

Alaska Checkpoints

Services and Driving Information



Note: To access the Alaskan checkpoints, you will need drive from Whitehorse, YT to Fairbanks, AK, and then from Fairbanks you must drive toward Circle City. Please remember the Eagle Checkpoint is not accessible by the road system, and your trip will therefore start in Circle City.

Eagle Population: 85

Teams are expected to pass through Eagle from Friday, February 8th to Tuesday, February 12th. Teams have a 4-hour mandatory layover here.

Driving

There are **NO ROADS** to the village 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 only on-site personnel and mushers.



Circle City Population: 104

Teams are expected to pass through Circle City between Saturday, February 9th and Thursday, February 14th.



Driving

To follow the rest of the race, you must drive the Steese Highway from Fairbanks to Circle City, and then make your way back down the Steese Highway as the race progresses. 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 re-supply 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 if you should break down. 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.

CHECKPOINT SERVICES

The checkpoint is housed within the community Fire Hall. It tends to be cold and has limited services for visitors. Please remember that the food available at this checkpoint is for mushers ONLY.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Very limited grocery store, tire repair, and gas. Limited accommodations available for visitors or volunteers. Contact the Fairbanks office for more information.

Central Population: 96

Teams are expected to pass through from Sunday, February 10th to Friday, February 15th.

Driving

From Circle City, head back down the Steese Highway toward Fairbanks. You will have seen Central on your way to Circle City, so you should be familiar with the location of the checkpoint. **Be cautious on the switchback roads!**

From Fairbanks, you will be on the Steese Highway going over Eagle Summit and then begin the long descent into Central. **Don't do this drive in the dark.** Watch for possible overflow, white-outs and snow plows. Please see the driving directions to Circle City for more information on the Steese Highway.

CHECKPOINT SERVICES IN CENTRAL

At Central Corner you will find a bar, restaurant, gas and a small grocery store. Accommodations are available, but limited. Be sure to book early and try their famous Quest Burger while you're there. Open all hours during the race.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Same as Checkpoint Services (food and gas).



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Mile 101 Population: 0



Teams are expected to pass through between Monday, February 11th and Saturday, February 16th. Formerly a Dog Drop, Mile 101 has been a Checkpoint since 2010. It is literally only a few buildings standing in the middle of the wilderness. Unfortunately, this means that besides the few volunteers assigned to this checkpoint, there is no room for additional volunteers and visitors. Mile 101 is a great place to see teams as they travel between the two summits.

Driving

Before you leave Central, check your fuel tank. Central is the last place you can get fuel before you get back to Fairbanks. It is a long ascent up Eagle Summit from Central. When driving to Mile

101, be very aware of the traffic on the road, as snowplows may be out and about. **Don't do this drive in the dark.** Watch for possible overflow and white-outs.

CHECKPOINT SERVICES

None for visitors and volunteers. Food available at this checkpoint is for mushers ONLY.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No food and no gas available. No accommodations available for visitors or volunteers.

Two Rivers Population: 719

Teams are expected to pass through this checkpoint Monday, February 11th and Sunday, February 17th. Teams have a mandatory 8-hour layover here before the final push to the finish line in Fairbanks.

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 53 mile.

From Mile 101, Continue south on Steese Highway, take a left at Fox (the 4 way stop at the scales). Take the Chena Hot Springs Road exit and go to milepost 53.



CHECKPOINT SERVICES

Food available at this checkpoint is for mushers ONLY.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Pleasant Valley Store will be staying 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 also open from 5pm to 10pm. No accommodations are available for visitors or volunteers.

Fairbanks Population: 32,751

FINISH LINE – CHENA RIVER & CUSHMAN BRIDGE

The first teams to reach Fairbanks will begin to arrive on Tuesday, February 12th. Cheer on mushers and their dogs as they cross the Yukon Quest Finish Line at the end of their incredible 1,000 mile adventure! Teams are expected to continue arriving until Friday, February 15th.

FINISH LINE SERVICES

The Official Yukon Quest Finish Line is located on the Chena River near the Cushman Bridge right in front of Yukon Quest Race Headquarters. Please visit Yukon Quest 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.

