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Drove to Seward where Iditarod starts

Visited Exit Glacier which is close to Seward































Glacier Cruise

Left from Seward which is on the Kenai Peninsula





































After our stay in Seward, our next specific destination was Homer. To do this we drove back towards Anchorage, but then veered west across the Kenai Peninsula. When we came to the **Russian River** we stopped for a couple hours because it was salmon spawning season and the Russian River is a great place to observe fishermen and fish.



Homer

Homer is famous for its 3-mile long spit - a narrow peninsula that juts out into the ocean. On the spit there are lots of small shops. Very quaint and a nice place to visit.









CAPTAIN COOKE PARK and KENAI

Following suggestions from a local guidebook, we went to Captain Cooke Park near the town of Kenai to look for agates. No luck on the agate front, but some interesting rocks/stones.





Stayed at a lodge near the Russian River

Continued on the Kenai Peninsula. Within an hour of Anchorage, we stopped at the **Crow Creek Mine** so Sandy could pan for gold. Sandy had fun panning, but did not strike it rich.













50 miles from Denali

we had these views!







Stayed at Carlo Creek Campground

Sandy panned for gold again











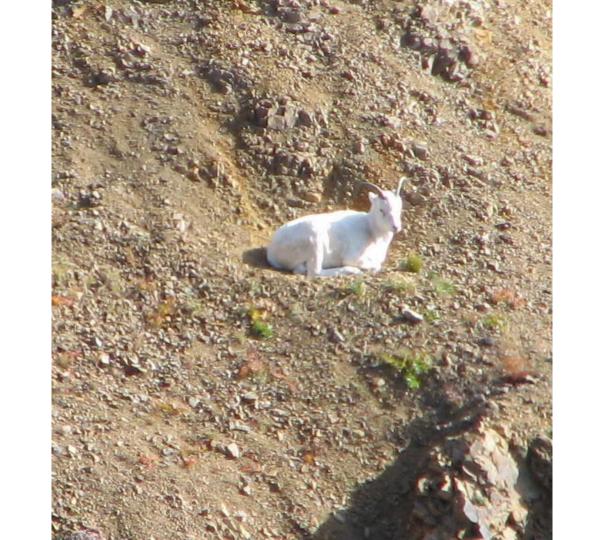
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Our Anchorage visit started with a visit to the Anchorage Outdoor Market. From there we just meandered.



















