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Tunnel information for your safety

Tunnel rules

- Drive with headlights on
- Maximum speed is 25mph (40 kph)

SPEED LIMIT

25 MPH

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- No tailgating
- Maintain a minimum safe distance of 100 feet (30 meters) between vehicles
- Buses maintain 1,600 feet, trucks maintain 500 feet between vehicles
- Motorcycles should be driven between the rails in single file with proper separation
- **Motorcycle helmets are required in the tunnel**
- Convertible vehicles must have the top in place
- Tire chains are not permitted in the Tunnel

STOP

- No stopping in tunnel unless there is an emergency
- No stopping at the tunnel entrance or exit
- Maintain speed upon exiting tunnel

- No flammable, explosive or oxidizing material
- No hazardous cargo, with these exceptions; up to 12 gallons of gasoline, 100 pounds of propane, 400 cf of acetylene in a single container or a combined oxy/ac set if properly secured.



Tunnel schedule

Summer May 1 - Sept. 30	Direction am	Winter Oct. 1 - Apr. 30
5:30 - 5:45	Bear Valley to Whittier	Tunnel Closed
6:00 - 6:15	Whittier to Bear Valley	Tunnel Closed
6:30 - 6:45*	Bear Valley to Whittier	Tunnel Closed
7:00 - 7:15	Whittier to Bear Valley	7:00 - 7:15
7:30 - 7:45	Bear Valley to Whittier	7:30 - 7:45
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12:30 - 12:45	Bear Valley to Whittier	12:30 - 12:45
1:00 - 1:15	Whittier to Bear Valley	1:00 - 1:15
1:30 - 1:45	Bear Valley to Whittier	1:30 - 1:45
2:00 - 2:15	Whittier to Bear Valley	2:00 - 2:15
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11:00 - 11:15	Whittier to Bear Valley	Tunnel Closed

*Oversize vehicles will be allowed in the tunnel during these times.
For more information visit www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/whittiertunnel



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In case of emergency

Flashing White Strobe Light

- Stop your vehicle
- Maintain a minimum of 35 feet between vehicles
- Buses maintain 1,600 feet, trucks maintain 500 feet between vehicles
- Turn off your engine
- LEAVE KEYS IN THE IGNITION AND VEHICLE DOORS UNLOCKED
- Evacuate all passengers to the nearest safehouse, located near the flashing strobe lights
- Remain inside safehouse. Await instructions from the Tunnel Staff

Vehicle Fire

- Immediately STOP your vehicle
- Use fire extinguisher to put out the fire
- Use emergency telephone to inform the Tunnel Operator of the fire
- Follow Tunnel Operator's instructions

Disabled Vehicle

- Attempt to move your vehicle to next safehouse turnout to allow traffic to pass
- Use emergency telephone to inform the Tunnel Operator of the situation
- Follow Tunnel Operator's instructions

emergency equipment

- Emergency telephone, fire extinguisher and fire alarm are located every 300 feet
- Phone has a direct link to the Tunnel Operator

Fire Resistant Safehouses

1600FT / 490M

Ventilated safehouses are located every 1,600 feet (490 meters)

Signals inside the tunnel

Green Light

- Proceed as normal

Red Light

- Stop your vehicle. Maintain a minimum of 35 feet between vehicles
- Turn off your engine
- Remain in your vehicle and wait for traffic signal to turn green

Parking

- Parking is restricted
- Park ONLY in designated parking area
- No overnight parking permitted
- Abandoned vehicles will be towed

For your protection

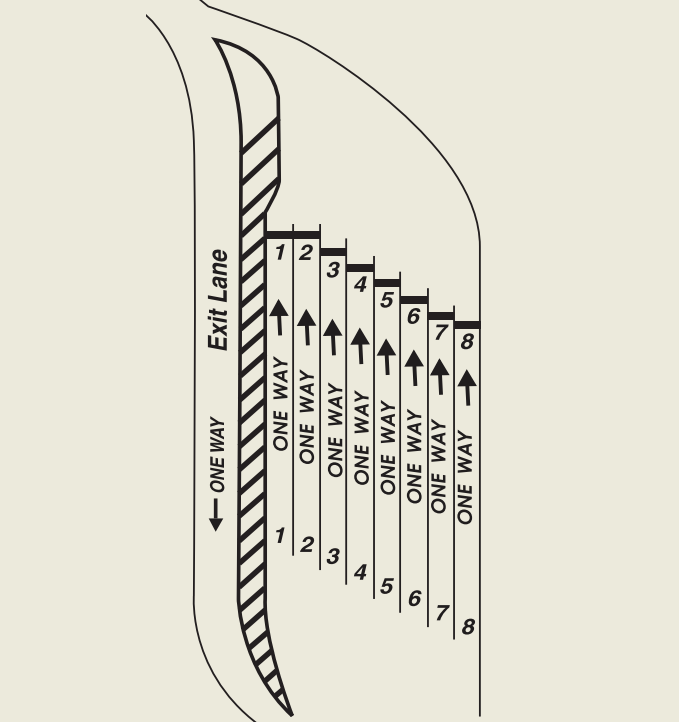
- 24-Hour recorded video surveillance & radar
- A fire truck and tow vehicle are located at both ends of the tunnel

want more information?

visit www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/whittiertunnel or call 1-877-611-2586

For specific question about restrictions and operations contact the Tunnel Manager at 1-907-472-2584 or email: gordon.burton@alaska.gov

Standard lane designation



Standard Lane Designation
Lanes 1-3Class A vehicles, cars / light trucks
Lane 4Motorhomes / boat / mini-bus
Lane 5Buses with passengers
Lane 6Trucks
Lane 7Overflow
Lane 8Oversize w/permits / Empty buses

- Please use restroom before entering staging area
- Remain in the lane you entered
- Staging area is a highway. U-turns and foot traffic are prohibited except in emergency
- It is strongly recommended that you stay in your vehicle
- No unauthorized personnel beyond the traffic signals or railroad gate
- Keep out of the exit lane especially children and pets
- Do not cross the median

Tunnel rates

Vehicle Class	Vehicle Description	Toll Rate	Book of 10 Tickets	Book of 30 Tickets	Season Pass
Class A	• Passenger vehicles not pulling trailers • Motorcycles • Recreational vehicles less than 28 feet long not pulling trailers • Trucks with a gross weight less than 12,000 pounds not pulling trailers	\$13	\$110 (\$11/each)	\$247.50 (\$8.25/each)	\$605
Class B1	• Passenger vehicles pulling trailers, except as otherwise specified • Recreational vehicles less than 28 feet long pulling trailers, except as otherwise specified (Towed vehicles are considered as trailers) • Recreational vehicles 28 feet or greater not pulling trailers • Trucks with a gross weight less than 12,000 pounds pulling trailers *Trailers in this class cannot be more than 8.5 feet wide, or 15 feet high, the total combined length cannot be more than 75 ft	\$22	\$192.50 (\$19.25/each)	\$495 (\$16.50/each)	\$990
Class B2	• Passenger and recreational vehicles pulling trailers hauling boats more than 8.5 feet wide but not more than 10 feet wide, not more than 15 feet high, the total combined length cannot be more than 80 feet, possessing a permit and displaying all markers required by the permit* • Recreational vehicles 28 feet or greater pulling trailers • Vans and buses designed to carry more than nine but fewer than 30 people including the driver • Trucks with a gross weight 12,000 pounds or more, no more than three axles, not pulling trailers • Trucks with a gross weight 12,000 pounds or more, no more than two axles, pulling trailers, excluding truck-tractors pulling trailers *Copies of permits must be provided to the tunnel operator before access will be granted	\$38	\$330 (\$33/each)	\$825 (\$27.50/each)	—
Class C	• Buses designed to carry 30 or more people including the driver	\$137	\$1,265 (\$126.50/each)	\$2,970 (\$99/each)	—
Class D	• Trucks with a gross vehicle weight 12,000 pounds or more, four or more axles, not pulling trailers • Trucks with a gross vehicle weight 12,000 pounds or more, three or more axles, pulling trailers • Truck-tractor and trailer combinations • Motor vehicles, including any trailer with any load, more than 8.5 feet wide, excluding mirrors, but not more than 10 feet wide, not more than 15 feet high, the total combined length cannot be more than 80 feet, except as specified in Class B2. Vehicles must possess a permit and display all markers as required by the permit* • Motor vehicles not otherwise classified in this section and not prohibited by 17 AAC 38.035 *Copies of permits must be provided to the tunnel operator before access will be granted	\$137	\$1,265 (\$126.50/each)	\$2,970 (\$99/each)	—
Class E	• Motor vehicles, including any trailer and any load, more than 10 feet wide, excluding mirrors, but not more than 11 feet wide and not more than 15 feet high* *Copies of permits must be provided to the tunnel operator before access will be granted	\$330	—	—	—
Class F Toll exempt vehicles	• Alaska Railroad motor vehicles • AKDOT&PF Motor vehicles • Emergency vehicles • Law enforcement vehicles • Other motor vehicles as determined to be appropriate by the commissioner for the best interest of the state	—	—	—	—
Class G Government vehicles	• Government agency owned or operated vehicles • School district owned or operated vehicles • School buses under contract with a school district • Other motor vehicles as determined to be appropriate by the commissioner for the best interest of the state	\$11	\$110 (\$11/each)	\$247.50 (\$8.25/each)	—

Schedule notes...

Every effort has been made to minimize the impact of trains on traffic, however from time to time scheduled and unscheduled trains use the tunnel and an occasional 15 to 30 minute delay can be expected. Please allow extra time in planning your trip.

Motorcycle helmets must be worn in the tunnel, and convertible vehicles must have the top in place.

It is recommended that tunnel users be in the staging area at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled opening to help us facilitate their passage.

Tire chains are not permitted in the Tunnel.

When Bear Valley temperatures are 32°F and below, the Tunnel will be open for the last 5 minutes of the scheduled opening.



Whittier at a glance

Most often referred to as the Gateway to Prince William Sound, Whittier has long been known as a jumping off point for enjoying the Sound. But this little sea-side hamlet has more to offer than first appears. This historic and unique town has the fortunate advantage of a spectacular setting which many Alaskans have known about for years.

For a small town Whittier hosts a surprisingly delightful variety of restaurants and shops to explore. You can indulge in fresh seafood picked from the waters of Prince William Sound, or enjoy a gourmet espresso, baked goods or ice cream at any of the charming sea side cafés.

There are plenty of activities to choose from. There are amazing maintained hiking trails in and around Whittier or maybe you'd like to try kayaking. Sea kayaking is popular around Whittier because of the numerous sheltered coves and camping beaches in this western part of the Sound. Nowhere else in Alaska allows you such easy access to such spectacular and protected paddling.

There are numerous companies offering daily fishing charters and sightseeing excursions. If fishing is your interest choose from either salmon, halibut fishing, or for a big adventure you can fish for shark. For sightseeing there are terrific options with two companies departing on set daily departures that visit dozens of tidewater glaciers. For a more intimate expedition you can book with one of the smaller charter companies that cater and customize to your interests and time.



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