



SOUTHEAST ALASKA VISITORS INFORMATION CENTER WITH BETTISWORTH NORTH

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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Located near the mouth of Ketchikan Creek on the site of an ancient Tlingit fishing village, the Southeast Alaska Visitor Information Center is one of four Forest Service-sponsored centers in Alaska focusing on local and regional heritage.

The siting and building design reflect the historical influences of canneries, pitched-roof warehouses, and severe winter climatic conditions.

The center has a spacious lobby with displays of Southeast Alaska and totem poles representing the three Native American tribes of the area: the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. It houses exhibits on the rainforest ecosystem (the nation's largest national forest), native cultures, and a children's discovery area.

FACTS

- Flexible space for families and groups
- Interpretive and interactive exhibits on natural and cultural history
- Classroom and crafts facilities
- Meeting room with work and storage space
- Theatre with seating for 200

BENEFITS

- Public education on natural, culutral and historic resources
- Community gathering place

Honor Award: Excellence in Architecture, 1995
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