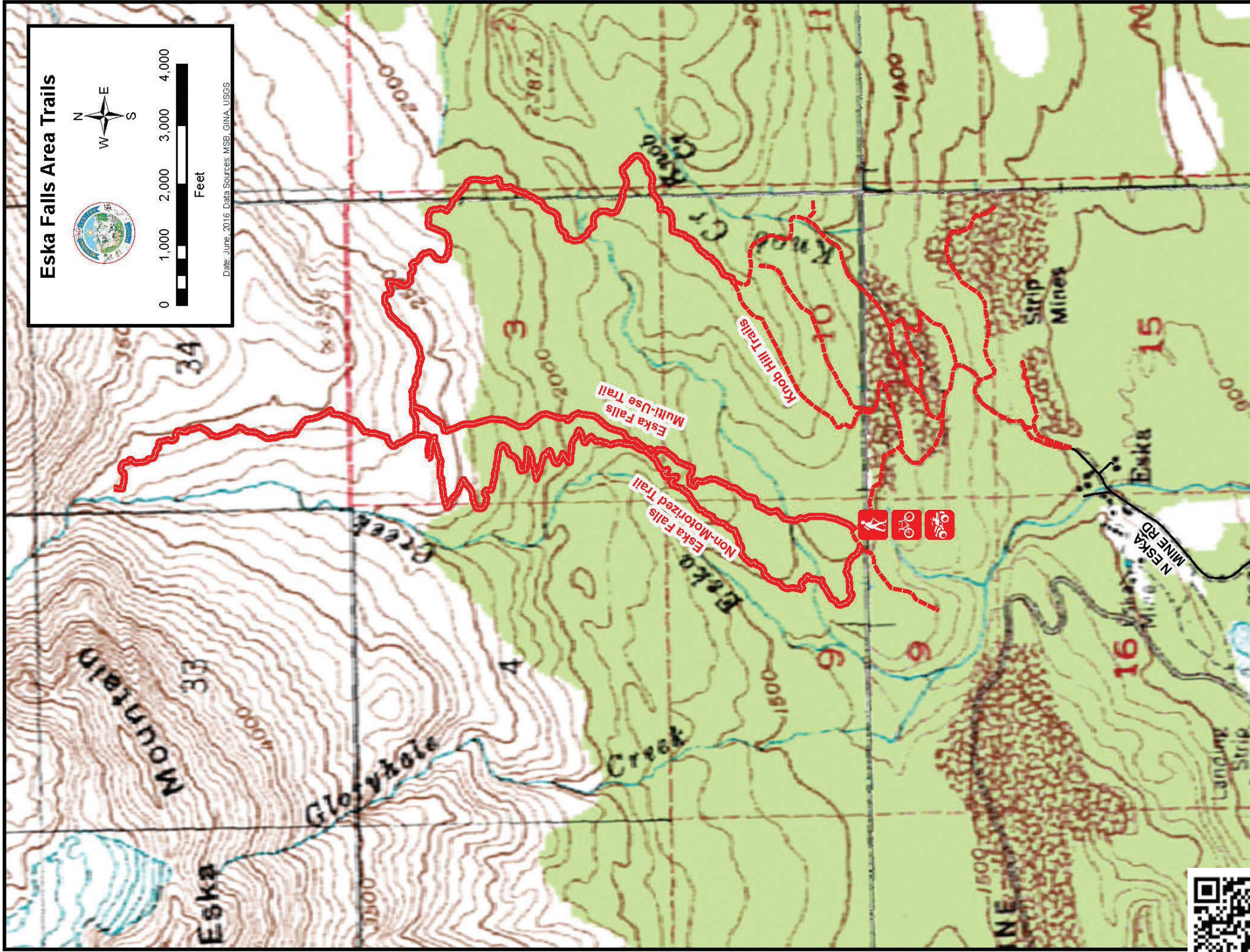


# Eska Falls Area Trails



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## AT A GLANCE

- TRAILHEAD** Primitive trailside parking
- USE** Hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing
- DISTANCE** 4.5 miles
- LEVEL** Easy to Moderate
- ELEV. GAIN** 3,500 feet



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## HOW TO GET THERE

From Sutton go north on Jonesville Mine Road for two miles. The road turns to gravel. Slipper Lake Road will be on your left. Continue north to the first fork in the road and veer left. Stay left at each fork for the next 1.75 miles. A short walk to a cul-de-sac marks the start of the trail. Tight parking spaces are here. Keep in mind that the hiking trail ends when it intersects with the ATV trail. The ATV trail leads to Eska Falls.

## TAKE NOTE

Be prepared for bears and moose. Dogs must be on a leash. Please pack out your litter. Bug spray is recommended. The trail is slippery after rain or frost.

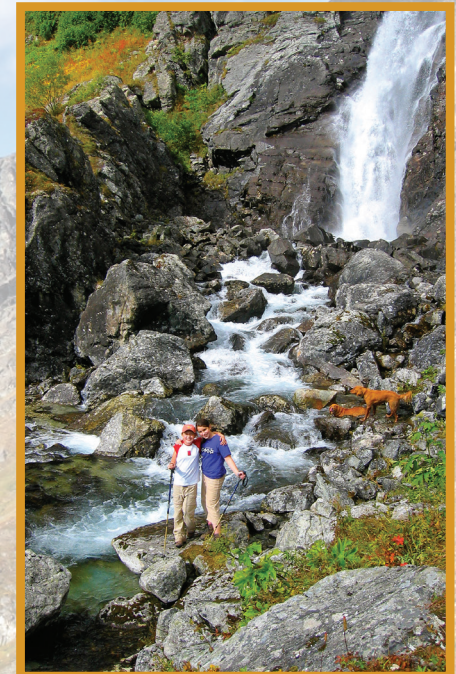
## DESCRIPTION

Getting to the new (2013) trail: from the trailhead go up a rough road for 300 yards to a fork in the road. Take the left fork and go for 3/10s of a mile on a trail shared with ATVs. It deadends in a scenic cul-de-sac. The Eska Falls Trail traverses the south slope of Eska Peak, climbing 1,200 feet in the first three miles. The hike to the falls can be done in two to three hours. The first half travels through a forest of spruce and aspen and then breaks into tall grasses and willow. At elevation 1,800 feet, the trail opens into the alpine, offering sweeping views of the Chugach Mountains. In fall, groundcover and foliage carpet the slopes in burnt orange and red leading up to the golden-gray rocks of Eska Peak. At 2,000 feet the trail heads up a ridge east of the creek. The Eska Falls are worth seeing up close. High volumes of snowmelt tumble down in a cascading white arc.



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## MAT-SU BOROUGH TRAIL



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