

Services and Driving Information

Distances Between Yukon Quest Trail Locations																
Miles	Whitehorse	Braeburn	Carmacks	McCabe Creek	Pelly Crossing	Stepping Stone	Scroggie Creek	Dawson City	Forty Mile	Eagle	Slaven's Roadhouse	Circle	Central	Mile 101	Two Rivers	Fairbanks
Fairbanks	986	886	809	770	736	704	631	526	478	376	276	216	142	114	73	
Two Rivers	913	813	736	697	663	631	558	453	405	303	203	143	69	41		117
Mile 101	872	772	695	656	622	590	517	412	364	262	162	102	28		66	183
Central	844	744	667	628	594	562	489	384	336	234	134	74		45	111	229
Circle	770	670	593	554	520	488	415	310	262	160	60		119	164	230	348
Slaven's Roadhouse	710	610	533	494	460	428	355	250	202	100		97	216	261	327	444
Eagle	610	510	433	394	360	328	255	150	102		161	257	377	422	488	605
Forty Mile	508	408	331	292	258	226	153	48		164	325	422	541	586	652	769
Dawson City	460	360	283	244	210	178	105		77	241	402	499	618	663	729	847
Scroggie Creek	355	255	178	139	105	73		169	246	410	571	668	787	832	898	1015
Stepping Stone	282	182	105	66	32		117	286	364	528	689	785	904	950	1015	1133
Pelly Crossing	250	150	73	34		51	169	338	415	579	740	837	956	1001	1067	1184
McCabe Creek	216	116	39		55	106	224	393	470	634	795	892	1011	1056	1122	1239
Carmacks	177	77		63	117	169	286	455	533	697	858	954	1073	1118	1184	1302
Braeburn	100		124	187	241	293	410	579	657	821	982	1078	1197	1242	1308	1426
Whitehorse		161	285	348	402	454	571	740	818	982	1143	1239	1358	1403	1469	1587

Kilometers

Distances between locations may vary from year to year depending on trail and river conditions

Types of trail locations:	Checkpoint	Dog Drop	Hospitality Stop
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Alaskan Checkpoints

Information about **Checkpoint and Community Services** is approximate and based on the best information we have to date. For all nine remote communities (outside the start and finish), population numbers vary between zero and 600, with the exception of Dawson City.

Note: The dates listed for racing teams are based on the estimated time for the first team to arrive and the last team to depart each checkpoint. See the Race Approximation Schedule.

Note: The Alaskan checkpoints are Fairbanks, Two Rivers, Mile 101, Central and Circle City. Your trip will end at Circle City, as there are no roads open past that point in the winter. You will then need to drive back to Fairbanks and to Dawson City (via Whitehorse) to meet up with the teams for their 36-hour layover.

Fairbanks - Population: 31,644

Start Line – Chena River

This is where the excitement starts for visitors, volunteers, and mushers! The 1,000 mile race starts at 11am, but mushers and officials will begin preparing at 8am. This is a great opportunity to see mushers harness their dogs and finish their last-minute preparations. The YQ300 will start at 3pm on the same day and at the same location.

Start Line Services

The start line is located on the Chena River behind the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center, 101 Dunkel Street. Please visit the Race Headquarters and gift shop at 550 First Avenue.

Community Services

Enjoy downtown Fairbanks, and its full range of services - purchase of food and gas is easily available. Plenty of accommodations, but book early before they sell out! And don't forget to mention you're here for the Yukon Quest to receive a special discount at La Quinta Inns and Suites.

Two Rivers - Population: 719

Driving

From Fairbanks, Chena Hot Springs Road is relatively flat with the exception of the first few miles. Watch out for ice and moose along this road. The traffic will be relatively heavy going towards the checkpoint. The checkpoint is on the left at Milepost 53.

Checkpoint Services

Food available at this checkpoint is for mushers **ONLY**. Please buy food at Pleasant Valley Store.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Pleasant Valley Store will be open around the clock during the checkpoint service to accommodate the Yukon Quest and handlers for gas, auto supplies, groceries and limited hot food items. Two River's Lodge Dining Room at Mile 16 is also open from 5-10pm. No accommodations are available for visitors or volunteers.

Mile 101 - Population: 0

Teams have a mandatory 4-hour layover at either Mile 101 or Central (musher's choice). Formerly a Dog Drop, Mile 101 has been a checkpoint since 2010 and consists of a few buildings standing alongside the highway. Unfortunately, this means that barring the few experienced volunteers assigned to this checkpoint, there is limited room and no accommodations for additional volunteers and visitors. Mile 101 is a great place to see teams as they travel between the two summits.

DRIVING

Before you begin your drive up the Steese Highway, it is advised that you call the Alaska Department of Transportation at 1-866-282-7577 to make sure that the road is not closed! You **must be prepared** before you head up the Steese Highway. The road is mostly gravel, with no shoulders, and plenty of curves. It is very important to check your supplies in Fairbanks before you drive up the Steese Highway. There are **NO services or cell phone coverage** after Chatanika Lodge, and you may not see another vehicle on the road for several miles. Make sure you have enough supplies and warm weather gear to survive for several hours. Watch out for blowing snow, overflow ice, and minimal shoulders as you travel the Steese Highway. Should you run off the road, a recovery vehicle would have to travel from Fairbanks to assist you. Be extremely careful at both 12 Mile Summit and Eagle Summit.

From Two Rivers: Head West on Chena Hot Springs Road, then turn right (North) at the Steese Highway Junction. When driving to Mile 101, be very aware of the traffic on the road, as snowplows may be out and about.

Checkpoint Services

Food available is for mushers **ONLY**.

Community Services

No Services Available

Central - Population: 96

Teams have a mandatory 4-hour layover at either Mile 101 or Central (musher's choice). YQ300 Mushers will finish in Central after they loop through Circle City. The YQ300 Trail for this section can vary from year to year due to weather conditions.

Driving

From Mile 101, you will be on the Steese Highway going over Eagle Summit and then begin the long descent into Central. **Do Not Do this drive in the dark**. Watch for possible overflow, white-outs and snowplows.

Checkpoint Services in Central

At Central Corner you will find a bar, restaurant, gas and a small grocery store. Limited accommodations are available. Be sure to book early and try their famous Quest Burger while you're there. Open all hours during the race. A favorite spot for mushers.

Community Services

Food and gas only. *This is the last gas station you will pass until you return to Central plan accordingly

Circle City - Population: 104

Driving

This is a relatively short drive North on the highway from Central. It is only 33 miles (Alaskan Winter Miles – plan on 1 to 1.5 hours of drive time) between the two checkpoints but **EXTREME CAUTION** must be exercised. The highway here is mostly gravel with no shoulders.

Checkpoint Services

The checkpoint is housed within the community Fire Hall. It tends to be cold and has no services for visitors. Food is available at this checkpoint is for mushers ONLY.

Community Services

Very Limited Hours for Gas and Snacks, NO DIESAL

Eagle - Population: 85

DRIVING

There are **NO ROADS** to the community of Eagle in the winter. The Eagle Checkpoint is only accessible by airplane from Fairbanks, AK.

Checkpoint Services

Only basic services are available. Supplies are extremely limited.

Community Services

Fuel is not available. A small grocery store provides volunteers with access to food. Accommodations are extremely limited, and are usually restricted to on-site personnel and mushers.