

Icy Strait Point: Shopping

The renovated Hoonah Packing Co. cannery, just a few steps from the Icy Strait Point dock, is home to 11 Alaskan-owned shops, offering a carefully chosen selection of Alaska Native art and crafts, wild Alaska salmon, handmade soaps, candles and beads, local Native remedies and Icy Strait Point logo items. The shops are staffed by Alaskans, many of whom live in the nearby village of Hoonah and source their products locally. A growing number of local artists are rediscovering traditional Tlingit crafts and spend time handcrafting items for sale in Icy Strait Point's marketplace each summer.

In 2011 Icy Strait Point introduced a craft market, allowing local artists to bring in a wider selection of handcrafted items. Several new merchandise outlets for popular excursions, such as the Tribal Dance and Cultural Legends show and In Alaska's Wildest Kitchen culinary class, were also added in 2011. A new building at the base of the ZipRider features an expanded line of zip line merchandise, such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and glasses.

An online retail store was also added to Icy Strait Point's website (www.icystraitpoint.com) in late 2010, featuring select items, from smoked and canned salmon to coffee mugs with a totemic salmon design.

Shopping opportunities at Icy Strait Point include:

Lisa's Art Store - Tlingit Rx (New in 2011)

Owned and operated by Huna Tlingit artists, Lisa's Art Store features local artists' pieces such as Tlingit drums, moccasins, baskets, jewelry and woodcarvings. Tlingit Rx is a line of traditional herbal remedies produced with ingredients from the temperate Southeast Alaska rainforest. These remedies draw on traditional knowledge handed down for generations through the Huna Tlingit people and include products such as an ointment made from Devil's Club.

Brenner's Fine Clothing and Gifts (New in 2011)

This gift shop offers unusual women's clothing and accessories and quality Alaska souvenirs, including made-in-Alaska Christmas ornaments.

STORY ANGLE: Alaska Native products provide a glimpse into Huna Tlingit traditions.

The perpetuation of Alaska Native culture is primarily accomplished by passing traditional knowledge down from generation to generation. Lisa's Art Store – Tlingit Rx, a new store that opened at Icy Strait Point in 2011, showcases this tradition through a variety of herbal remedies and salves made from ingredients in the surrounding Southeast Alaska temperate rainforest. Guests at Icy Strait Point can buy Devil's Club Salve, Spruce Healing Salve and the Balm of Gilead, all said to be natural healing remedies. Other shops at Icy Strait Point feature crafts, such as traditional Huna Tlingit moccasins, baskets and wood carvings, made from designs that have been passed down by elders and through family records. All of the stores source these products from local artists in Hoonah.

Goldsmith Gallery (New in 2011)

Goldsmith Gallery features a variety of Alaska-inspired fine jewelry, art and oil paintings.

Hoonah High School Book Shop

Local students run this bookstore with a selection on everything from local history to wildlife. The proceeds go toward school programs.

Icy Strait Point Company Store

Guests can pick up Icy Strait Point and Hoonah Packing Company logo wear and souvenirs, ranging from jackets and fleece vests to hats, mugs and more. Visitors can purchase a souvenir from the Icy Strait Point Company Store and have it vacuum-sealed and canned on the restored canning line equipment. Guests can take it with them, or have it mailed home or to a friend or relative.

Soap and Candle Shop

This shop is filled with the sweet aroma of soaps, candles and bath accessories made from Alaska flowers, berries and other natural ingredients.

Salmon Shop

The Salmon Shop features a wide variety of wild Alaska seafood, including a selection of smoked salmon, canned salmon, caviar and salmon jerky — not to mention tasty samples.

Hoonah Packing Company Shop

Visitors can take home Hoonah Packing Company souvenirs and Alaska-themed apparel and accessories.

Alaska Wood Creations

Skilled craftsman that work at the nearby lumber mill make the carved wall decorations and other products here.

Wild Alaska Souvenirs

Hats, mugs, T-shirts, stuffed animals, kids' clothes and many other unique wildlife and Alaska-themed gifts are sold here.

Espresso & Snack Bar

Guests can pick up a selection of grocery and sundry items, as well as snacks and a cup of coffee.

All retail gift shops are open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information about the shops at Icy Strait Point, visit www.icystraitpoint.com.