

Mile 14.4 / Km 23.2

The summit of the White Pass (3,292 feet) in May 2000. The summit of the main arm of the White Pass, through which the railway runs, is 2,865 feet.



Mile 14.7 / Km 23.7

"Welcome to Alaska" sign with large parking area on the left – it makes a superb photo stop, with the White Pass and Sawtooth Mountains in the background.

Mile 15.0 / Km 24.1

This photo shows the view south from the Alaska - British Columbia border in February 2001.



Mileages in this guide now switch to Km first to correspond with highway signage.

Km 24.3 / Mile 15.1

International Border Falls on the left, with large gravel parking area.

Km 24.7 / Mile 15.3

Large parking area for hikers, skiers and snowmobilers on the right. Outhouse toilets are available here and at Log Cabin (Km 43.9).



Summit Lake can be seen across the valley - the south end of the lake is the turn-around point for the WP&YR railway's Summit Excursions. This photo of the lake was taken on May 30, 2008.

There are many pulloffs along the highway through the White Pass. Walking across the bare granite down to Summit Lake provides some excellent views. Small crystal-clear ponds abound just off the road, and in the summer many warm up enough for a secluded dip.

Km 29.2 / Mile 18.1

Summit Creek.

Km 34.3 / Mile 21.3

The Thompson River can be seen on the right. By parking on the wide shoulder and walking about 300 feet ahead, a particularly nice photo can be taken of the river, and if you time it right, of a train crossing a small bridge (check WPYR.com for schedule).



Km 36.5 / Mile 22.7

Above is the Canada Customs post at Fraser as you see it heading north. All vehicles must stop and report. The red building on the right is the last water tower remaining on the WP&YR line from the days when steam locomotives were used.

Fraser is also the point where people switch from motorcoaches to WP&YR trains or vice-versa. The coach in the foreground is the one that the writer drove year-round for several years (until 2006) out of Whitehorse.



Km 36.8 / Mile 22.9

Large parking area with interpretive signs about the WP&YR railway and area attractions.

Km 37.3 / Mile 23.2

Wide shoulder with view of Fraser, British Columbia and Bernard Lake.



Fraser, British Columbia panorama - looking south

The many pulloffs offer opportunities for short walks leading to some spectacular views. This is the creek that drains Bernard Lake into Shallow Lake at Km 41.1.

Km 42.4 / Mile 26.3

Two large and several smaller pullouts offer views over the Teepee Valley, commonly called "Tormented Valley". The Fantail Trail ran through the valley in the distance, taking prospectors from Skagway to the gold fields at Atlin, British Columbia, during the 1899-1900 rush.



Driving the South Klondike Highway in the winter can be magical. This is a rarely-seen icebow, caused by the sun reflecting off ice crystals in the air. A less dramatic version of this uses the term sundogs for the brightest points seen on each side of this arc. This view is southbound at about Km 42.6 on January 2, 2004. The photo is purposely underexposed so that the arc can be more clearly seen.

