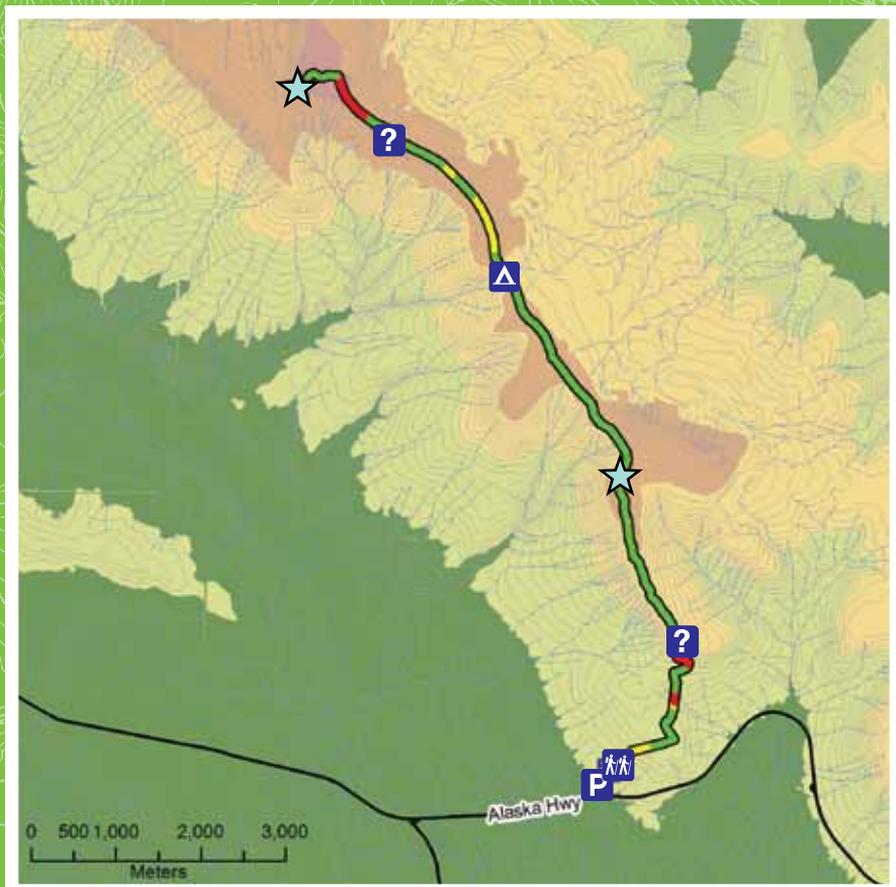


# Teetering Rock Trail



Longname	Lat	Long
Parking	58° 40' 21.241" N	123° 54' 56.020" W
Trail Head	58° 40' 22.116" N	123° 54' 52.389" W
Sign	58° 41' 11.218" N	123° 53' 58.403" W
Viewpoint	58° 42' 16.024" N	123° 54' 47.349" W
Camp	58° 43' 30.626" N	123° 56' 13.177" W
Sign	58° 44' 23.326" N	123° 57' 39.311" W
Viewpoint	58° 44' 43.998" N	123° 58' 46.045" W

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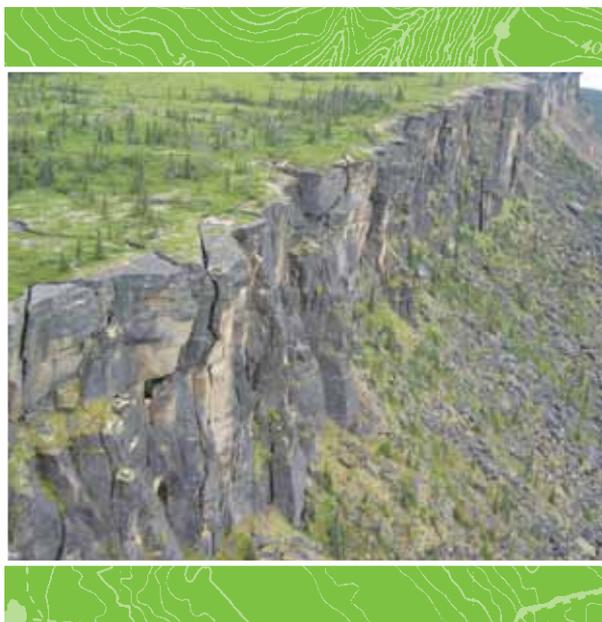


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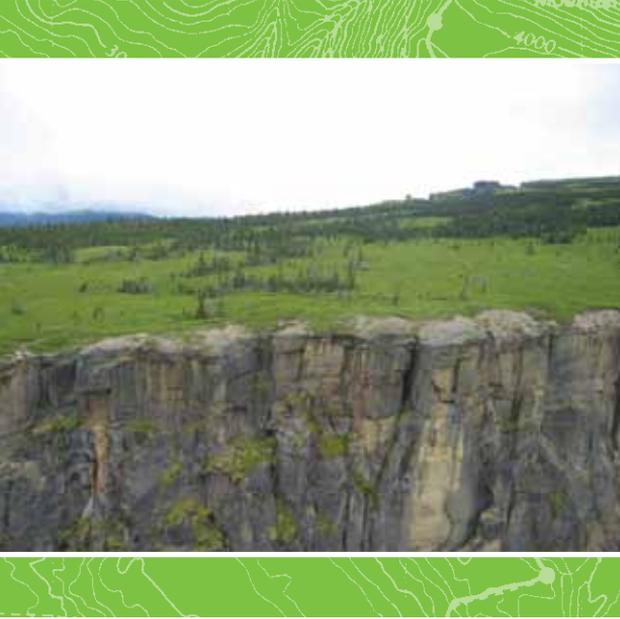
- Length:** 23 kilometres round trip  
– allow 8 hours return or overnight
- Difficulty:** 5 – Difficult  
A fairly long day hike with multiple steep elevation gains on the way to Teetering Rock
- Location:** Mile 345 (km 559) of the Alaska Highway.
- Approach:** Leaving Fort Nelson, head 99 kms northwest along the Alaska Highway and turn right (north) off the road where you see a blue hiking symbol sign. This will be just down the other side of Steamboat Mountain and before reaching the turnoff to Tetsa River Park. Follow the short road to its end where you can park right by the trailhead kiosk, which gives some trail information.

**Trail Description:** The trail starts out in a deciduous forest where the ground can be fairly wet after rains or just after snowmelt, so waterproof boots are suggested. The trail will then lead out onto an old cutline. Within a kilometre you will veer sharply to the left and reenter the trees and then start the long climb up to the top of the ridge that includes a really steep section with switchbacks.

You will know you've reached the top of this steep part once you see a trail sign with a map on it. Continue along this ridge for a few kilometres passing by a small open meadow where you get a good view of Steamboat Mountain to your right (west), the Alaska Highway below and Teetering Rock ahead of you.



Continuing for a few more kilometres, you will reach a small campsite with an outhouse, fire ring and picnic table. This is a good place to stop for lunch or a place for the night if you want to spend more than one day in here. To continue on from the campsite, you must head down the trail that leads from near the outhouse. Taking the trail that leads directly on from the right side of the picnic table will lead down to a boggy area and dead-end.



From the campsite, head up onto a ridge where you will have good views off both sides and you will lose and gain small amounts of elevation for a few kilometres. At about kilometre 8.5 and for the next few kilometres, you will come across small rocky fields where the footing is difficult and hikers should be cautious.

Around kilometre 10 you will encounter another trail sign that directs you to climb up the scree slope in front of you. This is a difficult climb as the footing

is quite loose but it is the most direct route up to the next ridge. From the top of this ridge (Mt. Gunnel) the trail is more what you make it at this point. You will see two large rock pillars in front of you – take the most direct route to those for a good 360° view and the best view of your destination – Teetering Rock. Reaching Teetering Rock is a little trickier. You will need to be prepared to do a lot of scrambling over large boulders, sometimes to the size of houses, to reach the base of the rock.

**Special Notes:** This trail can be done as either a long day hike or as an overnight trip but be aware that there are no readily available sources of water along the trail. In an emergency, and with a good filter, water could be extracted from some of the boggy areas around the campsite but this shouldn't be relied on. The beginning of this trail is a popular place for black bears during the summer so be extra aware when starting and ending the trail. Hikers should also pay close attention when making the return trip to the trailhead. It is easy to lose the trail in spots, as it isn't as well marked going in the reverse direction.