

# Tlingit Place Names of Huna Káawu

## Lower Glacier Bay



Long before Euroamerican explorers mapped and named the mountains and bays of Glacier Bay, Huna Tlingit place names captured the history, emotions and stories of their enduring relationship with a living, evolving landscape.

“If you do not know the names, your Tlingit way of life will drift away.”

*Tlingit Proverb*



The Four Glacier Bay Clans	Phonetic	Moiety	Clan Crest
Chookaneidí	“Chew-kuh-nay-DEE”	Eagle	Porpoise, Bear
Kaagwaantaan	“Kog-wahn-tawn”	Eagle	Wolf, Killer Whale
Wooshkeetaan	“Whoosh-key-tawn”	Eagle	Shark, Murrelet
T’akdeintaan	“Tuck-dane-tawn”	Raven	Kittiwake, Whale

1. The various Tlingit names for Glacier Bay reflect the Huna Tlingit’s long term relationship with their homeland. As the landscape changed over time, so too did the names that described it:

**S’é Shuyee** “T-SEH-shoe-yee”  
 “Edge of the Glacial Silt”  
 Former glacial outwash plain, before glacier advanced.

**Xáatl Tú** “Haatl-TOO”  
 “Among the Ice”  
 Bay choked with icebergs during the time of glacial retreat.

**Sít’ Eeti Geiyí** “SIT-ee-tea-gay-YEE”  
 “Bay in Place of the Glacier”  
 The bay carved out by glacial retreat. Present day Glacier Bay.

2. **L’éiwshaa Shakee Aan** “CLAY-oh-shaw-shuh-key-on”  
 “Sand Mountain Land”  
 Area of glacially created dunes surrounding present day Bartlett Cove.

3. **Gaat Héeni** “Got-HEEN-ee”  
 “Sockeye River”  
 Early village site located in present day Bartlett Cove.

4. **T’ooch’ Gil’i** “Ta-ooch-GIT-lee”  
 “Black Cliff”  
 Site of an early village before the glacial advance.

5. **L’éiw X’áati** “Clay-oh-CAUGHT-he”  
 “Glacial Sand Island”  
 Strawberry picking place

6. **Chookanhéeni** “Chew-con-HEEN-ee”  
 “Grassy River”  
 Chookaneidi Clan village inhabited after the glacier retreat.

7. **Gooch Héeni** “gooch-HEEN-ee”  
 “Wolf Creek”

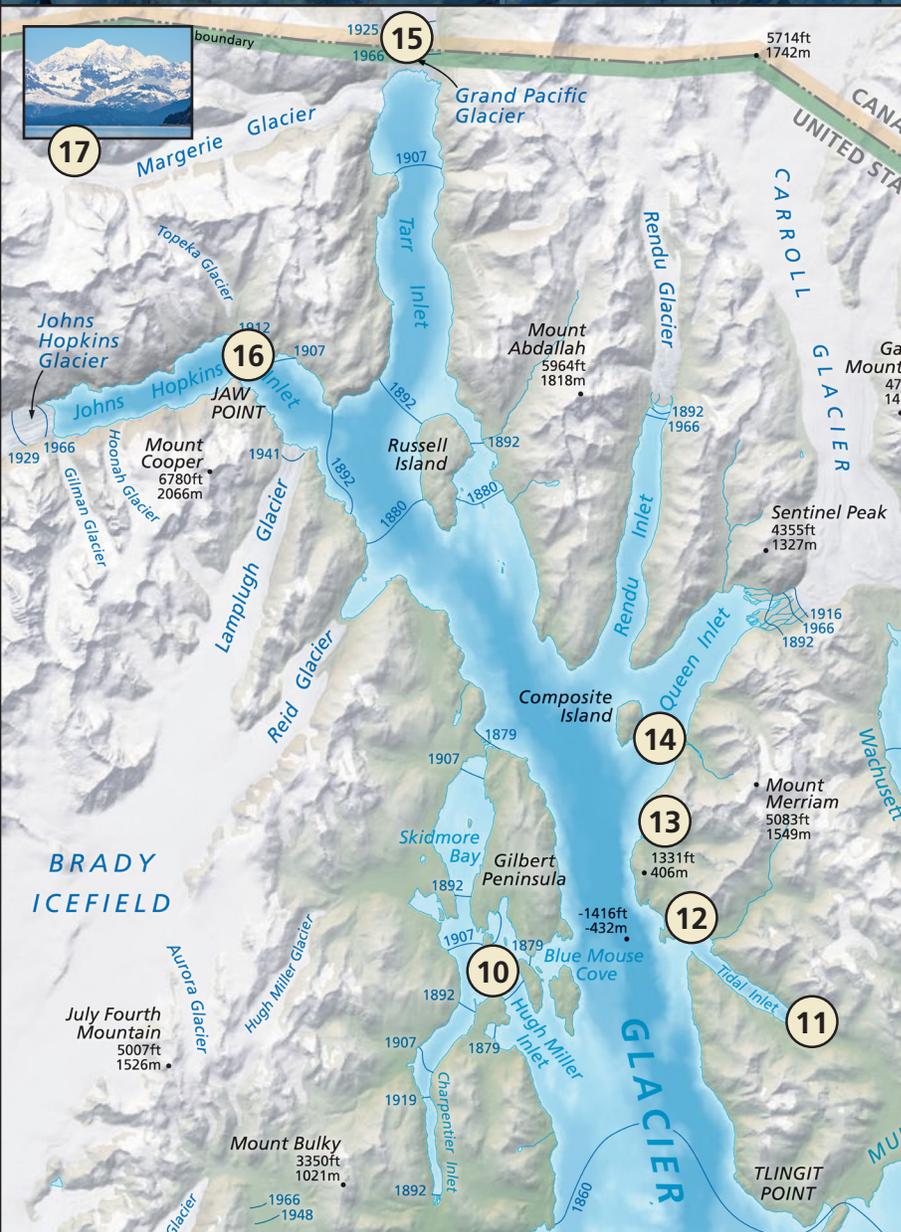
8. **K’wát’ Aani** “KWUT-on-EE”  
 “South Marble Island”  
 Land of the Seagull Eggs

9. **Wudzidugu Yé** “Woodsy-dook-oh-YEH”  
 “Place Wooded with Cottonwood”



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## Upper Glacier Bay



### 10. Anax Kuyaawal'ix'i Yé

"Ah-nuck-coo-yah-wuh-click-ee-YEH"

"Place Where the Glacier Broke Through"

### 11. Tsalgi Geiyi

"T-suth-gee-gay-YEE"

"Ground Squirrel's Bay"

### 12. Gus'k'yee Kwáan Geiyi

"Goose-key-yee-KWON-gay-YEE"

"People From Under the Clouds' Bay"

Bay where Euroamericans historically camped.

### 13. Jánwu Aaní

"JAN-woo-on-KNEE"

"Mountain Goat's Land"

Traditional goat hunting area.

### 14. T'ooch' Geiyi

"Ta-ooch-gay-YEE"

"Black, Dirty Bay"

### 15. Sít' Tlein

"SIT-clane"

"Large Glacier"

Glacier believed to have forced Huna clans from Homeland.

### 16. Tsalxaan Niyaadé Wool'éexi Yé

"T-suth-hon-knee-yah-DAY-Woo-CLEE-key-YEH"

"Passage that Broke Through Towards Mt. Fairweather"

### 17. Tsalxaan

"Tsuth-hon"

"Ground Squirrel Land"

Mount Fairweather. Sacred mountain of the T'akdeintaan clan.

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A wall map displaying hundreds of Huna Tlingit place names is available.

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