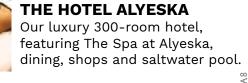
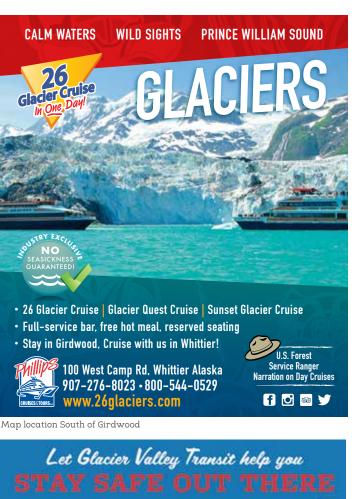


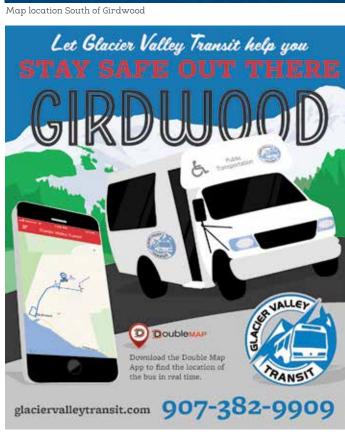
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History of Girdwood

Girdwood, originally named Glacier City, was founded as a gold mining town at the turn of the century with several gold claims being staked on Crow Creek and the Virgin and California Creek drainages. As the number of miners increased, a supply camp arose that also supplied a trail stop on the route between Seward and Ship Creek which is now Anchorage. James Girdwood was an Irish immigrant and linen merchant with four gold claims on Crow Creek. He later became the namesake for our mountain community.

Though founded as a mining town, the development of Girdwood was spurred by railroad construction begun by the Federal Government in 1915. The little town boomed with new businesses. Mining in the upper Crow Creek area continued into the late 1930's when mine closures by a World War II presidential order made Girdwood a near ghost town. In 1949, Girdwood again flourished as construction began on the Seward Highway connecting the seaport of Seward to Anchorage. In 1954, eleven local men formed the Alyeska Ski Corporation along with the beginnings of the hard-earned dream of a first-class ski resort. In 1960, the first chair lift and a day lodge was built. Francois de Gunzburg, a Frenchman and a member of the Rothschild Banking family managed to secure a used chair lift from France that was dismantled, shipped to Alaska and rebuilt at Alyeska.

Then, tragedy struck. On Good Friday in 1964, an earthquake with the magnitude of 9.2 dropped the coastal edges along the Turnagain Arm 8 to 10 feet! Consequently, the townsite of Girdwood moved two and 1/2 miles up the valley to the present location.

Present day Girdwood consists of a diverse population of outdoor enthusiasts, local businesses, services and Anchorage commuters. Girdwood has much to offer the Alaskan visitor all year-round. Complete with a mercantile, a post office, a variety of B&B's, restaurants and bars, boutiques and shops, Girdwood is a great place to visit any time of year.



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APRIL / Spring Carnival & Slush Cup

A ski-town celebration of spring! Competitors dressed in crazy costumes attempt to skim a 90-foot pool filled with icy water on skis or snowboards.

Annual Events

JULY / Forest Fair

Girdwood's main event. Three days of family-friendly fun featuring a parade, local musicians, arts and crafts and food booths.

SEPTEMBER / Alyeska Climbathon Fundraiser

A climb for a cause. Participants hike the steep North Face Trail at Alyeska Resort as many times as they can during a 10-hour period.

DECEMBER: / New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade

Ring in the New Year with Light. Participants ski down the mountain in formation, creating a line of light from top to bottom.



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