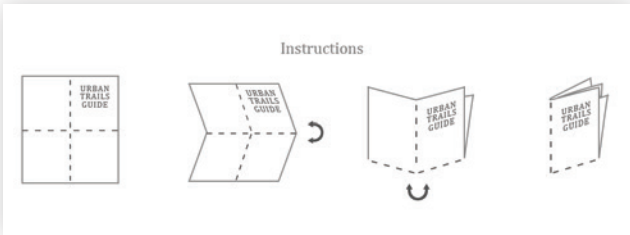


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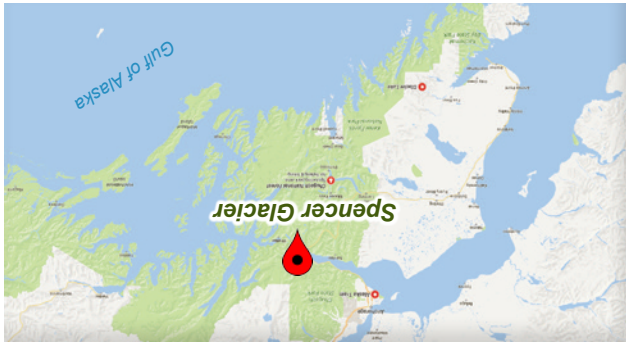


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Spencer Glacier Lake/ Spencer Bench Trail

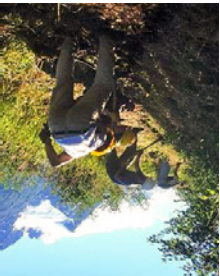


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EXPLORE!



- Improved and maintained 1.5 miles of trail that wrap around Spencer Glacier Lake.
- Repaired 30 switchbacks and cleared 2.8 miles of Spencer Bench Trail, which leads to the Spencer Bench Cabin at 1,900 feet elevation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

For crew member Mickinzie Maxwell, who wants to pursue a career in environmental science, possibly with the Forest Service, the experience was remarkable. "This crew made a drastic change in my future. I become more connected with my peers and my national forest. I have a new passion and respect for conserving our trails and a deeper understanding on how to treat our forests."

Alaska Railroad offers the only land access to the Spencer Glacier, which officially opened in August 2007. Since that time, over 10,000 visitors have enjoyed hiking, camping, and water-based activities in the backcountry. Visitors can hike the 1.3-mile trail to Spencer Lake and a 1.7-mile extension to Spencer Glacier. The Spencer Bench Trail is a 5.4 mile hike to Spencer Bench Cabin, located at 1,900 feet elevation. Camping is available on portions of the trails.

In summer 2017, the Student Conservation Association partnered with the U.S. Forest Service - Chugach National Forest at the Spencer Glacier Whistle Stop. The Alaska Railroad drops hikers and campers at this remote wilderness area. Two regional crews, comprised of Alaska youth ages 15-19, improved the trail around Spencer Glacier Lake, and Spencer Bench Trail, which leads to a popular trapper-style cabin, with views of alpine meadows and surrounding glaciers.

INTRODUCTION