



Who We Are

About Us

Valdez Adventure Alliance seeks to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages through outdoor access, resources, education, and events.

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*Shoup Bay Trail
Renaming Project*

Through several community outreach efforts, **Shoup Bay Trail** has been consistently noted as one of the most important local recreational resources.

- The trail was built in 1999 by Alaska State Parks on state and city land. The City of Valdez maintained the trail for some time, but by 2016 both entities had **abandoned the trail**.
- **Valdez Adventure Alliance**, our small non-profit, has taken on the operation and maintenance of all State Park resources in the area, including Shoup Bay Trail.
- These properties are difficult and expensive to maintain but **keeping them open** for community and visitor use has become an important part of VAA's mission!

Alaska State Parks divided the trail at Gold Creek into two sections: A and B.

While naming the trail in sections makes sense, we think there's a better way!

The namesake trail will end at **Shoup Bay**. We are busy finding financial support to be able to maintain one of the most beautiful trails in Alaska!

Gold Creek is the primary destination for day hikes and overnight camping. This well-loved trail deserves its own name, reflecting its magical destination.

The most-used first mile goes from the trailhead to **Gold Beach**.

- We groom the **Gold Beach Trail** in the winter for hikers and fat bikers!
- We've already raised \$70,000 for this trail to resolve drainage issues and make it accessible to all. **Please help us with the second half-mile!**

Giving appropriate names to these distinct sections of Shoup Bay Trail would allow each of these sections to have their own status. That would help with:

- **Obtaining grants** for maintenance or improvement. It's often impossible to have multiple open grants on the same trail!
- **Communication** between recreational users, about trail maintenance status and activities, or in case of a rescue or other emergency in the area.

Alaska State Parks wants to make sure the community supports this change, so let them know you do!

