



Tanacross Airfield – How to get there from Anchorage:

- 1) (~190 miles) Leave Anchorage and head up the Glenn Highway to Glennallen via Palmer. You'll be heading up the Matanuska River Valley which is really scenic in nice weather. Glennallen is a great spot for food and gas.
- 2) (14.0 miles) Turn north (left) onto the Richardson highway at Glennallen. Proceed north 14 miles to the Tok Cutoff and turn right. Don't miss the Tok Cutoff like other people have! If you find yourself with really good views of the Trans Alaska Pipeline, you've missed it.
- 3) (136.4 miles) Drive the Tok Cutoff to Tok. You will cross the Alaska Range along the way at Mentasta Summit in a decidedly un-spectacular manner.
- 4) (10.5 miles) When you get to Tok, zero your odometer at the T. Head west (left) in the direction of Fairbanks on the longest stretch of straight pavement in Alaska – hence a really good spot to get a speeding ticket if you exceed the speed limit (there are Troopers based in Tok). Drive for 10.5 miles on the highway before bearing about 45 degrees to the right on a fairly major-looking gravel road on the old Eagle Trail ROW. The intersection is unique to the other gravel roads in the area as it is not perpendicular to the highway. There is also a fairly large wooden sign mentioning "Tanker" as in the aerial firefighting kind. See diagram above for details.
- 5) (1.5 miles) Proceed on the gravel road for about 1.5 miles – you will see the tower for the airfield and other equipment on your right but keep going. Bear right at the Y at the end of the road near the Tanana river and you will shortly be near the pavement at the beginning of runway 12. Watch the air to make sure someone is not on final approach, and you can proceed in the SE direction to the area of the pits by driving parallel to the runway.

Total distance from the Muldoon Exit in Anchorage is ~353 miles (assuming you don't miss the Tok cutoff and that you find the gravel road to the airfield on the first try).