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### HOONAH



Nestled against the base of White Alice Mountain, Hoonah is the largest Tlingit village in Alaska. The Huna, a Tlingit tribe, have lived in the Icy Strait area for thousands of years. Today Hoonah is home to approximately 850 residents, many who work at Icy Strait Point, a private cruise ship destination located about a mile away.

Since the wilderness port opened in 2004, Hoonah has attracted more visitors, particularly those who arrive by cruise ships. The port is centered on a restored salmon cannery, which now houses a museum, local arts and crafts shops, restaurants and a mid-1930's cannery line display. Outside is the world's largest and highest zip line at 5,330 feet long, featuring a 1,300-foot vertical drop. Icy Strait Point offers a range of excursions for visitors, from Native dance performances to bear viewing and whale watching.

Hoonah's access to the outstanding fishing along Icy Strait also attracts sport fishing and wildlife enthusiasts. Whale watching is considered excellent near Hoonah and humpback and killer whales are often spotted along the shores right in front of town. Sea kayakers are also drawn here, as they arrive for a 40-mile wilderness paddle that follows the shorelines of Port Frederick and Tenakee Inlet from Hoonah to Tenakee Springs. The two inlets are connected by a short portage and the trip ends for many in the Tenakee Springs' natural hot springs soaking away those sore muscles. For more information on sea kayaking and hiking in the area, contact the **U.S. Forest Service Hoonah District Office** (907-945-3631).

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