

# VISIT Sitka



**1 SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**  
Commemorates site of the Battle of Sitka between the Tlingit Indians and the Russians in 1804. Many totem poles line the trails.  
**Time: 1 hr, Distance 1 way: 1.5 mi, Rating: Easy**



**2 CROSS TRAIL**  
Close to town. Accessible via Indian River Trail, Gavan Hill Trail, Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary, Charteris St., Cascade St. and Baranof St.  
**Time: 1-2.5 hrs, Distance 1 way: 10 mi, Rating: Easy**



**3 INDIAN RIVER TRAIL**  
Relaxing walk through northwest coast rainforest with views of the Sisters Mountains.  
**Time: 6 hrs, Distance rt: 9 mi, Rating: Easy**



**4 5 GAVAN HILL TR. / HARBOR MOUNTAIN**  
Access via end of Baranof Street or Harbor Mt. Bypass road. Vistas of Sitka Sound, Mt. Edgecumbe, surrounding mountains & islands.  
**Time: 4-6 hrs, Distance rt: 12 mi, Rating: Difficult**



**6 STARRIGAVAN ESTUARY LIFE**  
Upper Starrigavan Valley views. Interpretive signs and displays along Estuary Life boardwalk describe the estuary ecosystem.  
**Time: 3 hrs, Distance rt: 2 mi, Rating: Easy**



**7 MOSQUITO COVE TRAIL**  
The North Loop from Starrigavan Campground follows beach/forest fringe to Mosquito Cove; loops back through forested hillside.  
**Time: 1 hr, Distance rt: 1.5 mi, Rating: Moderate**



**8 HALIBUT POINT STATE RECREATION SITE**  
Oceanfront park with 3 picnic shelters, easy access to the beach. No restroom facilities or trash cans. Pack in, pack out all refuse.  
**Time: 1 hr, Distance rt: 1 mi, Rating: Easy**



**9 MOUNT VERSTOVIA**  
Lower hill slope was logged by Russians in 1860. Good ocean and mountain views from the top on clear days.  
**Time: 6 hrs, Distance rt: 5 mi, Rating: Difficult**



**10 THIMBLEBERRY LAKE - HEART LAKE**  
Fishing for trout is fair in both lakes. Parking at both ends of the trail.  
**Time: 2 hrs, Distance rt: 3.2 mi, Rating: Moderate**



**11 BEAVER LAKE/HERRING COVE TRAIL LOOP**  
Popular loop trail skirting Beaver Lake. Vistas of nearby rugged mountains and muskeg.  
**Time: 2 hrs, Distance rt: 3.4 mi, Rating: Moderate**



**12 HERRING COVE TRAIL**  
One of Sitka's favorite hiking trails. Lovely walk over muskegs, along marshes and through stunted forests.  
**Time: 2 hrs, Distance rt: 2.8 mi, Rating: Moderate**



**13 GODDARD HOT SPRINGS**  
Accessible by boat or float plane, located 16 miles south of Sitka. Open shelters over hot tubs, feature natural hot springs.

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