



Hope COLLEGE

GLOBAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

*Reading List for
Alaska's Glacier Bay & Inside Passage*

August 28 – September 8, 2021

These optional resources are suggested to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the history, unique culture, wilderness, and wildlife of Southeast Alaska.



[Memoir / Non-fiction](#)

Travels in Alaska - John Muir

Muir's last book includes his journals from 1879, 1880, and 1890 detailing the power the wilderness has to heal a person's body and soul. With intimate descriptions of glaciers and wildlife, this is an essential, classic anthem on the beauty of Alaska.

The Only Kayak - Kim Heacox

This flowing memoir tells the rich coming-of-age story of an Idaho-born man finding his place in the world in Alaska's rugged Glacier Bay National Park as a park ranger.

Fiction

Alaska: A Novel - James A Michener

In classic Michener style, tenacity of both the humankind and of the natural world is chronicled in a sweeping epic beginning with Alaska's geologic creation and its first inhabitants through World War II.

The Blue Bear - Lynn Schooler

A lyrical memoir of an exceptional friendship forged in the wilds of Alaska. After tragedy and heartbreak, Schooler, looking to escape his past by heading into remote Alaska, meets photographer Michio Hoshino who shares a like-minded drive to find the elusive glacier bear.

Coming into the Country - John McPhee

This exceptionally crafted narrative captures the essence of Alaskan culture and communities as few have done. Told in three segments, McPhee's book is a wonderful illustration of the complexity of The Great Land's geography and its people.

The Sea Runners - Ivan Doig

Celebrated author, Ivan Doig's first novel, and first crack at fiction, tells the tale of four Scandinavian men who risked their lives to escape indentured servitude in Russian Alaska by stealing a canoe and aiming for Astoria, Oregon, a 1,200-mile journey away.

Passage To Juneau: A Sea and Its Meanings - Jonathan Raban

The Seattle-based, British travel writer's account of his solo navigation of the Inside Passage on a 35-foot sailboat weaves together his personal memoir, the histories of native cultures and European explorers, and the incredible impact the natural world can have on the soul.

Kayaking the Inside Passage: A Paddling Guide from Olympia, Washington to Muir Glacier, Alaska - Robert Miller

A complete guide to through-kayaking the entire 1,300-mile length of the Inside Passage, is an entertaining and informed read for anyone traveling the length of the passage, whether by kayak, small ship, or even by armchair adventure.

Wildlife and Nature

Alaska Park Science: Scientific Studies on Climate Change in Alaska's National Parks - Alaska Geographic

Published twice a year for the National Park Service, this journal details the most up-to-date information on climate change and its effect on Alaska's wildlands.

Nature of Southeast Alaska: A Guide to Plants, Animals, and Habitats - Robert H Armstrong

This guide gives insight into the geology, wildlife, plant habitats, and glaciology unique to Southeast and lays a good foundation for understanding the Alaska you will witness aboard a small ship.

Guardians of the Whales: The Quest to Study Whales - Bruce Obee and Graeme Ellis

This fascinating review covers whale research over a 20 years, once these mighty mammals began to be studied in the wild.

National Geographic Society Field Guide to the Birds of North America - Jon L. Dunn and Jonathan Alderer

This field guide is packed with valuable birding information; maps of migration patterns,

breakdowns of species and subspecies, habitat details, identification information, photographs, tips, and more.

The Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast: Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, & Alaska - Jim Pojar

Photographs, drawings, descriptions of plants and of their habitat, covering nearly 800 trees, wildflowers, shrubs, lichens, mosses, grasses, and ferns of the Pacific Northwest.

Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest - Amy Gulick

The story of the magnificent Tongass National Forest is told through the lives of salmon and the crucial connection they bridge between the forest and the sea.

Guidebooks

The Alaska Cruise Explorer - Joe Upton

Filled with stories and anecdotes from more than twenty years living and fishing in Alaska, Upton includes over 300 photos, maps, and essential details on wildlife, excursions, towns, whale watching, and more, with an "insider's" expertise.

Guide to Marine Mammals of Alaska: Fourth Edition

By: Kate Wynne

The authoritative book on Alaska marine life, Guide to Marine Mammals of Alaska is a clear and concise look at all twenty-nine of Alaska's mammal species, including whales, dolphins, seals, walrus, and polar bears. Now in its fourth edition, this award-winning book is fully revised with updated information on range and status of all the species. Meant to be a user-friendly and travel-ready resource, the guide provides an overview of each species with data on body type, size, color, behavior, habitat, and more. Maps detail range and migration patterns while full color photos accompany each entry. A glossary, introduction to mammal types, and naming chart make recognizing the different Alaska mammals easy and accessible. In addition to the extensive photographs, the book includes Pieter Folkens's highly accurate illustrations to assist in precise identification. The book itself is a rugged tool that is waterproof and spiral bound, encouraging readers to get out and start spotting fascinating Alaska creatures from land or from sea.

The Nature of Alaska: An Introduction to Familiar Plants, Animals & Outstanding Natural Attractions (Waterford Press Field Guides)

By: James Kavanagh, Waterford Press

America's last frontier is one of the great natural areas on earth. Alaska's rugged mountain ranges, lush forests, muskeg-bogs and open tundra are home to a rich array of wildlife including 105 species of mammals, 325 birds, hundreds of freshwater and saltwater fishes and thousands of trees, shrubs and wildflowers. This beautifully illustrated field guide highlights more than 325 familiar plants and animals and dozens of the state's outstanding natural attractions. It is an indispensable single reference for amateur naturalists, students and tourists alike.

Alaska & Canada's Inside Passage (Cruise Tour Guide)

By: Coastal Cruise Tour Guides

A giant six-foot by 11-3/4" fold-out map opens up to reveal vital details of this magnificent 1,000 mile Inside Passage-- names of glaciers, islands and channels that the cruise ships navigate through. Read about early explorers and ancient Indian cultures. Information on land and sea mammals are colorfully illustrated along with various types of fishing vessels that are likely to be seen. Learn about the exciting cities and ports-of-call along the cruise line route. Each city and port-of-call is covered by descriptive text, photos and a map showing the major points of interest.

Native Alaska / History

Klondike: The Last Great Gold Rush - Pierre Berton

Introducing some of the most memorable, and oftentimes raucous, characters of the Gold Rush, Berton weaves a colorful and historic account of lawless, wild days in the Alaskan frontier.

Alaska's Southeast: Touring the Inside Passage - Mike Miller

This guidebook includes history of the region along with recommendations and information on how to get the most from your trip, from learning to interpret totem poles to details on the bays and fjords of the Inside Passage.

Where the Sea Breaks Its Back - Corey Ford

Telling the epic story of adventure, Ford details the struggle and daring of Georg Steller's voyage aboard the St. Peter with Vitus Bering.

Movies/Television Shows

Into The Wild - Movie

Klondike – TV Miniseries, produced by Discovery Channel

Wild Alaska – Planet Doc Full Documentary - <https://youtu.be/kM4J0Olo598>

Gold Rush, Sea Cucumbers and Bears – The Spirit of Alaska – Documentary - <https://youtu.be/4xhyiDZGZuA>