

Nematology meeting- Additional restaurants/breweries, museums, scenic drives, local interest

Restaurants

Rustic Goat <https://rusticgoatak.com/> kind of spendy, but really good

49th State Brewing <https://www.49statebrewing.com/> good food, great beer, nice views of harbor

Glacier Brewhouse <https://www.glacierbrewhouse.com/> good food, good beer, heart of downtown

Fire Island Rustic Bakeshop <https://www.fireislandbread.com/> amazing bread, pastries and sandwiches

Snow City Café <https://www.snowcitycafe.com/> great breakfast

Simon and Seafort's Saloon and Grill <https://www.simonandseafort.com/> really good steak and seafood

Wild Scoops <https://www.wildscoops.com/> hand-crafted ice cream. Did I mention ice cream?

Breweries, Wineries, and Drinkables

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Onsite Brewing <https://onsitebrewing.com/homepage/our-beer> brewed by climbers for climbers (and anyone else that wants to hang with climbers)

Crush Bistro and Wine Cellar <https://www.crushak.com/> if you're into wine (I am), heart of downtown

Double Shovel Cider Co. <https://doubleshovelsiderco.square.site/> good ciders

Two Seasons Meadery <https://www.twoseasonsmead.com/> innovative meads

Museums

Anchorage Museum <https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/> interesting modern museum, good restaurant, too

Alaska Museum of Science and Nature <https://www.alaskamuseum.org/> they have dinosaurs!

Alaska Native Heritage Center <https://www.alaskanative.net/> you can do a self-guided tour, or the full tour (as part of the Nematology meeting)

Scenic drives

The Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet south of Anchorage, beautiful mountains, whale watching, you might even see a bore tide <https://www.alaska.org/advice/alaska-bore-tide>

Portage Lake and Whittier south of Anchorage, a cool town on Prince William Sound <https://www.whittieralaska.gov/> You have to go through a 2.5 mile tunnel to get to it, breathtaking mountains

Matanuska Valley northeast of Anchorage, beautiful mountains, the Palmer Hay Flats <https://palmerhayflats.org/> , bird watching, fishing, hiking

The Old Glenn Highway north east of Anchorage, winding highway between the Chugach Mountains and the Knik River, leads out to the Butte area of Palmer, the coolest little town that ever was <https://www.alaska.org/guide/old-glenn-highway-scenic-drive>

Cool places to visit

Alyeska Resort <https://www.alyeskaresort.com/product/aerial-tram-2/>, beautiful drive going south down Turnagain Arm to Girdwood, they have an aerial tram up the mountain, and a restaurant at the top

Anchorage Coastal Trail is 11 miles long <https://anchoragecoastaltrail.com/> walking, biking, bird watching

Flat Top hiking trail in Anchorage <https://www.alaska.org/detail/flattop-mountain> not easy, but not too difficult, epic views

McHugh Creek Trail and Beluga Point south of Anchorage. Go hiking and maybe see a whale (hopefully not on the trail).

Lazy Mountain Trail in Palmer, north of Anchorage <https://www.alaska.org/detail/lazy-mountain-trail>
The trail splits near the parking lot, I would recommend the Lazy Moose Trail for the switchbacks and views.

Hatcher Pass Recreation Area near Palmer and Wasilla, north of Anchorage . Easy hiking on the Gold Mint Trail <https://www.alaska.org/detail/gold-mint-trail> , more difficult hiking on Marmot Mountain <https://alaskahikesearch.com/hikes/marmot-mountain> , the Independence Mine State Historical Park <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/indmine.htm> , Gold Cord Lake <https://www.alaska.org/detail/gold-cord-lake-trail> , Summit Lake and April Bowl, epic views and you might see some hang gliders <https://www.alaska.org/detail/hatch-peak-april-bowl-trail>

Alaska made items

Once in a Blue Moose <https://www.onceinablueoose.com/> is a really cool place, owned by really cool people (with fascinating family history).

There are plenty of other gift shops in Anchorage, people seem to like Grizzly's Gifts <https://grizzlysgifts.com/>

Oomingmak Musk Ox Cooperative <https://www.qiviut.com/> Native Alaskan owned, gift shop sells qiviut items (super warm and lightweight)