

WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE RAILWAY DEPOT
(Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Visitor Center)
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Within Skagway, cardinal directions are colloquially oriented with reference to the city's street grid instead of true north. The north-south axis is aligned with State Street, making "north" closer to northeast. The photo captions follow this convention.

The room numbers provided herein were derived from the 6/6/1983 US Dept. of the Interior architectural drawings titled, "Interior & Exterior Restoration... Skagway R.R.(Admin) Bldg & Depot"

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Robert C Park, photographer, July 2021

AK-291-1	Contextual image along the White Pass and Yukon Route railway narrow-gauge tracks; view to east.
AK-291-2	Contextual and south elevation shared with the Administration Building (HABS AK-292); view to north.
AK-291-3	Contextual image along Broadway and the line of facades facing the railroad tracks; view to northeast with the Twin Dewey Peaks of the Coast Mountains in the background.
AK-291-4	Contextual image along Broadway; view to northeast.
AK-291-5	Contextual image along the railroad tracks; view to northeast.
AK-291-6	Contextual image at the intersection of Broadway and 2nd Avenue; view to southeast. Note: pedestrian crosswalk striping was painted at the intersection, the most congested in Skagway, during the summer of 2021, an indicator of pre-COVID-19 congestion and the expectation that tourism will return to town.
AK-291-7	Oblique angle of northwest corner; view to southeast.
AK-291-8	Contextual image along 2nd Avenue; view to southwest.
AK-291-9	South elevation; view to north. Note, the design of the building footprint incorporates a diagonal corner that allowed the railroad to make a tight 90-degree turn onto Broadway.

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AK-291-10	Detail of southwest entry; view to north. Note, exterior signage installed as part of 2016 redesign of interpretive exhibits.
AK-291-11	West elevation; view to east.
AK-291-12	Northwest corner; view to southeast.
AK-291-13	North elevation; view to south.
AK-291-14	Detail of chimney taken from mobile lift; view to southwest. Note, historic images show corbelled chimney brick courses and wood roof was originally painted.
AK-291-15	North end of Room 101 from east wall; view to west. Note, original White Pass & Yukon Route railway heat stove is extant in the building. A print of a historic interior photograph is used as an interpretive tool and displayed on the wall above an original built-in bench.
AK-291-16	Detail of ceiling beam in Room 101; view up and to northwest. Note, building was constructed by railroad engineers and unique truss system is attributed to railroad bridge design techniques.
AK-291-17	South end of Room 101 from north wall; view to southwest.
AK-291-18	North end of Room 101 from west wall; view to northeast. Particularly notable in this image (and subtly evident in others from this survey) is the on-going impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Markings on the floor remind visitors that it is advisable to maintain 6 feet of "social distancing" between people. A plexiglass barrier was erected on top of the existing counter in an effort to protect park staff. Park Interpretive Ranger, Natasha Kraus, reads while wearing a mask. Masks were required to be worn by everyone in the building. This space would typically see heavy foot traffic throughout summer months from visiting tourists. However, when this image was taken, the Canadian border was closed and cruise ship traffic was highly curtailed, making downtown Skagway unusually void of crowds.
AK-291-19	Room 108 from northwest corner; view to southeast.
AK-291-20	Room 108 from southwest corner; view to east.
AK-291-21	Room 111 from northwest corner; view to southeast. Note, room is used by park as a theater.
AK-291-22	Stairwell 105 from second floor; view to east.
AK-291-23	Hall 211; view to north.
AK-291-24	Room 207, view to southwest. Note, view shows clipped corner of building footprint mentioned in HABS AK-291-9.

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AK-291-25	Detail of bay windows in room 210; view to west. Note, room is used by park as a conference room. Historically, the bay window provided a view down Broadway so railroad staff could visually survey status of trains and tracks.
AK-291-26	Room 201; view to northeast.
AK-291-27	Attic space with chimneys; view to south.
AK-291-28	Attic space; view to north.