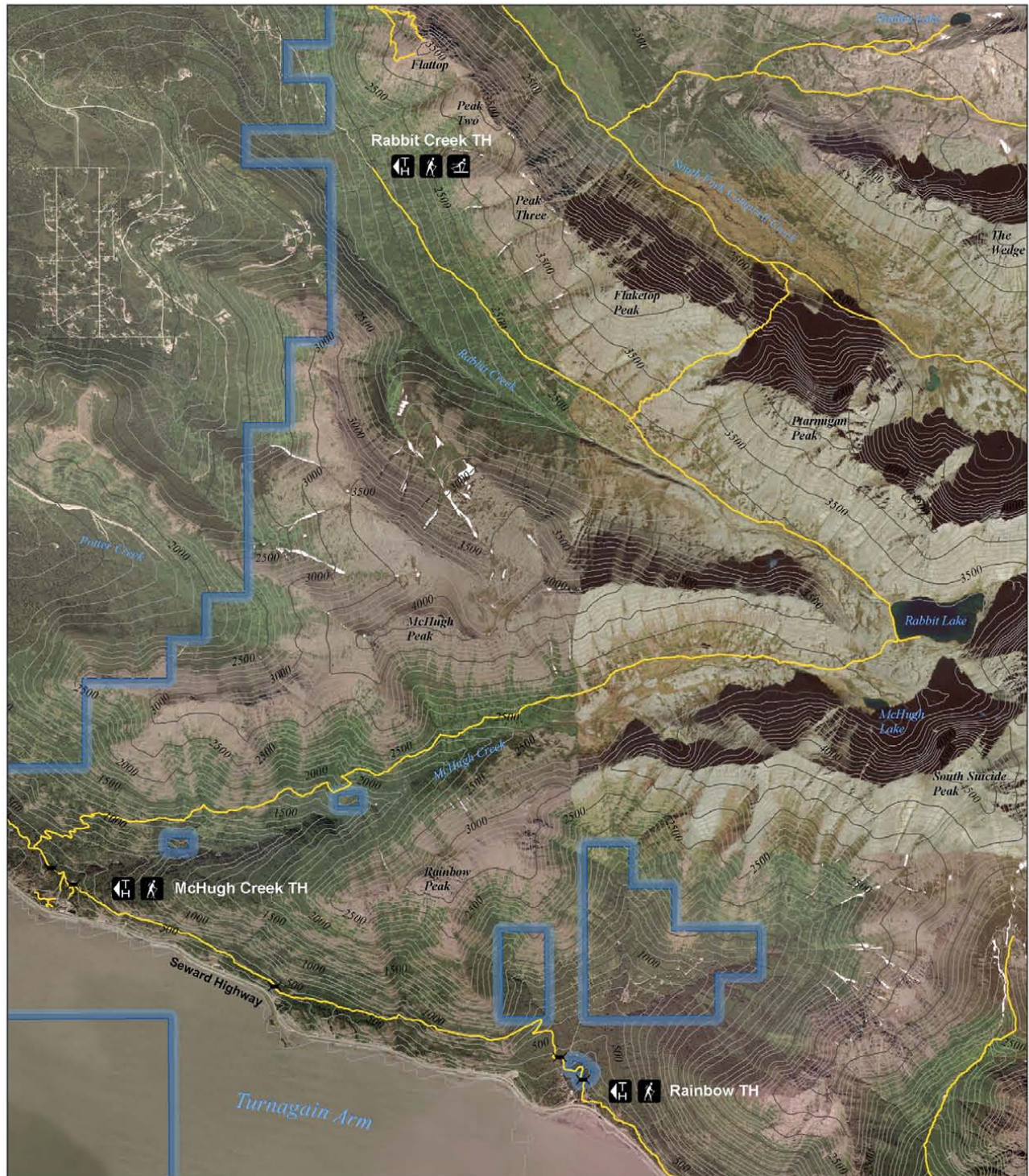
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Projected Coordinate System:
NAD 83, State Plane Alaska, Zone 4

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