

Juneau Walking Tour

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1. We will start our walking tour of Juneau from the cruise ship terminal because that is where many tourists begin.
2. Start out along S. Franklin Street toward town.
3. Continue along the road to a Y and veer left to take Marine Drive. The historic Red Dog Saloon will be on the right.
4. Continuing along Marine drive, turn right at Main Street which is a controlled intersection with a crosswalk. As you approach 4th street, there will a be a statue of William Henry Seward on the right.
5. At the intersection with 4th street, the Juneau-Douglas Museum will be on your left and is easily spotted because of the totem pole out front.
6. If you want to see the Alaska Governor's mansion, you can follow 4th past the Museum. Otherwise, turn right onto 4th.
7. Continuing past the Capitol on 4th street, turn left on Seward and climb up the hill one block to the Capitol School Park. You'll find a small playground that will be a welcome diversion for any kids in your party as well as the Empty Chair Memorial.
8. Turn right on 5th street. You will come to the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church.

9. The Catholic Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is right across the street

10. At this point, you can turn uphill if you wish to visit the Wickersham State Historic Site which is an old house that you can tour.

11. Further up the hill is Cope Park which has trails and a playground. We have never ventured that far.

12. However, if you're feeling done with climbing, backtrack a block on 5th street to North Franklin and follow it back through downtown toward the cruise ship terminal.

13. At 139 South Franklin you will come across the outdoor Franklin Food Court. We enjoyed Deckhand Dave's and Coppa ice cream.

14. If you turn right onto Front Street you'll find some interesting places to browse.

15. Continuing on down South Franklin, the historic Red Dog Saloon will be on your right just before Admiral Way.

Difficulty: Without the optional side trips to the Governor's mansion, The Wickersham Site, or Cope Park, the walking tour of Juneau is a little under a mile and a half. Anyone who is moderately fit and can climb hills should do fine, but weather may drastically effect your willingness to stick it out. Have fun!