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HAPPENING NOW!



Salmon are back in local Juneau waters. Check out [charter fishing options](#).

AND...



The [Laurie Ellen](#), a wood-fired steamboat, cruises the waters of the downtown harbor.

10 FREE things to do in Juneau

Make your family vacation more affordable...

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Now is the Time to Save on Airfare!

Alaska Airlines is offering savings to Juneau



Alaska Airlines is offering a 25% savings on airfare to and from Southeast Alaska. Purchase tickets by 12th (that's this Sunday!) for travel to be completed between July 13 and September 30, 2009. To enjoy these great savings, visit www.alaskaair.com today!

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Let's Go Fishing!

The 63rd Golden North Salmon Derby Wants You!



Paste your photo here! Sheldon Winters, last year's winner of the Golden North Salmon Derby, took the prize with a 35.6 pound king salmon. This year, the winner could be you (just last week a 47.5 pound king was caught off North Douglas). So mark the dates -- August 14, 15, and 16 -- for the 63rd Golden North Salmon Derby in Juneau, Alaska.

Since 1946, this competitive event has brought residents and visitors together to put their skills (and their luck) to the test in the icy waters surrounding Juneau. With every cry of "Fish on!" anglers hope to bring home a winning fish and some serious bragging rights.

As part of the derby, the Territorial Sportsman Scholarship Foundation has awarded over 200 scholarships totaling over one million dollars to deserving young people since 1953. All fish turned in during the derby are sold and the proceeds donated to the scholarship. So even the small fish are winners here.

For more details about the 63rd Golden North Salmon Derby, visit www.goldennorthsalmonderby.org.

All derby participants will need an [Alaska fishing license](#). Derby rules prohibit fishing from shore, so don't forget to book your [charter or bare boat rental](#) in advance. And check out Juneau's [lodging](#) and [dining](#) options.

August is a Runner's Dream in Juneau

Running activities dominate the events calendar



Running definitely takes a bit of physical exertion, but running in Juneau, Alaska, brings a new meaning to the word "breathless." Whether you sprint in the shadow of the Mendenhall Glacier or jog beside the calm waters near False Outer Point on Douglas Island, the views are breathtaking.

Lucky for us, Juneau hosts a variety of running events, including several in August. It's not too late to plan your visit and participate in an invigorating event or two in this stunningly beautiful location.

On the calendar for August:

- 1st: Frank Maier Memorial & Douglas Island Half Marathon
- 8th: Treadwell Twosome 5K Race
- 9th: Sprint Triathlon
- 15th: Eaglecrest Road Race

22nd: Nifty 50

For details on any of these events, visit [Southeast Roadrunners](#). And to keep up-to-date on all running events, check out the [Calendar of Events](#) on our web site.

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Derby winner
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Wetlands runner
JCVB

*Brown bear mother and
cubs*
Ted Stedman

Nugget Falls
Ron Gile

Downtown Juneau
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Prime Time for Brown Bear Viewing

Pack Creek on Admiralty Island is the hot spot



Admiralty Island, known in Tlingit as "Kootznoowoo," meaning the fortress of the bears, is home to an estimated 1,500 brown bears -- more than all of the Lower 48 states combined.

The Pack Creek estuary is about a 30-minute flight one-way southeast of Juneau and provides a unique opportunity to observe wild brown bears as they feast on pink and chum salmon during the summer months. About 25 bears gather at this popular viewing site from mid-July to mid-August. There are no roads to nor accommodations in the area. Nearby campsites and open shelters are on a first-come-first served basis.

Bear viewing permits are required throughout the summer. Numbers are limited during the peak season -- July 5 through August 25 -- when brown bears feed along the creek and travel along nearby tidal flats.

[Licensed guide packages](#) include round-trip transportation from Juneau, viewing permits, and the benefits of a knowledgeable guide. Visitors are advised to bring binoculars, telescopes, or cameras with long telephoto lenses.

For more information about the Admiralty Island National Monument, or for a permit application for Pack Creek viewing, write the USFS at 8150 Mendenhall Loop Rd, Juneau, AK 99801, or call (907) 586-8790. Internet users can [download](#) a permit application.

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