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Anchorage's Greenbelt: an urban oasis



The Coastal Trail is a favorite for both tourists and locals alike. (KTUU-TV)

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- You may know me as a mild mannered meteorologist.

But when the afternoon comes, I answer a different call -- a call to lose the tie, ditch the rat race, and hit the trails.

But with the price of fuel these days, where does an urbanite like me go to get away from it all?

Welcome to the Anchorage Greenbelt System.



The system also allows the city to maintain urban forests. (KTUU-TV)

Anchorage Parks and Rec Department Park Planner Holly Spoth-Torres says the Greenbelt trails are an important feature of the city.

"Not only does it provide opportunities for people to commute to work in a healthy way, recreate before or after work in a healthy way, but it helps maintain our urban forests, our creeks, it provides a place for wildlife, it has many different functions," she said.



The system has a little something for everyone. (KTUU-TV)

Spoth-Torres says the variety of trails in the system offer something for everyone.

"The Coastal Trail is popular with locals and with tourists. Campbell Creek is more in the Midtown to south part of town," she said. "There are schools along Campbell Creek Trail. There's also fun things like the Peanut Farm."

While summer is still here, slide on down to one of the Anchorage Greenbelt trails and take a big bite out of the big wild life.

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