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The morning of Dec. 4, 2009, revealed a freshly calved face at the Mendenhall Glacier. Overnight, vivid blue ice was exposed from the mid-point eastward to the waterfall as huge chunks of ice fell away from the glacier into the lake.

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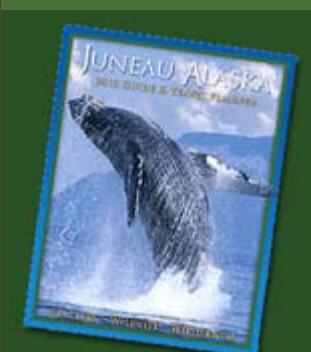
Winter work progresses at Mount Roberts Tramway as a helicopter delivers materials to the mountain house site.

AND...



Fresh snow on Mount Juneau behind downtown contrasts sharply with the glorious blue of our Alaska sky.

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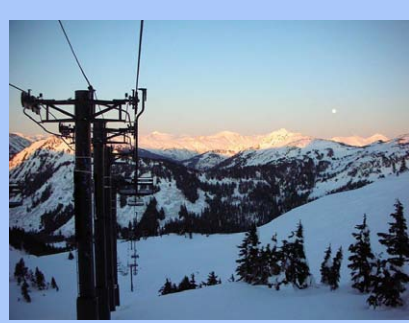
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New Chair Lift at Eaglecrest Ski Area

Mountain access is now easier than ever



The eagerly anticipated Black Bear Chairlift located on the east side of the Eaglecrest Ski Area mountain opened in December after four years of planning and construction. The Black Bear Chair is a Riblet Double chair with a length of 4,120 feet and a vertical rise of 1000 feet. The

new chair provides easier access to Eaglecrest's East Bowl Chutes and adds two intermediate runs: Marmot and Vertigo.

Locals have known for years that skiing and snowboarding in Juneau is special. The diverse terrain and snow conditions will challenge everyone from the first timer to the expert thrill seeker.

Located on Douglas Island just 12 miles from downtown, Juneau's community owned ski area features phenomenal alpine and Telemark skiing, snowboarding, and a terrain park full of rails, bumps and boxes. There are 640 acres of open-treed slopes offering a vertical drop of 1,400 feet. Three chairlifts and one beginner lift access 31 runs. For those interested in hiking for their turns, the ridges above Eaglecrest offer a wide variety of natural, ungroomed terrain. The area also includes a PSIA/AASI certified Snowsports School, Rental & Repair Shop, and 5 kilometers of groomed Nordic trails perfect for either classic or skate skiing.

A shuttle bus runs to the mountain five days a week, with one route stopping at all of Juneau's major hotels so you never need to worry about driving up the hill.

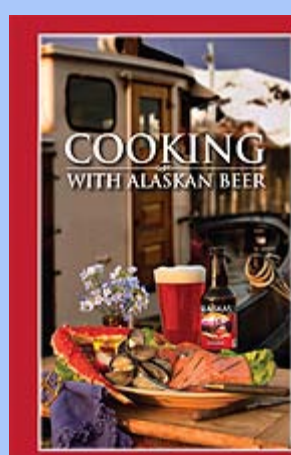
Looking for even more skiing adventure?

Situated along the sparkling waters of the Inside Passage and bordered by the Coast Mountains and Chilkat Range, Juneau serves as a world class destination for helicopter skiing and snowboarding. Alaska's capital is just two hours by jet from Seattle and makes for an unforgettable adventure for the intermediate to expert rider.

[Alaska Powder Descents](#) offers half- and full-day heli-skiing trips and is gearing up for its new season beginning in February. Recently they introduced weekend and weeklong ski packages at the Aldersheim Wilderness Lodge near Juneau. Available in March and April, packages include accommodations at the lodge, escorted heli-skiing or heli-snowboarding, passes to Juneau's Eaglecrest Ski Area, equipment, guides and more.

For the more independent backcountry skiers, check out [Coastal Helicopters](#) -- they'll fly you there and pick you up, but you need to provide your own guide.

Hot Off the Press: *Cooking with Alaskan Beer*



After more than two decades of adding the award-winning flavors of Alaskan Beer to their favorite recipes, Alaskan Brewing Co. released its first cookbook in December. *Cooking with Alaskan Beer* is a compilation of 101 recipes created and perfected by the employees, family, and friends of Alaskan Brewing.

For the last 20 years, Alaskan has hosted a friendly competition known as the Brew Crew and Investor Cook-off. In the early years of the Brewery, the crew and investors

decided to celebrate the coming winter season with a potluck and a challenge to create best recipe using an Alaskan beer. As the years passed, friendly rivalries developed and local chefs and food enthusiasts were brought in to judge the recipes.

One of the perennial cook-off judges, Stefani "Chef Stef" Marnon, lent her culinary expertise to narrow down and edit the several hundred crew recipes to 101. "We searched through and tested hundreds of creative and delicious recipes to create this collection," explains Chef Stef. "Which means we have hundreds more to include in future editions."

The 115-page collection includes recipes ranging from an Alaskan Amber Poached Salmon and Alaskan Smoked Porter Carried Carrots to the Alaskan Stout Crème Brûlée.

Cooking with Alaskan Beer is available for purchase at the Alaskan Brewing Company and [Hearthside Books](#) in Juneau, or at the brewery's online Gear Store at [www.alaskanbeer.com](#).

"Project Runway" -- Juneau Style

Wearable Art show is an outrageous good time!



Now in its 10th year, "Wearable Art" is the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council's runway art show. It's a chance for Juneau residents to break up winter with some outlandish fun and for visitors to experience the eccentric side of Juneau's character.

Almost anything that can be worn goes - and probably has made an appearance in the runway show. Imagine an evening gown of fishing lures, models decked head to toe in digital media (CDs), balloons, Alaskan Brewing beer labels, juice packages, shells, or Spam, all sharing the runway with traditional Tlingit regalia, Southeast Alaska fishing garb, and political satire -- you get the idea.

"Cirque de Pluie" (Circus of Rain) is the theme for the 2010 event, scheduled for February 13 and 14 at Juneau's Centennial Hall (based on the notion that the circus is a place where the impossible becomes possible before your eyes). Artist-designers have carte blanche to use or ignore the theme, and many do (ignore it). You have to see it to believe it!

We invite you to come to Juneau to observe and critique with the rest of us. Show times are 8 pm on Saturday, February 13, and 3 pm on Sunday, February 14. Tickets are now on sale at the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council, (907) 586-2728 or [info@jahc.org](#).

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