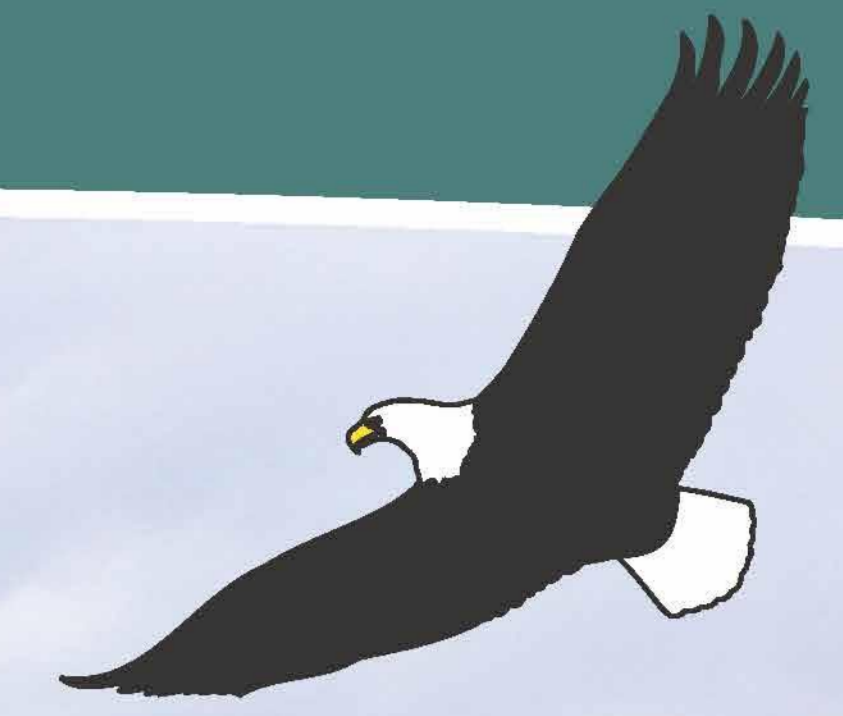


Welcome to



Old Sitka State Historical Park

Battle of 1812

This place, called Gájaa Héen by the Tlingit and Redoubt Saint Michael by the Russian American Company, was the setting for a bloody confrontation between these two groups of people. Follow the short interpretive trail to your right to learn more about the events that led up to the Battle of 1802. This site, now called Old Sitka State Historical Park (SHP), commemorates the importance of this site to the history of Alaska and the nation.

Clues to the Past

Old Sitka SHP is an archaeological site and you might occasionally find artifacts that could be important pieces of the site's puzzle. Alaska law protects all archaeological artifacts. If you find an historic resources, leave them in place and contact Sitka Area State Parks or the Office of History and Archaeology.

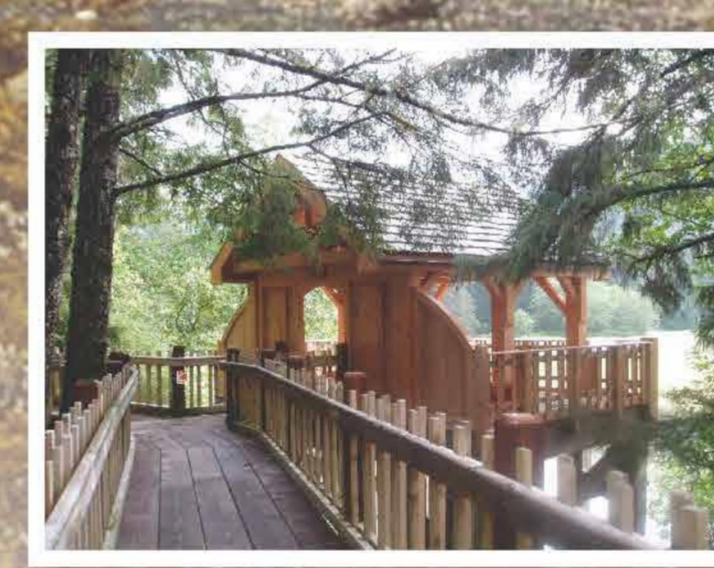
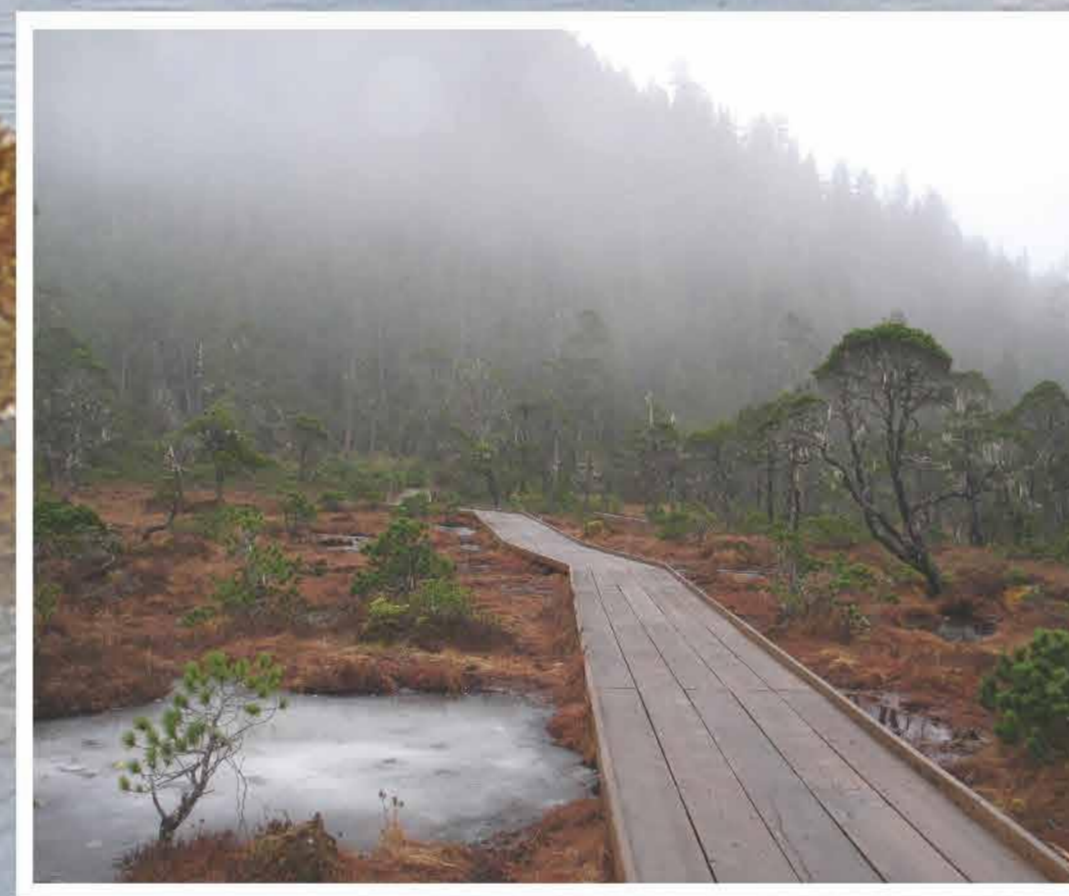
This verdant landscape supports a lush estuarine ecosystem and is the site of a solemn National Historic Landmark.

On the Water

Old Sitka SHP is equipped with a public-use boat launch and dock allowing boaters access to Starrigavan Bay and the waters north of Sitka.

Legend

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| Bench | Picnic table |
| Boat ramp | Picnic area |
| Bridge | Restroom |
| Information | Trailhead |
| Interpretive kiosk | Trail |
| Parking | Trail - Accessible |
| Tent camping | Viewpoint |
| RV camping | Road |
| | Old Sitka SHP boundary |



Forest and Muskeg Trail (above) and bird viewing shelter (right)



The Starrigavan Recreation Area combines a system of barrier-free recreational developments with forest, muskeg, and estuary ecosystems. Recreational components are either managed by the Tongass National Forest-Sitka Ranger District or Alaska State Parks.

Forest and Muskeg Trail

The Forest and Muskeg Trail meanders through tall stands of western hemlock and lodgepole pine, and over a moss and sedge bog via a boardwalk trail. A self-guiding interpretive brochure leads you along this one-mile trail to the Estuary Life Trail.

