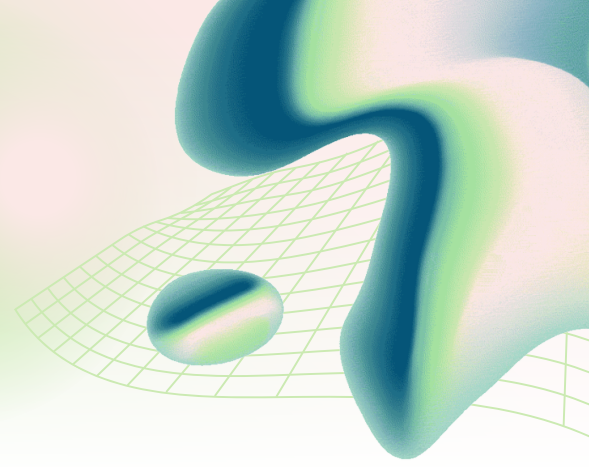


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# How to Earn Alaska Mileage Plan Points Without the Credit Card

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Are you a traveler looking to maximize your miles without signing up for another credit card? You're not alone! While credit cards are a popular way to earn Alaska Mileage Plan points, such as [Alaska's own in-house credit card](#) or the [Bilt Rewards Card](#), there are plenty of other creative and practical methods to build up your balance. In this blog post, we'll explore how to earn Alaska Mileage Plan points without the credit card through different strategies. Whether you prefer supporting local businesses or taking advantage of online opportunities, there's something here for everyone.

# 1. Shop Through the Alaska Mileage Plan [Shopping Portal](#)

Shopping online is something most of us do regularly. Why not turn that into an opportunity to earn Alaska Mileage Plan points? The Portal is a fantastic resource for accumulating points without any extra cost.

## How It Works

The Shopping Portal partners with a vast array of retailers, ranging from clothing stores to electronics giants. By starting your shopping journey through this portal, you can earn points for every dollar spent at these partner stores.

## Tips

- **Create an Account:** If you haven't already, create an account on the Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan Shopping website as well as the Alaska Miles if you haven't already. This will allow you to track your points and access the shopping portal.
- **Browse Offers:** Regularly check the portal or the extensions for special offers or increased point promotions.
- **Make a List:** Before shopping, make a list of items you need. This prevents impulse buys and ensures you earn points on planned purchases.
- **Use Browser Extensions:** Consider installing a browser extension that alerts you when you're shopping on a partner site - there is one specifically for Alaska that shows you how many miles you get and offers depending on the retailer.

## Example

Suppose you're planning to buy a new laptop. Instead of going directly to the retailer's site, you start your shopping journey through the Alaska Mileage Plan Shopping Portal. By purchasing a \$1,000 laptop, you could earn anywhere from 2 to 10 points per dollar spent, resulting in 2000 + Alaska Mileage Plan points.

# 2. Dine Out with [Mileage Plan Dining](#)

Eating out can be more than just a treat; it can also be an avenue to earn Alaska Mileage Plan points. The Mileage Plan Dining program partners with a variety of restaurants, allowing you to earn points while enjoying your favorite meals.

## How It Works

After signing up for the Mileage Plan Dining program and linking your debit or credit card, you can dine at participating restaurants to earn points. No extra fees or special cards are required.

## Tips

- **Register and Link Cards:** Sign up for the program and link your cards to ensure you earn points with every eligible purchase.
- **Check Participating Restaurants:** Use the program's website or app to find local restaurants that participate.
- **Leave Reviews:** Some programs offer bonus points for leaving reviews after dining.
- **Invite Friends:** Dining with friends or family can maximize your point earnings.

## Example

Imagine you're out for dinner with friends. By choosing a participating restaurant, your \$50 meal earns you 5 points per dollar, totaling 250 points. If you dine out frequently, these points can quickly add up.

## 3. Book Hotels Through [Alaska Airlines Partners](#)

Traveling often involves staying at hotels, and many hotel chains partner with Alaska Airlines to offer Mileage Plan points for your stays. This strategy is particularly useful for frequent travelers.

### How It Works

When you book a hotel through Alaska Airlines' partner hotels, you can earn points for every night you stay. This partnership includes a wide range of hotel brands, so there's something for every taste and budget.

### Practical Implementation Tips

- **Research Partner Hotels:** Before booking, check which hotels are partnered with Alaska Airlines.
- **Book Directly:** Ensure you're booking through the official channels to be eligible for points.
- **Take Advantage of Promotions:** Look out for special promotions that may offer extra points for certain stays or during specific periods.

## Example

On a business trip, you decide to stay at a partnered hotel. For a three-night stay costing \$300 per night, you earn 500 points per night, resulting in 1,500 Alaska Mileage Plan points.

## 4. Participate in Surveys and Offers

If you enjoy sharing your opinion or trying out new products, participating in surveys and offers can be an easy way to earn Alaska Mileage Plan points.

### How It Works

Several market research companies have partnered with Alaska Airlines to offer points in exchange for completing surveys or participating in special offers. This method requires minimal effort and can be done from the comfort of your home. The best one directly related to Alaska Airlines [is this website](#).

## Tips

- **Sign Up for Survey Panels:** Register with Alaska Airlines' partnered survey panels, most likely The Opinion Terminal.
- **Complete Surveys Consistently:** Set aside a few minutes each day or week to complete surveys.
- **Watch for Special Offers:** Occasionally, special offers provide larger point bonuses for specific actions or purchases.

## Example

You sign up for a survey panel and complete a 10-minute survey, earning 100 points. Over a month, completing similar surveys can yield several hundred points, all without leaving your home.

## 5. Support Local Businesses with Mileage Plan Partners

Supporting local businesses can also contribute to your Alaska Mileage Plan points balance. Many local shops and services partner with the Mileage Plan to offer points for your everyday purchases.

### How It Works

Alaska Airlines collaborates with various local businesses, ranging from cafes to service providers. By shopping local, you not only support your community but also earn points for your purchases.

### Tips

- **Explore Local Partners:** Check the Alaska Airlines shopping or dining website to find local business partners in your area.
- **Engage with the Community:** Attend local events or markets where you can earn points.
- **Utilize Loyalty Programs:** Some local partners have their own loyalty programs that can be combined with earning Mileage Plan points.

## Example

You regularly visit a local coffee shop that is partnered with Alaska Airlines. By spending \$10 on your daily coffee, you earn 2 points per dollar, which adds up over time as you continue to support local businesses.

## 6. Fly Using Alaska Airlines or Partner Airlines

Flying with Alaska Airlines or its partner airlines is a straightforward way to earn Mileage Plan points while enjoying your travels. This method is perfect for those who frequently fly, allowing you to accumulate points with every journey.

### How It Works

Whenever you book a flight directly through Alaska Airlines or one of their partner airlines, you earn points based on the distance flown and the fare class purchased. This can significantly boost your points balance, especially for long-haul flights.

### Tips

- **Book Directly:** Ensure you're booking your flights directly through Alaska Airlines or a partner airline's official website to qualify for points.
- **Select Partner Airlines:** Check the list of partner airlines and consider them when planning your travels to maximize point earnings.
- **Upgrade Your Fare:** If feasible, consider booking a higher fare class, which often earns more points.
- **Join the Elite Program:** Frequent flyers can benefit from joining Alaska's elite Mileage Plan status, which offers bonus points and other perks.

### Example

Imagine you book a round-trip flight from Seattle to New York with Alaska Airlines. Depending on the fare class, you could earn up to 1,000 points one way. Multiply that by multiple trips, and your points quickly add up, bringing you closer to your next reward redemption.

By incorporating flights with Alaska Airlines or its partners into your travel plans, you can effectively grow your Mileage Plan points while enjoying the convenience and hospitality of their services.

### Bonus Tip: [Buy Points](#) through Your Mileage Portal

If you're close to redeeming a reward but need a few extra points, consider purchasing points through the Alaska Mileage Plan Portal. This option allows you to top off your points balance quickly, sometimes at a discounted rate.

### How It Works

Through the portal, you can buy points in increments to suit your needs. Occasionally, Alaska Airlines offers promotions that provide bonus points or discounts, making it an even more attractive option.

### Tips

- **Check for Promotions:** Regularly visit the Mileage Plan Portal for special offers on point purchases.
- **Assess Value:** Compare the cost of buying points to the value of the reward you're aiming for. Sometimes, buying points can be cheaper than booking a full-price flight.
- **Use Sparingly:** While buying points can be beneficial, use this option wisely to ensure the best value for your travel goals.

This bonus tip is a great way to efficiently reach your travel objectives without relying solely on point accumulation through other methods.

## Conclusion

Earning Alaska Mileage Plan points without a credit card is not only possible but can be fun and rewarding. By utilizing the shopping portal, dining program, hotel partnerships, surveys, and supporting local businesses, you can accumulate points in diverse and engaging ways.

To recap, here's a quick summary of the strategies:

- **Shop Online:** Use the Alaska Mileage Plan Shopping Portal.
- **Dine Out:** Join the Mileage Plan Dining program.
- **Stay at Partner Hotels:** Book through Alaska Airlines' hotel partners.
- **Participate in Surveys:** Complete surveys and offers for points.
- **Support Local Businesses:** Shop and engage with local Mileage Plan partners.
- **Fly using Alaska Airlines or Partner Airlines:** Book directly on Alaska Airlines for flights or with a partner airline within network.
- **BONUS TIP: Buy points** through your Mileage Portal to top off points or get them on sale. Sometimes it's cheaper than a whole flight.

These strategies not only enhance your travel rewards but also support communities both online and locally. So, get started today and watch your Mileage Plan points soar!