

WILDLIFE GUIDE

to Sitka

WHERE NATURE & WILDLIFE THRIVE



FORTRESS OF THE BEAR

Fortress of the Bear provides a home for orphaned brown and black bears that cannot be returned to the wild. Observe these magnificent bears from elevated platforms and learn about bear behavior and conservation.

The bears are located in a concrete tank at the site of Sitka's former pulp mill.



Photo: Mark McCaffrey



IMPORTANT: BUY YOUR TICKET BEFORE YOU GO

Fortress of the Bear has a strict limit on the number of visitors allowed inside at one time. During the busy cruise season, they sell out or have long waits. Purchase your ticket in advance so you don't arrive only to discover you cannot enter right away.

GETTING THERE – IT TAKES PLANNING!

Fortress of the Bear is located several miles outside downtown Sitka.



RENTAL CAR: Approximately \$300+ per day during the cruise season.



TAXI: Rates vary, but expect at least \$40 each way, plus any waiting time if you ask the driver to remain while you visit.



CITY BUS: The most economical option. Schedules, routes & fares can be found at ridesitka.com



TOUR OPERATORS: Several local tour companies include Fortress of the Bear as part of their sightseeing excursions.



ALASKA RAPTOR CENTER

The Alaska Raptor Center is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured bald eagles and other birds of prey.

This facility works actively in the rehabilitation process and provides a beautiful space to learn about each bird's story and the important work they do for wildlife conservation in Alaska.



You can walk there from downtown through Sitka National Historical Park!



WHALE PARK



Overlooking beautiful Silver Bay, Whale Park is one of the best places in town to spot whales from shore. Humpback whales are often seen here feeding during the summer months. While sightings are never guaranteed, many visitors have been lucky enough to watch them surface right from the shoreline.



Bring binoculars, take your time, and enjoy the view – you might be rewarded!



SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



Often called the Totem Pole Park, this beautiful area combines towering forests, streams, beaches, wildlife, and one of the world's finest collections of Tlingit and Haida totem poles.

Look for:



Bald eagles



Ravens



Salmon spawning in Indian River during the latter part of summer.



Respect Wildlife.
Observe Responsibly.



Bring
binoculars



Dress in
layers



Keep your camera
ready



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