

Whittier, Alaska, USA

Tucked into the mountains at the head of Passage Canal, Whittier is Alaska's most singular port — a tiny Cold War town where most residents live in a single skyscraper, surrounded by waterfalls, glaciers, and the calm waters of Prince William Sound.

 Pier (docked)

 Typical call: embark/debark day

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 English

 Very rainy — pack waterproofs

🔑 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — all ships dock (no tender). New Chugach Glacier Gateway Terminal (NCLH brands) + Old Dock (Princess & Holland America).

Best For: Glacier cruises on Prince William Sound, WWII history, kayaking, and dramatic Alaskan scenery.

Walk to center: 5–10 min flat walk from pier to harbor/town center (~0.3 miles, wheelchair accessible).

Don't Miss: The 26 Glacier Cruise with Phillips Cruises and the free Portage Pass Trail hike to Portage Glacier views.

 Getting around:  Rideshare  Uber, Whittier Cruiser

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **26 Glacier Cruise — Prince William Sound** — Phillips Cruises' signature 26 Glacier Cruise takes you deep into Prince William Sound to see 26 named glaciers...
- **Sea Kayaking in Prince William Sound** — Paddle the famously calm, protected waters of Prince William Sound past waterfalls, near glacier faces, and alongside...
- **Jet Ski Glacier Tour** — One of the few places in Alaska where you can ride a guided jet ski to the face of a glacier — a thrilling way to...
- **Whittier WWII Military History Tour** — Whittier was built as a secret Army port in WWII.
- **Spencer Glacier Float & Train** — Take the Alaska Railroad Glacier Discovery train from Whittier to the Spencer Whistle Stop, then float the Placer River...

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor & Town Stroll** 0.5 miles | 20 min | Easy | Flat — Walk from your pier along the waterfront to the small boat harbor, past tour operator docks, shops, and the Swiftwater Seafood Cafe.
- **Portage Pass Trail** 4 miles round-trip | 2–3 hrs | Moderate | Views of Portage Glacier — Whittier's best free hike.
- **Whittier Creek & Horsetail Falls** 0.75 miles | 20–30 min | Easy | Waterfall — A gentle stroll from town along Whittier Creek to Horsetail Falls, one of several dramatic waterfalls that cascade directly into the...

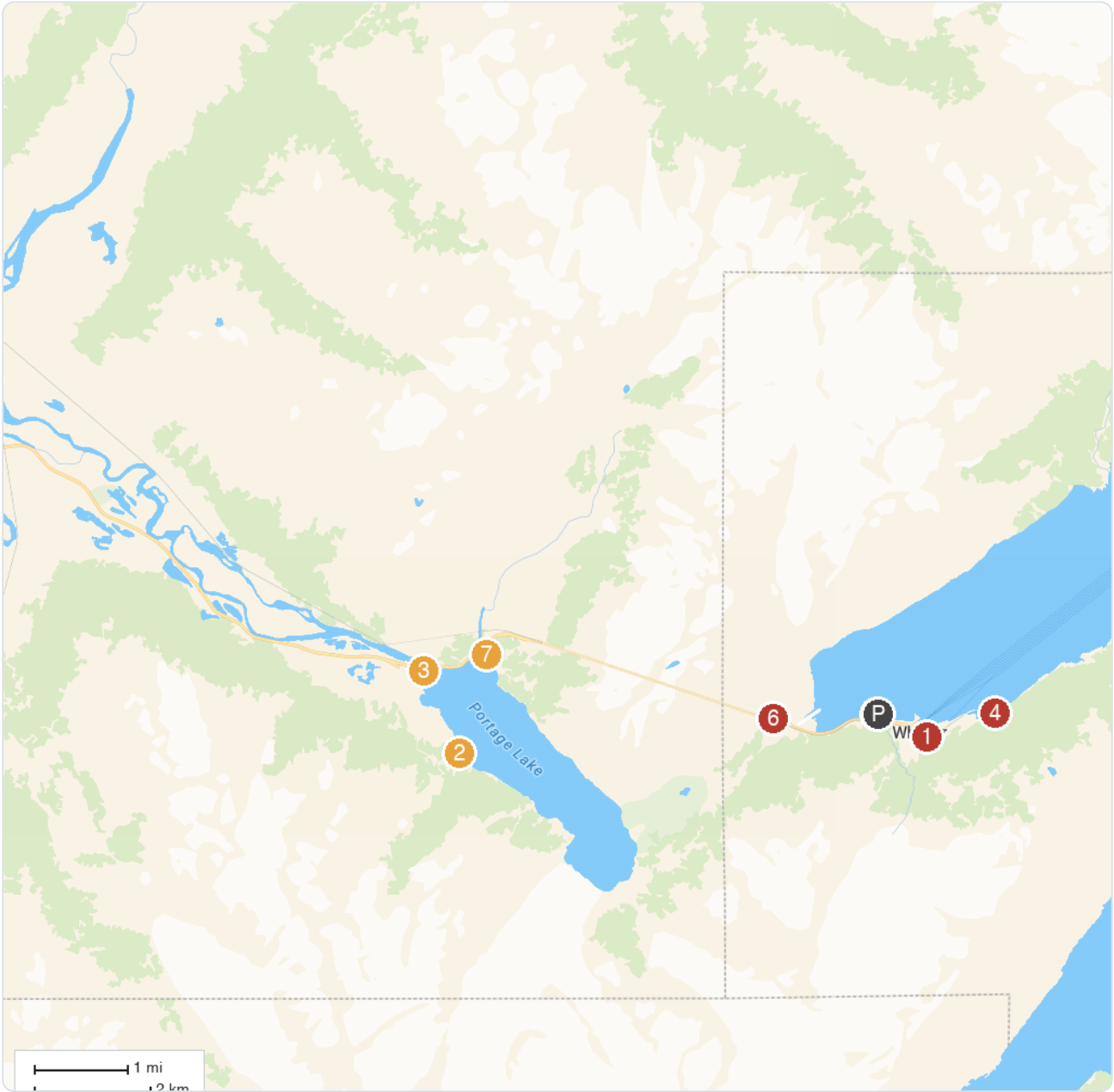
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack serious rain gear. Whittier averages 190+ inches of precipitation per year — one of the wettest spots in Alaska. A waterproof jacket and layers are non-negotiable, even in...
- Know the tunnel schedule. The Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel runs on alternating 15-minute windows. Miss your window and you wait an hour. Check the schedule at dot.alaska.gov...
- Book glacier cruises early. Phillips Cruises and Major Marine Tours fill up fast, especially when multiple ships are in port. Pre-book online before your cruise departs.

Whittier, Alaska, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1	Prince William Sound Museum	Museum of Prince William Sound history and culture.	2	Portage Glacier Cruises	Boat tours to see Portage Glacier up close.
3	Begich, Boggs Visitor Center	Visitor center for Chugach National Forest near Portage Glacier.	4	Lu Young Public Beach	A public beach in Whittier for recreation.
5	Phillips Cruises & Tours, LLC	Scenic cruises exploring Prince William Sound's glaciers and wildlife.	6	Portage Road Pass	Scenic road leading to Portage Valley and Glacier.
7	Portage Lake Overlook	Scenic viewpoint overlooking Portage Lake and Glacier.	P	Cruise port / terminal	