

The Alaska Highway starts in Dawson Creek, BC winding it's way northwest through to the Yukon and finally terminating in Delta Junction, Alaska totalling 1,422 miles (2288 km). This massive project, initially U.S. Army supply route, was completed in 1942, an impressive eight months after it was started! This highway was proposed in the 1920's but after the attack on Pearl Harbor, coupled with threats of Japanese attack along the west coast of North America, approval for the construction of the Highway as a U.S. strategic defensive route was granted in 1942 by the U.S. Army, the U.S. Congress and U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Canada allowed the construction of the Highway provided that the U.S. bore the brunt of the construction costs and that it would be turned over to Canada at the end of World War II. In 1943 the Highway was opened for general use in 1943. Major cities along the Alaska Highway are Dawson Creek (the site of the historic 'Mile 0'), Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Watson Lake and Whitehorse.