



Vagt Lake Trail

Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest
(907) 288-3178

Recommended Uses



Difficulty

Easy

Public Use

Moderate

Length (one way)

1.63 miles

Loop 4.2 miles

USGS Map

Seward B7

Trip Time (one way)

1 hour

Recommended Season

May- November

Elevation Gain

194 feet

Trail Access

Trailhead is on the east side of the Seward Highway at mile 25.4 just south of Trail River bridge. Park outside of the railroad gate. Trail starts near lakeshore.

Vagt Lake Trail and INHT Trail are closed to saddle/pack stock from April 1-June 30 and motorized vehicles from May 1-November 30. Crown Point Mine Trail is open to motorized vehicles year round to the mine at 5.7mile.

Trail Grade/Condition

Vagt Lake Trail is a well maintained, level foot path, with gradual grades. If doing the loop, grades get steeper and shorter along INHT. Crown Point Mine Road is a steep mining road bed.

Recreational Opportunities

The trail starts along the southern end of Lower Trail Lake and travels near the lakeshore. It then climbs to a meadow with great mountain views before dropping down to Vagt Lake. From here you can take the INHT to Crown Point Mine Trail to make a 4.2 mile loop, the three trail segments for this loop are:

1. Vagt Lake Trail, 1.63 miles; 2. INHT Trail, 1 mile; and 3. Crown Pt Mine Road, 1.52 miles for a total distance of 4.2 miles. This loop is also possible to mountain bike and is a moderate ride. Vagt Lake is stocked with Rainbow Trout.

Wildlife includes moose, black and brown bears, wolverines, spruce grouse, and many varieties of birds. The lake is stocked with Rainbow Trout. [Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game \(ADF&G\) hunting and fishing regulations.](#)

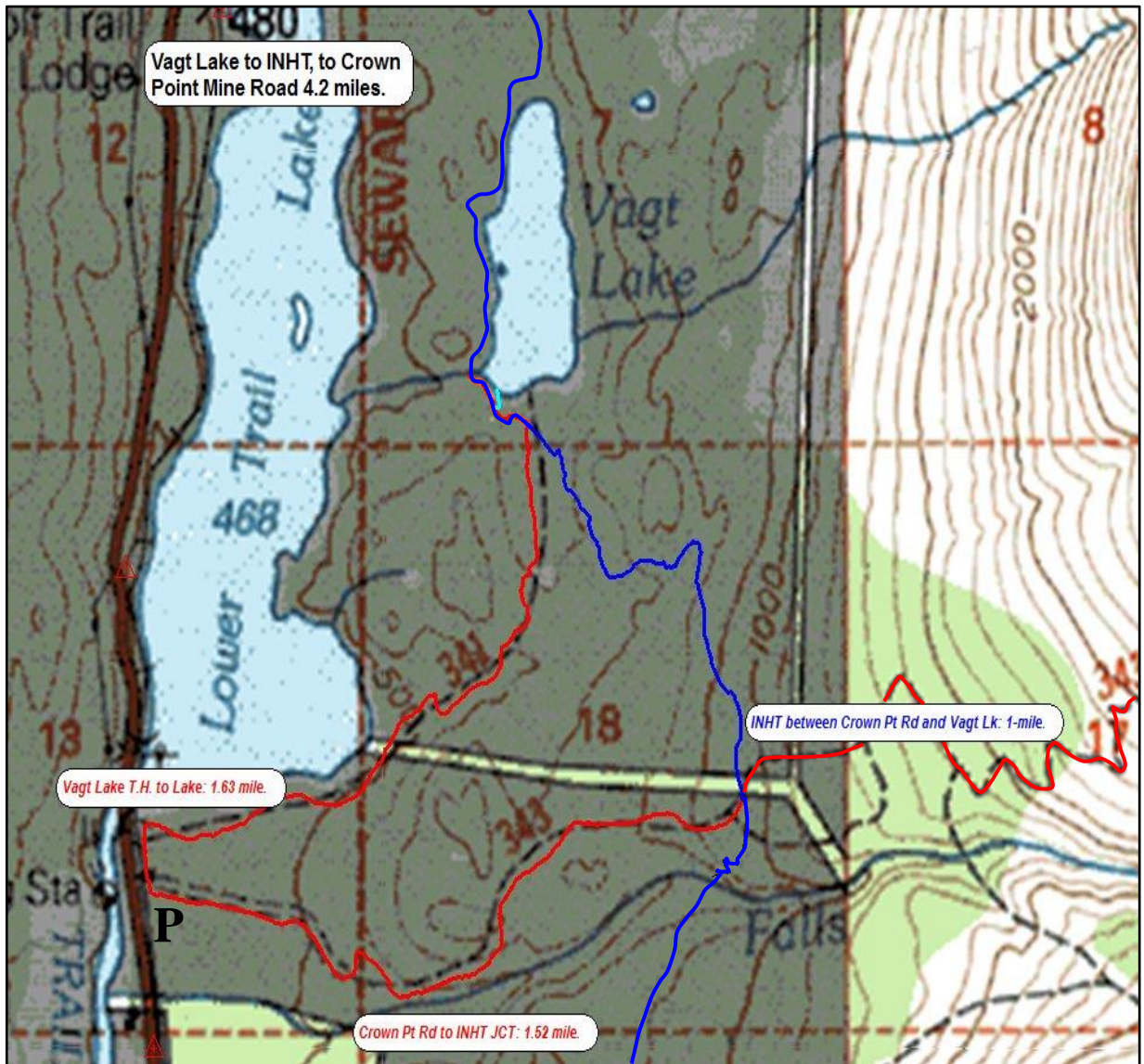
Special Considerations

Use caution with bear and moose. Giardia (a microscopic parasite that can infect warm-blooded animals and humans) could be present in all open water sources, filter surface water before drinking. Remember to pack out your trash. You can contact a U.S. Forest Service office to receive more detailed information on safety precautions and Leave No Trace outdoor skill and ethics.



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Map not to scale

Follow Leave No Trace Guidelines:

Travel and camp on durable surfaces

Human Waste: Proper disposal of human waste is important to avoid pollution of water and to minimize the possibility of spreading disease. Catholes are the most widely accepted method of waste disposal. Locate catholes at least 200 feet (about 70 adult steps) from water, trails and camp. Select an inconspicuous site where other people will be unlikely to walk or camp.

LEGEND

 INHT
P Trailhead Parking