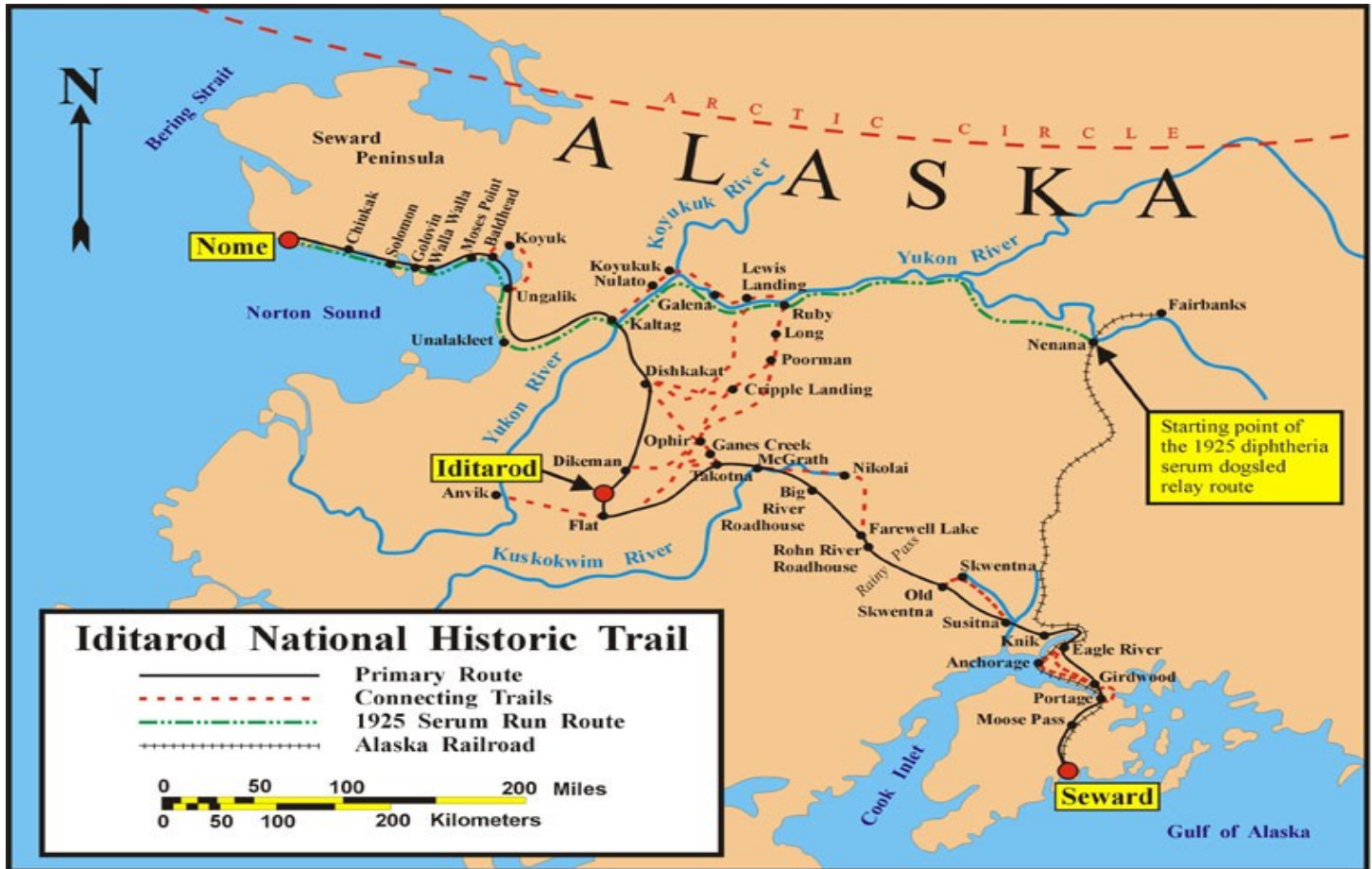


Iditarod Historical Trail Map

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The word Iditarod has several meanings:

- Iditarod means "clear water" and was named by the Shageluk Indians for the Iditarod River.
- Iditarod, comes from the Ingalik Indian word "Haiditarod", the name for the river. It means "distant place".



The original surveyed mail route from Seward to Nome was 938 miles. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race uses two alternate routes from Anchorage to Nome which are each substantially longer than the historic route. Each of the two race routes are approximately 1,100 miles from Anchorage to Nome.

Wildlife living along the trail is moose, caribou, brown bear, bison, wolf, dall sheep and many varieties of birds and smaller mammals. Near the Bering Sea Coast live seals, walrus and occasionally a polar bear.

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