

Road to Tanana Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Where does the road begin and end?

Answer: To get to the Road to Tanana, take the Elliott Highway and before entering Manley Hot Springs, turn right onto the Tofty Road.

Q: How long is the road?

A: From Manley Hot Springs to the terminus on the Yukon River is approximately 50 miles. The Tofty road segment is approximately 16 miles, and the Tanana Road segment is approximately 34 miles.

Q: How far is the end of the road from Manley Hot Springs?

A: The end of the new road at the south bank of the Yukon River is about 50 road miles from Manley Hot Springs.

Q: What is the condition of the road?

A: It is classified as a “pioneer road,” with a single 15-foot-wide lane and graveled surface. Road conditions will vary based on season, use and precipitation.

Q: What is the speed limit along the road?

A: 25 mph

Q: Can I park along the road?

A: The project did not construct designated parking areas along the road. Pull out areas were constructed for emergency use. Several sections of the road pass through privately owned lands belonging to Tozitna, Ltd, and Doyon, Ltd. Any travel beyond the limits of the road right of way in these areas is considered trespassing, as private lands surround the roadway. See the map on the Road to Tanana homepage to view locations of private lands.

Q: Is there a boat launch at the Yukon River, and can I launch a boat from there?

A: There is a gravel ramp descending toward the river, but as there is no engineered ramp below its ordinary high water mark, launching boats is at owners’ risk. As parking or camping in the turnaround area near the ramp is prohibited, vehicles and trailers cannot be left on state land at the river bank or on adjacent private lands.

Q: Are there facilities along the road?

A: There are no rest areas, gas stations, or formal waysides along the road. Cell phone coverage is extremely limited. This is a very remote area.

Q: What type of vehicle do I need to drive the road?

A: The road is a remote access pioneer road, travelers should expect to encounter poor road conditions, mud, water crossings, and other hazards. A 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended with appropriate safety and survival gear.

Q: Will the road be maintained in the winter?

A: Road to Tanana is a priority level 5 road. There will be no regular winter maintenance. The road will be opened up in the spring in conjunction with the City of Tanana’s seasonal ice bridge spanning from the Tanana road terminus to Tanana.