

# ALASKA ADVENTURE 2014

FROM: EAST GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONTANA,  
TO: ALASKA  
AND,  
RETURN TO: BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

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## Summary

- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS

- CANADA – FROM ST MARY, MONTANA TO TOK, ALASKA

- East Glacier National Park to Dawson Creek (Mile 0, Alaska Highway)
  - 720.8 miles, 2-Lane & 4-Lane, Mostly very good road surface and shoulders [We drove the Cowboy Trail from Cochrane, AB, to Whitecourt, AB, bypassing Edmonton, AB]

- ALASKA HIGHWAY – Dawson Creek, BC, to Tok, AK

- 1,262.3 miles, 2-Lane, Mostly good road surface to Whitehorse, YT
- Few Frost Heaves approaching Whitehorse, YT
- Increasing frequency of Frost Heaves leaving Whitehorse, YT
- Near Kluane Lake (Destruction Bay) to the Alaska Border, Frost Heaves and Construction are nearly continuous – Recommend 15-20 mph speed to arrive without damage to your coach

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- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS (Continued)
  - ALASKA – TOK, ANCHORAGE, SEWARD, FAIRBANKS, & CHICKEN
    - 1,262.3 miles, 2-Lane & 4-Lane, Mostly good roadway surface, very narrow shoulders in places
    - A lot of construction zones – Several have pilot cars with wait-times up to 30 minutes [Especially near Denali National Park and between Denali and Fairbanks].

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- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS (Continued)
  - CANADA – FROM CHICKEN, ALASKA TO BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
    - Alaska Highway and Cassier Highway
      - 1,085.3 miles, 2-Lane, Frequent Frost Heaves and very narrow shoulders on Cassier Highway, Road Construction (Usually about 35 mph or slower)
      - Also, Frost Heaves and Construction on Alaska Highway to Cassier Highway (See Previous Summary Slide)
    - Yellowhead Highway and Cariboo Highway
      - 909.8 miles, 2-Lane to 6-Lane (near Vancouver, BC), Good to Very Good road surface and, mostly, wide shoulders
  - TOTALS: 5,787.2 miles
    - 5,240.5 miles, highway; plus 546.7 miles, miscellaneous

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- CAMPGROUNDS
  - CANADA – FROM ST MARY, MONTANA TO TOK, ALASKA
    - 6 Campgrounds, 20 Nights, \$736.61 CAD (~\$677.68 USD)
  - ALASKA – TOK, ANCHORAGE, SEWARD, FAIRBANKS, & CHICKEN
    - 5 Campgrounds, 50 Nights, \$2,289.25 USD
  - CANADA – FROM CHICKEN, ALASKA TO BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
    - 6 Campgrounds, 8 Nights, \$275.06 CAD (~\$253.06 USD)
- TOTALS
  - 17 Campgrounds, 78 Nights, ~\$3,219.99 USD

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- FUEL COSTS

- CANADA

- 1,490.941 Liters, \$2,207.24 CAD: \$1.48/L  
(393.865 Gal, ~\$2,030.66 USD: ~\$5.156/Gal)

- ALASKA

- 233.583 Gal, \$979.93 USD: \$4.195/Gal

- TOTALS

- 627.448 Gal, ~\$3,010.59 USD, ~\$4.798/Gal

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- NOVELTIES AND UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES

- 24-hours/day of daylight...daily! Although the sun does rise and set, it is only below the horizon for a few hours (about 4 ½ hours) and, in cities, the street lights don't even turn ON.
- Minimum amount of vehicle traffic. Except for the cities and towns, the highways, usually, had few vehicles per hour to no vehicles per hour.
- The number of wild animals (moose, deer, bear, etc.) roaming free everywhere...even in cities.
- Almost without exception, diesel fueling is in gas stations, not truck stops.
- The magnitude, beauty and splendor of God's scenic wonders and creation.

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## St. Mary, Montana, to Cochrane, Alberta

- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS – 205.9 miles
  - US Route 89 – Montana to the Canadian Border (~20 miles)
    - Good roadway surface and shoulders
    - Highway speeds
  - Border Crossing
    - Agents are very courteous
    - Cost to transport one shotgun through the country is \$25 CAD; permit is valid for 60 days
    - Delay: ~20 minutes
  - AB Route 2 – Canadian Border to Cochrane, Alberta (~186 miles)
    - Very good roadway surface and shoulders
    - Highway speeds
    - In Calgary, Alberta, relatively heavy traffic...Calgary is a typical big city

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St. Mary, MT, to Cochrane, AB

- CAMPGROUND

- Bow RiversEdge Campground

- Stay: 12 Nights
    - Cost: \$428.40 CAD (~\$394.13 USD)
    - Site: Pull through, level; but tight maneuvering
    - Full Hook Up (FHU): 50A/30A, water, sewer (all good)
    - Free WiFi

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## Cochrane, AB, to Whitecourt, AB

- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS – 253.3 miles
  - AB Route 22 – Cowboy Trail & AB Route 43
    - Good roadway surface and shoulders
    - Highway speeds
    - A few small towns along the route
- CAMPGROUND
  - Sagitawah Campground
    - Stay: 1 Night
    - Cost: \$35.70 CAD (~\$32.84 USD)
    - Site: Pull through, level
    - Full Hook Up (FHU): 30A, water, sewer (water okay)
    - Sewer Connection: Additional \$4.00 CAD

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## Whitecourt, AB, to Dawson Creek, British Columbia

- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS – 261.6 miles

- AB Route 43 & BC Route 97
  - Good roadway surface and shoulders
  - Highway speeds
  - Several small towns along the route

- CAMPGROUND

- Northern Lights Campground
  - Stay: 2 Nights
  - Cost: \$90.00 CAD (~\$82.80 USD)
  - Site: Pull through, level
  - Full Hook Up (FHU): 50A/30A, water, sewer (water okay)
  - Free WiFi
  - Pilot fuel station within 2 miles of campground; accepts major credit cards at pump – single tank at a time for fueling

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## Dawson Creek, BC, to Ft Nelson, BC

- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS – 281.7 miles
  - BC Route 97 & YT Route 1 – Alaska Highway
    - Good roadway surface and shoulders
    - Highway speeds
    - Several small towns along the route
    - Two, long 10% downhill grades with left-hand turns mid-way down
- CAMPGROUND
  - Triple G Hideaway Campground
    - Stay: 1 Night
    - Cost: \$40.95 CAD (~\$37.67 USD)
    - Site: Pull through, level
    - Full Hook Up (FHU): 30A, water, sewer
    - Free WiFi, but only available in the office.

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## Ft Nelson, BC, to Nugget City, Yukon Territory

- ROADWAY & CONDITIONS – 332.0 miles
  - CA Route 97 – Alaska Highway
    - Good roadway surface and shoulders
    - Highway speeds – BUT WATCH FOR ANIMALS on roadway
    - Few small towns along the route
- CAMPGROUND
  - Baby Nugget Campground
    - Stay: 1 Night
    - Cost: \$48.00 CAD (~\$44.16 USD)
    - Site: Pull through, level
    - Full Hook Up (FHU): 50A/30A, water, NO SEWER (water fair)
    - WiFi available in the office

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