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Alaska Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome! We look forward to seeing you at Front Sight Alaska. To make your experience at Front Sight smooth and enjoyable, please thoroughly read the information below. If you still have questions, please contact us:

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Arrival and Departure: On the first day of your course, arrive promptly by 7:30 a.m. Please don't be late. Give yourself 30 minutes to travel from Kenai and 45 minutes to travel from Soldotna. On the final day of the course, all activities are completed by 5:30 p.m.

Hours of Operation: Front Sight courses start each day at 8:00 a.m. Please arrive at Front Sight in plenty of time to be ready to start at 8:00 a.m. The training day generally ends at 5:00 p.m. There are no night shoots due to the lengthy days in the arctic summer.

Hotels: There are numerous local hotels, motels, B&B's, RV campgrounds, and tent campgrounds in the Kenai area. Below are a few of the local motels.

Nikiski Area (about 5-minute drive):

Nikiski Inn Motel (907) 776-5776

Kenai Area (about 30-minute drive):

Aspen Hotel (907) 283-2272
Uptown Motel (907) 283-3660
Kenai Merit Inn (907) 283-4814
Kenai King's Inn (877) 883-6060

Soldotna Area (about 45-minute drive):

Aspen Hotel (907) 260-7736
The Duck Inn (907) 262-1849
Kenai River Lodge (907) 262-4292
Goodnight Inn (907) 262-4584
Riverview Lodge (907) 262-9038
Soldotna Inn (907) 262-9169

Camping: Front Sight has no designated camping area and no utility hook-ups. There are several nice camping facilities available nearby including the Captain Cook State Recreation Area.

Lunch: Front Sight Alaska does not offer food service. There are a couple of restaurants which offer lunch within a few miles of Front Sight Alaska. Or you are welcome to pack a lunch in an iced cooler and bring it with you.

Equipment Rental: Sorry, we do not offer weapon rentals at Front Sight Alaska.

Equipment and Transportation: Front Sight strongly recommends complying with all federal, state, and local laws regarding transportation of weapons and ammunition. Each student is required to bring a legally-owned weapon in safe operating condition. A spare weapon is highly recommended in the event that your primary weapon breaks during the course. At this time, Front Sight does not provide gunsmithing services. Each student must wear ear and eye protection while on or about the firing range. A hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and raingear are strongly recommended. Knee and elbow pads are mandatory for all long gun (shotgun, rifle) courses and are optional for handgun courses. Slings are also mandatory for long guns.

Handguns: Handguns must be 9mm or larger. The holster must secure the weapon, cover the trigger guard and be worn on a waist belt. **No thigh holsters or Blackhawk Serpa (or similar) holsters are allowed.** Top straps and thumb breaks are not required. Inside the belt and open top holsters are fine as long as the weapon is held securely when the shooter is running and moving. Two spare magazines for auto-loading pistols with magazine holders worn on the waist belt or two speed loaders for revolvers with appropriate holders are required. A light jacket, sweater, or shirt is required in the 2-Day Handgun Skill Builder as there is training from concealed carry.

Shotguns: must be pump-action or auto-loading in 12 or 20 gauge with trigger guard intact and have an attached sling. An ammunition carrier or pouch is recommended. Large vest pockets or trouser cargo pockets will suffice. Knee and elbow pads are mandatory.

Rifles: must be .223 caliber or larger and have an attached sling. Ammunition and magazine pouches are recommended. Large vest pockets or trouser cargo pockets will suffice. Knee and elbow pads are mandatory.

Approved Ammunition: Due to the potential liability and hazards of using reloaded or remanufactured ammunition, all ammunition used at Front Sight must be new, factory-made ammunition. We require the use of jacketed bullets. The bullet design may be full metal jacket (FMJ), total metal jacket (TMJ), jacketed soft point, or jacketed hollow point. Shotgun ammunition must **be lead; no steel shot.** (Birdshot should be lead #8 or #7½ shot.)

Prohibited Ammunition: Do not bring the following types of ammunition or bullets:

- Steel jacketed bullets (TEST YOUR AMMUNITION WITH A MAGNET BEFORE ARRIVING!)
- Steel core bullets (TEST YOUR AMMUNITION WITH A MAGNET BEFORE ARRIVING!)
- Lead bullets with no jacket (except for use in revolvers)
- Lead bullets with a thin copper “wash”, such as American Ammunition (not to be confused with American Eagle)
- Ammunition made by Federal Cartridge Company)
- Armor piercing bullets
- Tracers or other incendiary ammunition
- Steel shot for shotguns

Ammunition Quantity: The curriculum calls for the following quantities of new, factory-made ammunition for your specific course. However, we ***strongly recommend*** purchasing slightly less than the stated amounts if you are concerned about having extra ammunition at the end of the course which would make air travel more difficult. You can purchase additional ammunition locally if necessary.

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Ammunition Required</u> |
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| 2-Day Handgun Skill Builder | 500 |
| 2-Day Shotgun Skill Builder | Birdshot 250, OO Buckshot 200, Slugs 75 |
| 2-Day Rifle Skill Builder | 400 |
| 3-Day Three Gun | Handgun 200, Rifle 200, Birdshot 100, OO Buckshot 25, Slugs 15 |

Purchasing Ammunition in Alaska: There are several places to purchase ammunition locally. Call Fred Meyer in Soldotna (907) 260-2200, Three Bears in Kenai (907) 283-6577, or Wal-Mart in Kenai (907) 395-0971.

Shipping Ammunition to Front Sight Alaska: Due to the numerous problems we've encountered over the years, we no longer accept ammunition shipments. If you do not want to transport your ammo, you may purchase it locally (see above).

Prerequisites: We offer only Skill Builder level courses at Front Sight Alaska. Each of these courses has a prerequisite, as described below.

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Prerequisite Course from Front Sight Nevada</u> |
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| 2-Day Handgun Skill Builder | 2-Day Handgun or higher |
| 2-Day Shotgun Skill Builder | 2-Day Shotgun or higher |
| 2-Day Rifle Skill Builder | 2-Day Rifle or higher |
| 3-Day Three Gun | 2-Day Handgun <u>AND</u> 2-Day Shotgun <u>AND</u> 2-Day Rifle <u>OR</u> completion of the 3-Day Three Gun previously |

Driving Directions from Kenai to Front Sight Alaska

These written directions begin in the town of Kenai at the intersection of Kenai Spur Road and Main Street. This is a major intersection right in the heart of Kenai and is very easy to find. Zero your vehicle's trip odometer at this intersection! Front Sight Alaska is 17.4 miles away.

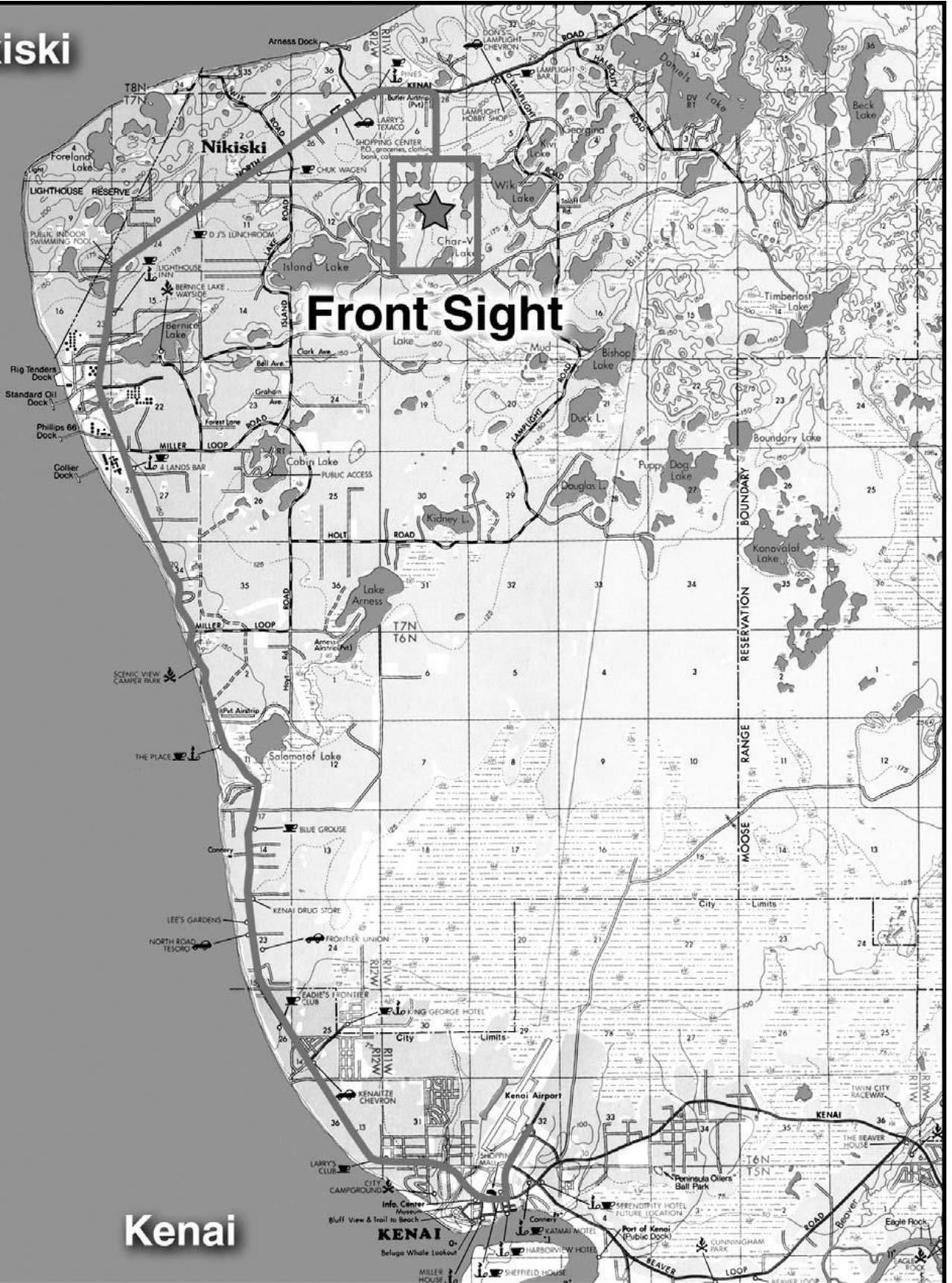
If You Flew Into Kenai:

From the rental car lot at the Kenai Airport, turn right. You are traveling south on Willow Street. Travel 0.7 miles on Willow Street to the first stoplight which is Kenai Spur Road. You are now in the heart of Kenai. Motels, restaurants, and shops are largely to your left (east) and Front Sight Alaska is to your right (west). Turn right (west) on Kenai Spur Road and travel 1.0 mile to the intersection of Main Street. You will see a large brown wood building labeled "Kenai Visitor's and Cultural Center" on your left. Zero your vehicle's trip odometer now!

Driving from Kenai to Front Sight Alaska:

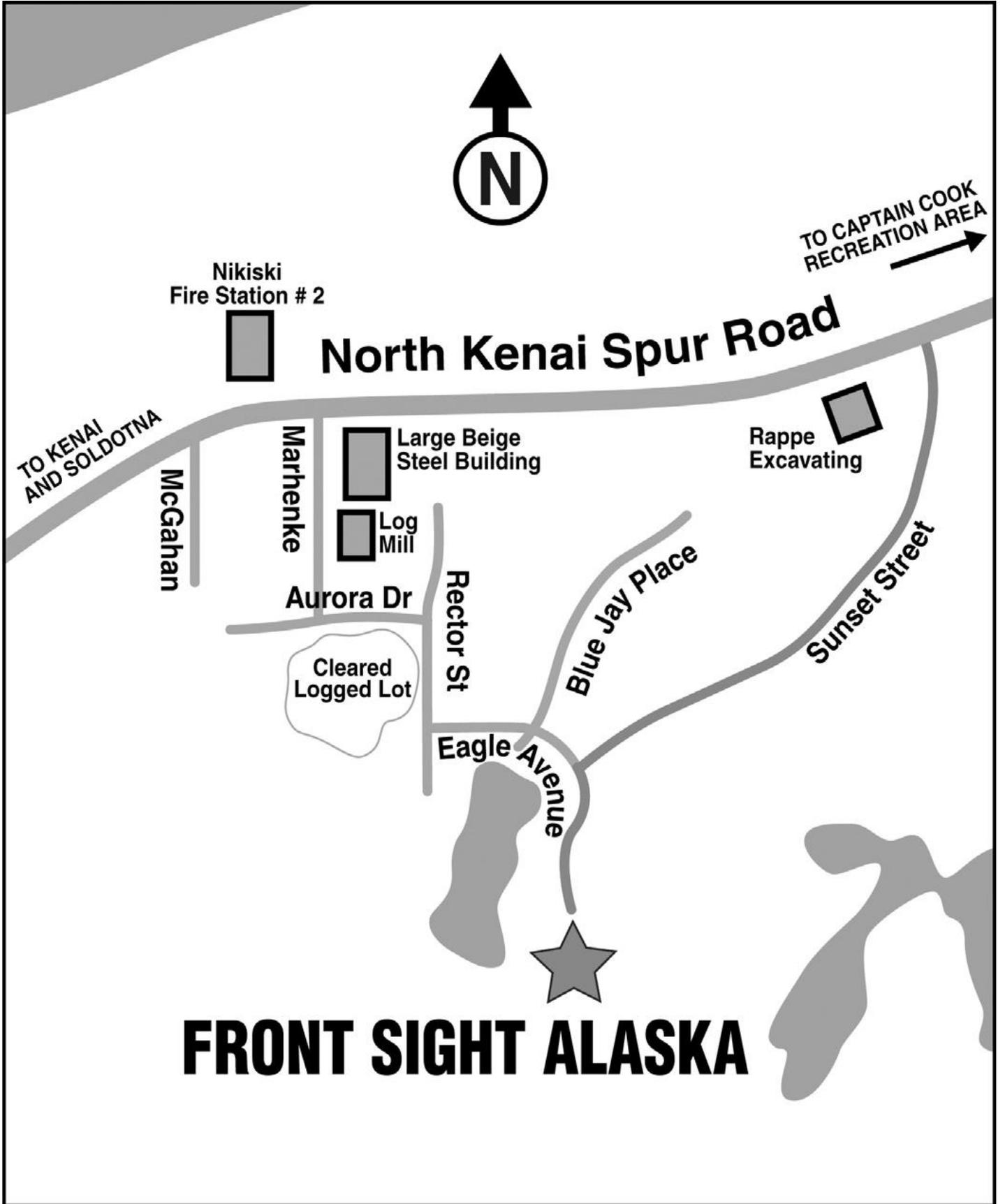
| <u>Mile</u> | <u>Direction or Landmark</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.0 | Intersection of Kenai Spur Road and Main Street. Travel north-northwest on Kenai Spur Road for 15.5 miles. |
| 0.7 | cross Forest Street |
| 3.6 | Kenai City Limits |
| 9.7 | Large refinery and processing plant (Agrium-Kenai) on your left. Large white storage tanks on your right. |
| 11.0 | Fuel storage tanks (Tesoro Alaska) on your left. Large refinery on your right. |
| 12.0 | Nikiski Elementary on your left. |
| 14.3 | Cross Island Lake/Wik Road |
| 15.1 | Chevron station on your left. |
| 15.3 | Nikiski Fire Station #2 (brown wood building) on your left. |
| 16.4 | <u>Turn right (south) on Sunset Street</u> which is a gravel road. Travel 0.7 miles to the intersection of Eagle Avenue. |
| 17.1 | <u>Turn left (south) on Eagle Avenue.</u> Travel 0.3 miles. |
| 17.4 | Welcome to Front Sight Alaska at the end of Eagle Avenue! |

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