

## **Eska Creek Falls Trail**

Non-motorized summer and winter trail

<b><i>Tread surface:</i></b>	Dirt surface, 2' - 4' wide
<b><i>Length:</i></b>	4.1 miles (6.5 kilometers) one way
<b><i>Difficulty:</i></b>	Moderate to difficult
<b><i>Activity:</i></b>	Summer - hiking Winter - backcountry skiing
<b><i>Trailhead:</i></b>	Small off-road parking for five vehicles
<b><i>Nearest town:</i></b>	Sutton
<b><i>Manager:</i></b>	MSB Land Management Division (745-9869)
<b><i>Trail Care Crew:</i></b>	Sutton Trail Advocacy Group

### ***How to get there***

Access to the Eska Creek Falls Trail is at the west end of the Strip Mine Trail. From the Glenn Highway in Sutton - go north on the Jonesville Road, at the entrance to Coyote Lake Park, take a left and follow the dirt road, which is narrow and bumpy, for approximately 1 mile. There are several 'Y's in the road, stay to the left until you reach the end where there is primitive parking area, just large enough for a few vehicles.

### ***General description***

The Eska Creek Falls Trail is a moderately steep hiking trail traversing the south slope of Eska Peak. It roughly parallels Eska Creek, located west of the trail. The trail heads north, climbing 1300 feet in just over 2.5 miles. The hike to the falls can be completed in about 2 to 3 hours. The first half of the trail travels through a forest of spruce and aspen, and then breaks out into tall grasses and willow. At about the 1600-foot elevation the trail clears the forest and starts to traverse alpine tundra. At this point, there are grand

views of the Matanuska River valley. At the 2000 foot level the trail begins to head up the nose of a ridge east of the creek. It can be challenging at times and tends to be muddy and slippery after a rain or frost. Caution is advised.

### ***Trail uses***

The Matanuska Susitna Borough (through an agreement with Alaska Department of Natural Resources) manages the Eska Creek Falls Trail for hiking and back country skiing.

### ***\*Take note***

Bears and other wildlife are native to the area and proper precautions should be taken to make your presence known. Keep dogs on leash and/or under your control.

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