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Welcome to Denali National Park and Preserve



I have two favorite phrases that come to mind when I think about our national parks, especially Denali National Park and Preserve.

The first phrase is this: National parks are America's best idea. The citizens of the United States of America have been behind many extraordinary achievements since this nation came into

being. But the idea that there were certain lands that were so special that they should belong to all Americans and be protected in the form of national parks? That was a revolutionary idea back in the day that Yellowstone became our first park in 1872. Over time, our concept of nationally significant places has expanded beyond landscapes to other venues, such as historic buildings, battlefields, and monuments. Today the National Park Service cares for over 390 places, each with its own unique story to tell about what it is to be American. Countries around the world have followed our lead in creating national parks of their own.

The second phrase I like is this: Special places don't stay special by accident. Simply declaring an area a national park or monument is not enough. To keep a place such as Denali unimpaired for future generations requires all of us. It requires that some people come here to experience this vast landscape that is home to Dall sheep, moose, wolves, and grizzly bears. It requires that we explore this landscape with a light touch and that we stay alert to the stories it has to tell. It requires that we share those stories with others who may never visit, so they can imagine the feel of the wind on their faces in this wild land, and they come to value our wilderness heritage.

A unique idea got our national parks started. Your stories will help to protect places like Denali into the future. Just what stories you will tell, well, that is for you to discover.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Anderson
Superintendent

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Contemplating Denali

A hundred and one years ago, two remarkable men spent the winter in a cabin not far from the present-day Toklat Road Camp. Their experience and interaction with the wild landscape changed them. In turn, they came to have a profound influence on preserving the landscape for generations to come.

Charles Sheldon, an early conservationist and gentleman hunter from Vermont, along with Harry Karstens, a legendary outdoorsman and dog musher, struck upon an idea over the long winter to make of the place the world's first national park established to conserve wildlife. By 1917, after almost a decade of hard work, Sheldon and others persuaded Congress to create Mount McKinley National Park. Four years later, in 1921, Karstens was hired on as its first superintendent.

We encourage you to take a moment, much as Sheldon and Karstens did together more than a century ago, to think about your experience, and ponder what influence you may wish to have on Denali's future.

For inspiration, here are a few things you can do or discuss with others:

- Sit silently for a full minute and listen carefully for all that you might hear.
- Before you take a picture, stop. Turn around 360 degrees to take in all that surrounds you.
- What did you expect before you came to Denali? Once you arrived, what were your first impressions? Do your first impressions still ring true? What would you like Denali to look like in the future?
- If you had to summarize Denali in one word, what would it be?
- How will you describe Denali to your family and friends back home six days or six months from now?

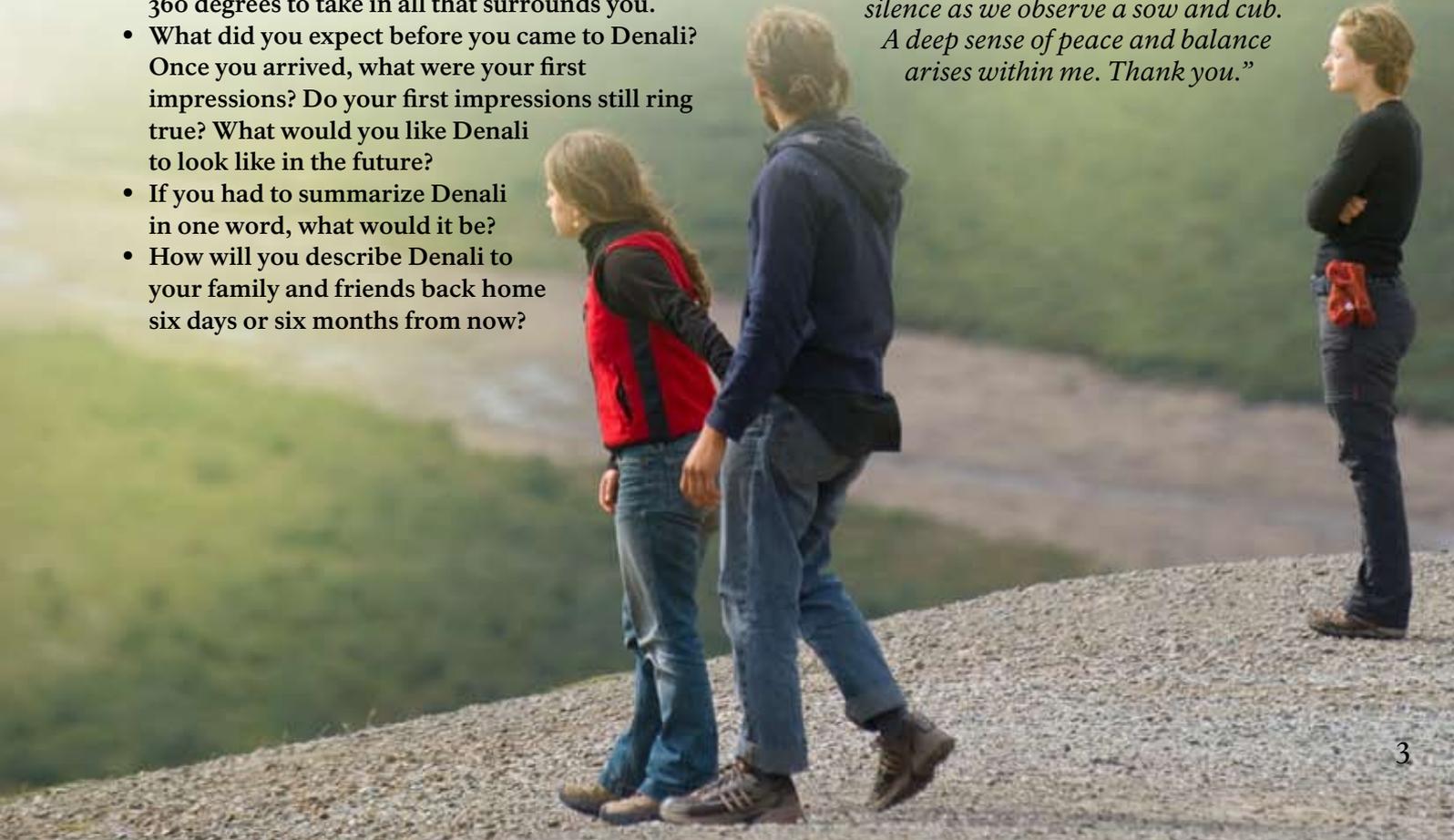
In the lower level of the Denali Visitor Center is a place where you can express what Denali means to you. Here are a few thoughts shared by past visitors:

“Denali means new adventures, experiences, sensations, sights and knowledge. My job as I leave this beauty is to let it change me and my treatment of the world.”

“Yesterday, two wolves ran along the road right toward our tour bus and passed us. As the first wolf ran by he looked right up at me and for the first time I could see what a truly wild, dangerous, beautiful animal he was just from his eyes. That the wild, dangerous, beautiful world remains here unchanged is food for the soul, and that is what Denali means to me.”

“It has taken me 25 years to save and okay this trip. The moment I stepped into Denali I knew it was worth every penny and every moment of planning. I can honestly say that the rest of my life has been changed by this magnificent experience. I'm old – May the young keep it alive for those who follow.”

“Traveling through Denali by bus is like a rolling meditation. The driver requests silence as we observe a sow and cub. A deep sense of peace and balance arises within me. Thank you.”



America's Best Idea

Denali will appear in the living rooms of millions of Americans this September as part of a new 12-hour, six-episode public television series by filmmaker Ken Burns that is scheduled to air across the country on 356 PBS member stations. The broadcast will coincide with extensive outreach, education, and online initiatives to create a national dialogue about public land and preservation as the country prepares to celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service in 2016.

"The National Parks: America's Best Idea" includes references to four major figures and events in Denali with lasting, national consequence—

- AS CHARLES SHELDON, A GENTLEMAN hunter from Vermont, and others lobbied Congress to establish Mount McKinley as the first national park to conserve wildlife in 1917.
- AS ADOLPH MURIE, A BRIGHT YOUNG wildlife biologist, championed a radical idea to protect rather than eradicate wolves on public lands.
- AS MURIE LATER WAGED OPPOSITION TO A MISSION 66 proposal to build a complex of tourist amenities deep within the park's rugged interior.
- AS LAWMAKERS NEGOTIATED AND enacted the Alaska National Interests Land Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980. The sweeping legislation dramatically increased the size of the National Park Service as a whole, changed this park's name from Mount McKinley to Denali, added almost four million acres of new park and preserve areas to its boundaries, and protected its original, two-million-acre core as designated federal wilderness. Lawmakers were first prodded to action by President Jimmy Carter's use of the Antiquities Act to set aside 56 new national monuments at the stroke of a pen.

The series was directed by Burns and produced with his long-time colleague, Dayton Duncan, who also wrote the screenplay. Using archival photographs, first-person accounts of historical characters, personal memories, and analysis from more than 40 interviews, the film traces the birth of the national park idea in the mid-1800s and follows its evolution for nearly 150 years.

Peter Coyote provided the narration. Other voices were provided by Tom Hanks, Andy Garcia, Sam Waterston, Amy Madigan, Eli Wallach, and Carolyn McCormick.

Cinematographers shot more than 800 rolls of original footage over a six-year period while visiting 53 parks, including Denali. The park hosts as many as 20 commercial film permits and 60 professional photographers each year.



Charles Sheldon

For more information about preparations for the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, visit www.nps.gov/2016



Adolph Murie

Cinematographer Buddy Squires and director Ken Burns at Polychrome Overlook.



Making the Most of Your Visit

IF YOU HAVE A HALF DAY...

attend one of the sled dog demonstrations or attend an education program at the Murie Science and Learning Center or take a shuttle bus into the park.

HIKE one of the entrance area trails near the Denali Visitor Center (see page 14). Each of these trails provides opportunities for exploring the taiga (boreal forest) and observing wildlife.

WATCH the feature films at the Denali Visitor Center and Wilderness Access Center.

RIDE the free Savage River shuttle bus to Mile 15 (see page 8). Keep a lookout for moose, caribou, and wolves. On a clear day, Mount McKinley may be seen in the distance from Mile 9.

TAKE a guided Tundra Wilderness Tour to the Toklat River at Mile 53 (see page 8).

IF YOU HAVE A FULL DAY...

take a bus to Eielson Visitor Center or beyond. As you travel the road west, you may observe wildlife or discover a place to get off the bus and take a hike.

JOIN a ranger for a Discovery Hike or guided walk (see page 16). You must sign up in advance at the Denali Visitor Center for Discovery Hikes. Group size is limited.

SIGN UP for an education program at the Murie Science and Learning Center (see page 17).

TAKE a guided Tundra Wilderness Tour of the park to Toklat River, or ride the Kantishna Experience to Mile 90 (see page 8).

IF YOU HAVE A FEW DAYS...

take another trip into the park. Visit Wonder Lake and hike the McKinley Bar Trail, or join a Discovery Hike.

TAKE a walk departing from the Denali Visitor Center.

SIGN UP for an education program at the Murie Science and Learning Center.

PLAN your own hike. Topographical maps, guidebooks, and knowledgeable staff can assist you in planning a trip. All are available at the Backcountry Information Center.

CHECK outside the park for activities including rafting, flightseeing, and horseback riding. A list of area businesses is available at the Wilderness Access Center and the Denali Visitor Center.

VISIT Denali's Talkeetna Ranger Station, located 150 miles south of the park entrance in the town of Talkeetna. This is a spectacular road trip that goes through Denali State Park and provides great views of Mount McKinley and the Alaska Range.



Which Bus Do I Take?

Denali National Park and Preserve offers a variety of experiences—from a shuttle bus that allows you to get off and experience personal solitude and hiking, to a narrated tour with a certified interpretive guide.

How you choose to spend your time in the park is up to you. What experience are you looking for? The options outlined in the chart are for those wishing to venture beyond the Savage River Check Station at Mile 15 of the Park Road.

<i>I'd enjoy...</i>	Shuttle Bus	Camper Bus	Natural History Tour	Tundra Wilderness Tour	Kantishna Experience Tour
... a hike	■				
... the flexibility to get on and off buses to explore on my own	■				
... going as far into the park as possible	■				■
... accessing the backcountry for backpacking		■			
... staying at a campground in a tent	■	■			
... a bus tour with an interpretive naturalist			■	■	■
... a tour more focused on history and culture			■		■
... looking for wildlife	■			■	■
... a morning trip that gets me back for the noon train to Anchorage			■		
... a day trip that will get me back for the afternoon train to Fairbanks	■		■	■	
... bicycling on the Park Road		■			

Park Regulations

PETS must be leashed at all times and are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry.

CAMPFIRES are allowed in Riley, Savage, and Teklanika campgrounds. Firewood is available at Riley Creek Mercantile. Campfires must not be left unattended.

FOOD STORAGE: All food, beverages, garbage, pet food and cooking or food storage equipment must be kept in a closed vehicle, locker, camper, or bear-resistant food container.

CAMPING is allowed at established campgrounds and backcountry units by permit only.



NOISE: Generators in campgrounds may only be used between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. No exceptions.

DRIVING: Be sure to adhere to posted speed limits. Use pullouts and wide portions of the road to view wildlife.

WILDLIFE: To ensure your safety, please maintain the minimum distances found on page 19 of this guide.

Shuttle Destinations and Times

	Destination (Mileage)	Savage River (Mile 15)	Toklat River (Mile 53)	Eielson Visitor Center* (Mile 66)
What to See	Visitors are encouraged to get on and off the buses to explore the park. Anticipate waits up to one hour to re-board.	Savage River is the farthest that visitors can drive in their own vehicles on the Park Road. At this point there is a small parking area, picnic tables, restrooms, and a trail. Visitors are encouraged to take the free shuttle, as parking is limited.	Toklat River is an area of merging glacial rivers. Dall sheep are often seen and grizzlies sometimes graze the soapberries growing on the gravel bar in the fall.	The Eielson Visitor Center is built into the tundra slopes. Its roof serves as an observation deck that provides outstanding opportunities for viewing wild-life, the tundra landscape, and Mount McKinley.
	Roundtrip Time	2 hours roundtrip	6 hours roundtrip	8 hours roundtrip
Fares	Adult Single Fare (age 18 and over) Young Adult Single Fare (age 15-17) Youth Single Fare (age 14 and under)	FREE Buses leave from the Wilderness Access Center regularly from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during peak season. Check at visitor centers and bus stops for schedule. No ticket necessary.	Adult Single Fare \$24.70 Young Adult Single Fare \$12.35 Youth Single Fare FREE	Adult Single Fare \$31.45 Young Adult Single Fare \$15.75 Youth Single Fare FREE

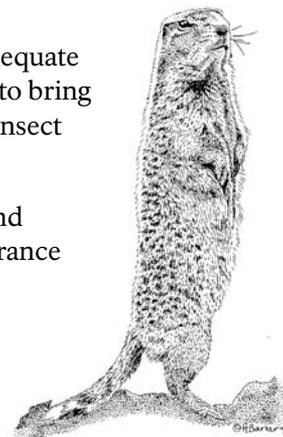
Shuttle Buses

Shuttle Buses are for transportation and wildlife viewing. All shuttle buses depart from the Wilderness Access Center (WAC) only. Passengers may get off along the Park Road and re-board later buses on a space available basis with a ticket for that day. Waits of up to one hour to re-board a shuttle bus are possible.

Dates of Operation: May 20 through September 17, 2009.

Bring plenty of food, water, and adequate warm clothing. You may also want to bring field guides, binoculars, a camera, insect repellent, and head nets.

Fares are dependent on turn-around destination and do not include entrance fees. Youth discounts apply.



Tour Buses

Tundra Wilderness Tour

Wildlife viewing and narrated tour to Toklat River (Mile 53). Tours depart in early morning and afternoon. A snack and hot beverage are served.

Length of Tour: 7-8 hours

Dates of Operation

Core Season May 20-September 17, 2009
Shoulder Season May 15-19 and September 18-20, 2009
Dates subject to change.

Natural History Tour

Narrated tour of the park to Primrose Ridge (Mile 17). Morning and afternoon departures available. A snack and beverage are provided.

Length of Tour: 4-1/2-5 hours

Kantishna Experience

Narrated tour to historic gold mining area of Kantishna located at the end of the Park Road (Mile 90). Meet a ranger for a short walk and talk. Lunch and beverages included.

Length of Tour: 12-13 hours

Departure

Tour Buses depart from area hotels and the Wilderness Access Center. Please check pickup location prior to the date of departure.

For More Information visit www.nps.gov/dena

For Reservations: See page 10 or visit www.reservedenali.com

Weather: The start and end dates of all bus services are weather dependent.

Wheelchair Accessible Buses are available on all bus systems. Please advise staff of your needs when you make your reservation.

Children under 4 years must be in a carseat to ride on buses. Please make arrangements to bring your own carseat.

*Bus service starting dates vary to these locations.

Wonder Lake* (Mile 85)	Kantishna* (Mile 90)	Camper Bus and Backpackers Only
Wonder Lake was created by the Muldrow Glacier. Along the road to Wonder Lake, alder and willow-carpeted hills are dotted with kettle ponds. Look for beaver, moose, and birds along the way.	Kantishna is primarily a destination for lodge visitors and backpackers for backcountry access. Please respect the private lands in this area.	Tent campers can access backcountry units or Sanctuary, Teklanika, Igloo, and Wonder Lake campgrounds by camper bus. Reserve a seat when making a camping reservation. Camper bus passes are good on any green bus, space available, for the entire time you are west of Mile 20.
11 hours roundtrip	13 hours roundtrip	Time dependent on destination
Adult Single Fare \$42.95 Young Adult Single Fare \$21.50 Youth Single Fare FREE	Adult Single Fare \$46.70 Young Adult Single Fare \$23.35 Youth Single Fare FREE	Adult Single Fare \$31.45 Young Adult Single Fare \$15.75 Youth Single Fare FREE

Entrance Area Buses

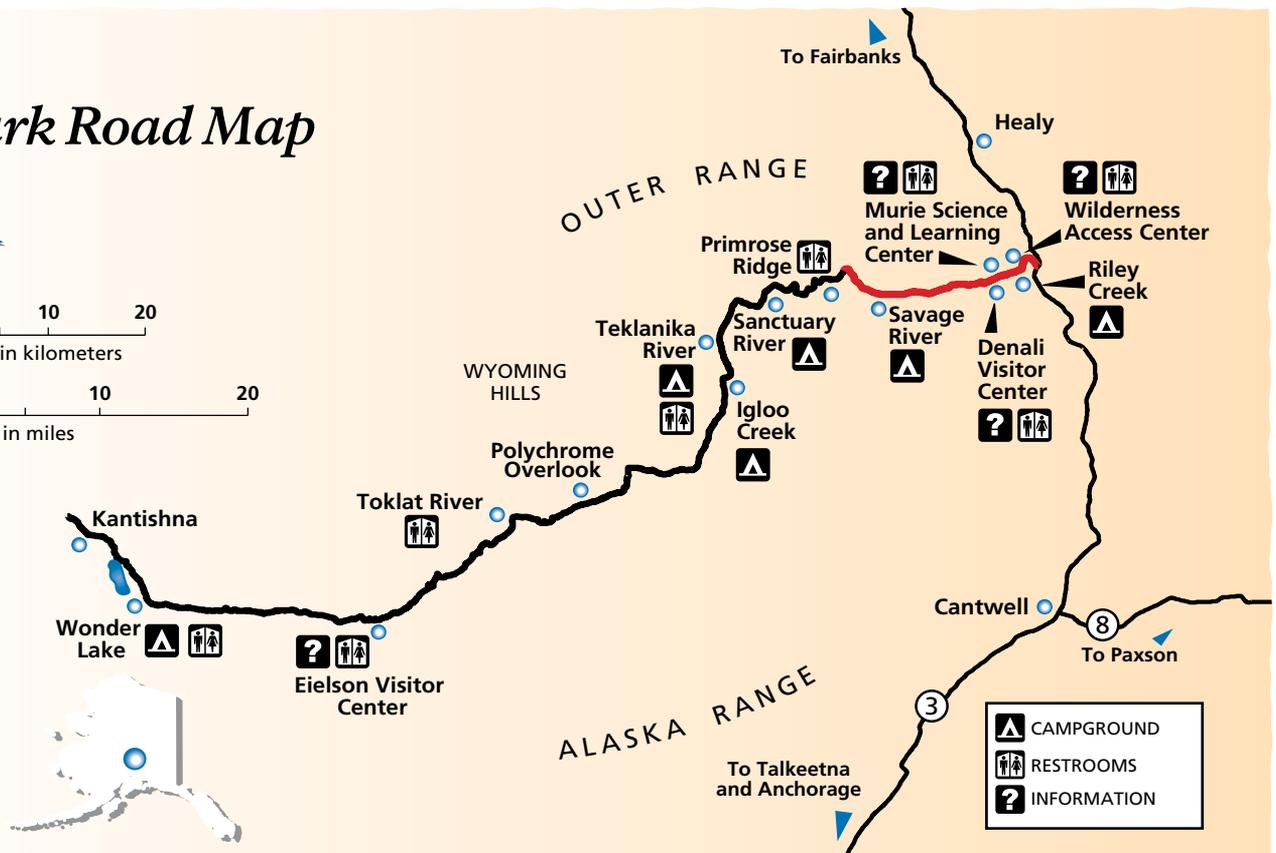
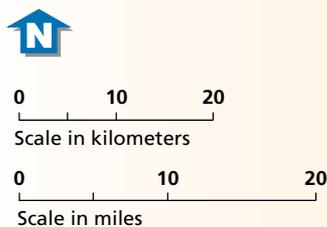
The entrance area is where you'll find most of the amenities of the park: Denali Visitor Center, Wilderness Access Center, Murie Science and Learning Center, Riley Creek Campground, Denali Park Post Office, Riley Creek Mercantile, Railroad Depot, and trailheads.

Dates of Operation: May 20 through September 17, 2009, weather permitting.

Wheelchair Accessible buses are available.

Riley Creek Loop Bus	Dog Sled Demo Bus
Free transportation around the entrance area of the park. Loops continuously throughout the day, see schedule at bus stops and visitor centers. Board at Riley Creek Campground, Wilderness Access Center, Denali Visitor Center bus stop, Murie Science and Learning Center, and Horseshoe Lake Trailhead.	Free, roundtrip transportation for each 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. dog demo. Board only at the Denali Visitor Center bus stop 40 minutes before demo . No parking at kennels area.
30 minutes roundtrip	1.5 hours roundtrip
FREE	FREE

Park Road Map



*Red segment along road is open to public traffic, as well as a free shuttle.

Reservations for Buses and Campsites

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS for all bus services and campsites for the 2009 season are available through September 17, 2009. Each shuttle reservation may include a maximum of eight seats. Make reservations online or by phone, fax or mail.

PHONE LINES are open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Alaska Time) daily. Tickets can be purchased by phone up until the day before travel and picked up at the Wilderness Access Center (WAC).

800-622-7275 Nationwide
907-272-7275 International
www.reservedenali.com

FAX AND MAIL-IN service begins December 1 and continues through August 31 each year. Fax and mail requests will be processed in the order received.

FAX 907-264-4684. Requests must be received no less than two days before travel. Download a fax form from www.nps.gov/dena to ensure you include all the necessary information.

MAIL your request to:

Doyon/ARAMARK Joint Venture
 2445 West Dunlap Ave.
 Phoenix, AZ 85021

Requests must be received 30 days before travel date.

When faxing or mailing reservation requests, include the name and age of each passenger, as youth discounts

do apply. It is always helpful to include alternate dates of travel.

FEES: In addition to the costs listed in the chart below, please include an entrance fee of \$10.00 per individual, \$15.00 per motorcycle, or \$20.00 per vehicle. Payment can be made by credit card, check (received 10 working days in advance), or money order. Cancellation fees apply.

REFUND POLICY: For each shuttle bus seat and/or campground site there is a \$4.00 cancellation fee. Shuttle bus cancellations must be made at least 24 hours before departure time. Campground cancellations must be made by 11 a.m. the day before arrival. Tour Bus cancellations must be made seven days prior to departure. No refund within seven days. A \$4.00 change fee is collected for any changes made to existing reservations.

TICKETS: Prepaid, reserved tickets can be picked up at the WAC. It is not necessary to check in at the WAC if you already have your shuttle tickets. You need to be at the WAC loading deck 15 minutes before your bus departure. Any unclaimed, prepaid tickets for buses departing before 7 a.m. may be picked up from the expeditors on the bus deck. Bus drivers do not sell tickets. Campground permits can be picked up at the Riley Creek Mercantile or at the WAC.

Campground Descriptions and Fees

Campground Name and Location	Season	Water	Facilities	Cost /Night Summer	Emergency	Reservations / Remarks
Riley Creek 1/4 mile west of Alaska Hwy. #3. 146 sites for RVs and tents	All year; limited facilities from Sept. - May	Yes (no water in winter)	Flush and vault toilets	\$14* walk-in tent, \$22* RV (up to 30'), \$28* RV (up to 40')	Contact camp host or Park Headquarters	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Savage River Mile 13, 33 sites for RVs and tents	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush and vault toilets	\$22*	Contact camp host or Park Headquarters	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Savage Group Mile 13, 3 sites; tents only	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Vault toilet	\$40*	Contact camp host or Park Headquarters	Make reservations only by calling the numbers listed above.
Sanctuary River Mile 23, 7 sites; tents only; no vehicles	May - Sept. Weather dependent	No	Vault toilet	\$9*	Contact Park Ranger or Park Headquarters	Make reservations in person within 2 days at the WAC or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Teklanika River Mile 29, 53 sites for RVs and tents	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Chemical toilet	\$16*	Contact camp host or Park Ranger	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Igloo Creek Mile 34, 7 sites; tents only; no vehicles	May - Sept. Weather dependent	No	Vault toilet	\$9*	Contact Park Ranger or Park Headquarters	Make reservations in person within 2 days at the WAC or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Wonder Lake Mile 85, 28 sites; tents only; no vehicles	June - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush toilet	\$16*	Contact camp host or Wonder Lake Ranger Station (2 mi. west)	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.

10 Prices are subject to change. 50% discount available with Senior or Access passes only. Cancellations must be made by 11 a.m. the day before arrival in order to receive a refund. Cancellation fee applies.

*Prices do not include a non-refundable campground reservation fee of \$5.00.

Teklanika Campground

Teklanika (“Tek”) campers may drive their vehicles to the campground with a minimum three-night stay. Dump your holding tanks, fill water tanks, and get all necessary items, including firewood, before going to Tek. Your road pass is good for one trip into the campground and one trip out. During the remainder of your stay, your vehicle is restricted to the campground. Leave towed vehicles in the Riley Creek long-term parking lot.

Campers driving to Tek Campground should purchase a Teklanika Shuttle Pass to travel farther west into the park on the shuttle bus. The Tek Pass is only good for campers staying at Tek Campground. The Tek Pass may not be used to travel east of Tek Campground.

Other Campgrounds

Please camp responsibly. Camping is prohibited along the Parks Highway within park boundaries, and in parking areas and pull-outs along the Park Road. Garbage and illegal sewage discharge create problems for people and wildlife. Additional campgrounds outside the park offer RV hookups, sewage disposal, tent camping, and food lockers. Thank you for protecting our environment.

Privately Owned Campground	Distance*	# Sites	Phone #
Tatlanika Campground	39 N	18	907-582-2341
Waugaman Village	12 N	18	907-683-2737
McKinley RV and Campground	10 N	89	907-683-2379
Denali RV Park	8 N	85	907-683-1500
Denali Riverside Campground	3 N	98	866-583-2696
Denali Rainbow RV Camping	1 N	77	907-683-7777
Denali Grizzly Bear Cabins and Campground	6 S	58	866-583-2696
Carlo Creek Lodge	13 S	25	907-683-2576
Cantwell RV Park	27 S	76	800-940-2210

*Miles from park entrance, North (N) or South (S)



Know Before You Go

Campground Regulations

- ▲ Fires are allowed only in established grates. Firewood may be purchased at the Riley Creek Mercantile. The use of power saws and cutting live vegetation or standing deadwood is prohibited. Campfires must not be left unattended.
- ▲ Pets must be leashed at all times. They are not allowed on trails, riverbars, or in the backcountry. Please dispose of feces in garbage cans. Secure pet food inside a vehicle or food locker.
- ▲ Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. At Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika campgrounds, generators may only be operated from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. No exceptions.
- ▲ Check in at 11 a.m. Check out at 11 a.m.

Wildlife & Food Storage

- ▲ Keep a clean camp and wash dishes immediately.
- ▲ Do not cook directly on fire grates; use and dispose of foil after cooking.
- ▲ Store and cook food away from sleeping areas.
- ▲ Store all food and ice chests in vehicles or in the food lockers provided.
- ▲ Do not feed any animal, including birds.



Information Centers



DENALI VISITOR CENTER

Mile 1.5 Park Road, 907-683-9532
Open: May 15 to Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily
Offers: Bus schedules
General information
Feature film
Ranger-guided walks
Interpretive programs
Exhibits



DENALI VISITOR CENTER CAMPUS

Mile 1.5 Park Road
Offers: Alaska Geographic Bookstore
Morino Grill
Bus stop
Baggage check
Lost and Found 907-683-9275



MURIE SCIENCE AND LEARNING CENTER

Mile 1.3 Park Road
Open: Summer, May 15 to Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 907-683-1269
Winter, Sept. 18 to May 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, 907-683-9532
Offers: Exhibits
Retail sales
Classes
Field Seminars
Teacher Trainings
Evening Speaker Series



WILDERNESS ACCESS CENTER

Mile 1.0 Park Road, 907-683-9274
Open: May 15 to Sept. 17, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily
Hours may vary during shoulder seasons
Reservation desk opens at 7 a.m.
Offers: General information from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
All shuttle buses depart from here
Bus tickets and campground information
Feature film
Coffee service
Retail bookstore



BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER

Mile 1.0 Park Road, adjacent to the Wilderness Access Center
Open: May 15 to Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily
Offers: Backcountry information and permits
Bear-resistant food containers
Maps



TOKLAT REST STOP

Mile 53 Park Road
Open: June 1 to Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
Offers: Alaska Geographic Bookstore
Information



EIELSON VISITOR CENTER

Mile 66 Park Road
Open: June 1 to Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
Offers: Information
Ranger-guided walks
Exhibits



TALKEETNA RANGER STATION

B Street in Talkeetna, 907-733-2231
Open: Mid-April to Labor Day, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Remainder of year, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.
Offers: Climbing information for Alaska Range
General information
Interpretive programs
Alaska Geographic Bookstore

For information on mountaineering guide services contact:

Talkeetna Ranger Station
P.O. Box 588, Talkeetna, AK 99676
907-733-2231 or e-mail
DENA_Talkeetna_Office@nps.gov

Facilities and Services

▲ **Accessibility:** Most restrooms are wheelchair accessible. Savage Cabin Trail, the first half-mile of Savage River Trail, and trails around Denali Visitor Center and Riley Creek Mercantile are wheelchair accessible. Some tour and shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible; please advise staff of needs when making a reservation. The Denali Visitor Center and Wilderness Access Center feature films are open-captioned.

▲ **Alaska Railroad:** You can travel to Denali by rail from Fairbanks, Anchorage, or Talkeetna. Call 907-265-2683 in Anchorage; 907-265-2683 outside Anchorage; 800-544-0552 outside Alaska; 683-2233 in Denali.

▲ **Banks:** The closest bank is in Healy. ATM service is provided at the Denali Princess, McKinley Chalets, Northern Lights Gift Shop, the Lynx Creek Store, and the Salmon Bake.

▲ **Gas and Propane:** On Highway #3 one mile north of the park entrance (summer); year-round in Healy, Cantwell, and Talkeetna (see map page 9).

▲ **Grocery, Laundry, and Showers:** At the Riley Creek Mercantile, located near the entrance of the park, adjacent to the Riley Creek Campground.

▲ **Lost and Found:** If you lose something of value, contact a ranger or call 907-683-9275. To report a loss or to turn in found items, stop by the baggage check facility located across from the train depot, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

▲ **Medical:** Located in the Tri-Valley Community Center, 13 miles north of the park and 1/2 mile east of Highway #3 on Healy Spur Road, is the Interior Community Health Center (907-683-2211). A physician's assistant is on-call. The closest physicians and hospitals are in Fairbanks.

In the region south of Denali, the Sunshine Community Health Center is located at Mile 4 of the Talkeetna Spur Road. Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with 24-hour on-call services (907-733-2273). The Talkeetna Denali Family Medical Clinic in downtown Talkeetna (907-733-2708) maintains office hours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

▲ **National Park Service:** Contact us at Denali National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, AK 99755, or at 907-683-2294, or visit www.nps.gov/dena

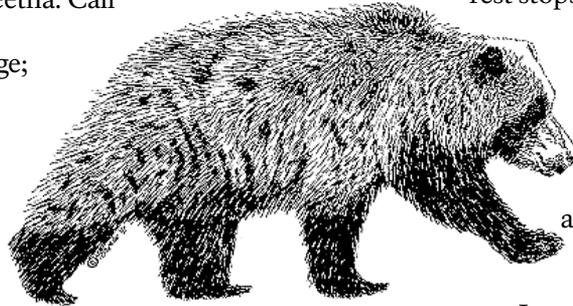
▲ **Post Office:** Located next to Riley Creek Campground.

▲ **Recycling Areas:** Located at the Riley Creek Mercantile for aluminum, plastic, and batteries. Visitor centers, campgrounds, and rest stops have aluminum can receptacles.

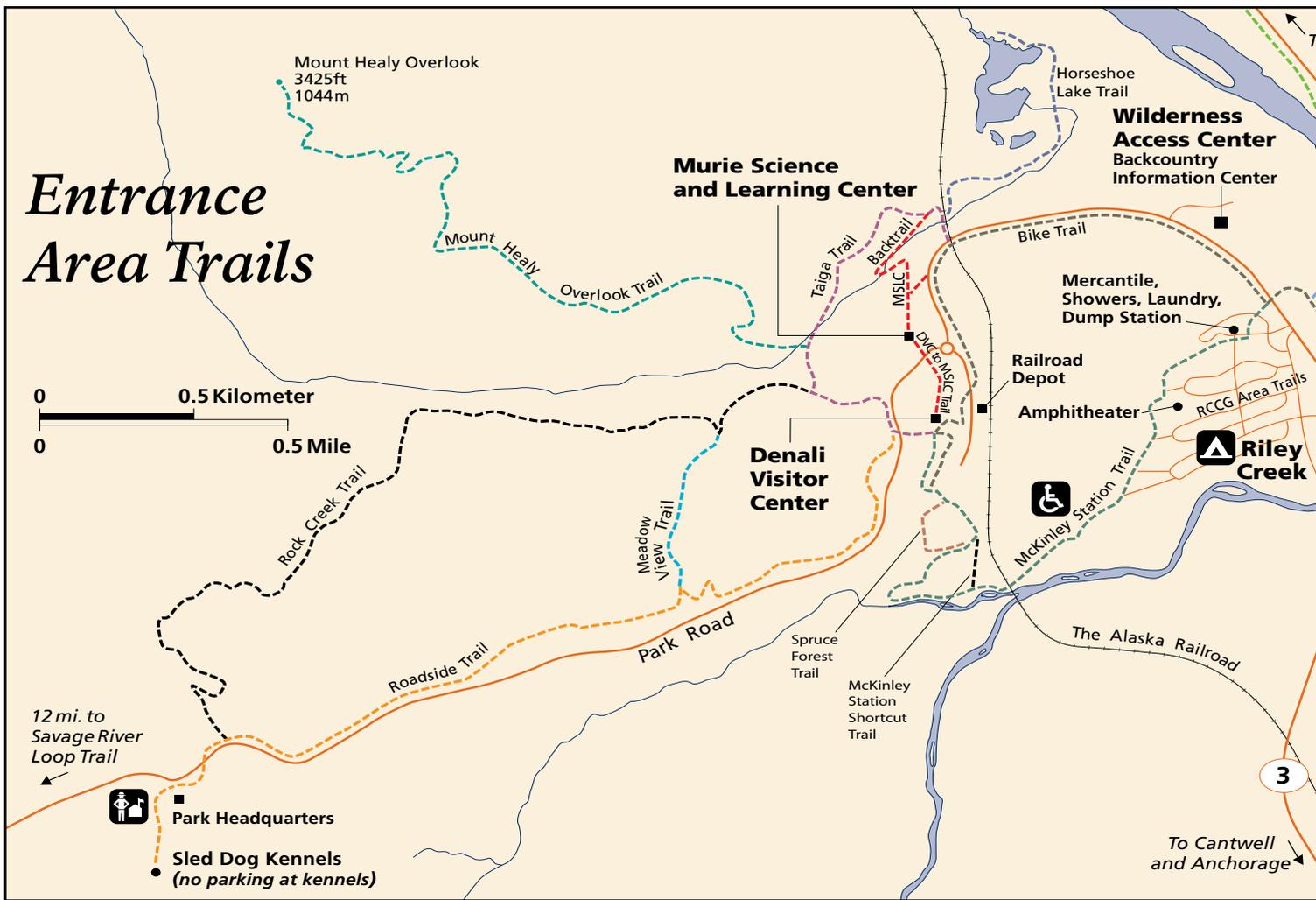
▲ **Religious Services:** Please check at the Denali Visitor Center for times and locations of religious services in the park and in local communities.

▲ **Road Lottery:** This year's Road Lottery is September 18-21. Successful lottery winners (up to 400 vehicles per day) may drive the length of the Park Road in their personal vehicles. Submit entries between June 1 and June 30. All applications must be received by the park no later than July 7. Those selected for permits will be posted on the park website by July 15. For instructions on how to enter visit www.nps.gov/dena

▲ **Sewage Dump Station:** Located adjacent to the Riley Creek Mercantile. Free to campers staying in the park; \$5.00 fee for others. Payable at the Riley Creek Mercantile. Facility may be closed during early or late seasons due to frozen ground or chance of freezing.



A park visitor contemplates his first full view of Mount McKinley (elevation 20,320 feet) from the Stony Hill Overlook at Mile 62 of the Park Road (elevation 3,900 feet).



	Spruce Forest Trail	McKinley Station Trail	Meadow View Trail	Horseshoe Lake Trail	Bike Trail	Roadside Trail
Difficulty	Easy	Moderate	Moderate	Easy to moderate	Easy	Moderately strenuous
Distance	0.27 miles/0.4 km	1.6 miles/2.6 km	0.3 miles/0.5 km	1.5 miles/2.4 km	1.7 mile/2.7 km	1.8 miles/2.9 km
Time Estimate	15 min. roundtrip	60 min. one way	1.5 hours roundtrip	1.5 hours roundtrip	45 min. one way	1 hour one way
Access	Visitor Center Trailhead	Visitor Center, Riley Creek Campground or Riley Creek Mercantile (Forms a 3.0 mile/4.8 km loop with the Bike Path)	Connects Rock Creek Trail and Roadside Trail to form a 1.6 mile/2.6 km loop back to Visitor Center	From Taiga Trail or Bike Path join Horseshoe Lake Trail at railroad tracks. (Limited parking available.)	Connects Visitor Center and the Wilderness Access Center to the Park Entrance with access to visitor services. (Forms a 3.0 mile/4.8 km loop with the McKinley Station Trail.)	From Visitor Center via Taiga Trail to Park Headquarters and Sled Dog Kennels
Highlights	Spruce forest, wildflowers, and berries in season	Historic building remains, geologic features, railroad trestle, and Riley Creek	View of meadows and mountains, wildflowers, possible signs of wildlife	Benches provided lakeside and at top of hill. Views of oxbow lake and the Nenana River. Wildlife sightings possible	Skirts forest edge	Aspen, birch and spruce forests
Elevation Change	None	100 feet	None	250 feet	150 feet	350 feet
Grade	0%	8.5% maximum	Access trails up to 15%	5%, with sections up to 20%	5% maximum	Up to 15%
Width	72 inches	48 inches	30 inches	60 inches	10 feet	36 inches
Surface	Compacted gravel	Compacted gravel	Compacted gravel	Native soils with roots and rocks	Compacted gravel	Compacted gravel



A free, full-page trail map is available at the Denali Visitor Center

Hiker's Checklist

- **Food:** Avoid scented, spiced, or smoked foods. Keep food with you at all times.
- **Water:** *Giardia* occurs in the park. Boil all water or use a filter.
- **Footwear:** Wear sturdy, well-fitting hiking boots and take extra socks and gaiters to keep feet dry.
- **Clothing:** Take rain gear, a hat, and gloves. Dress in layers: wool, pile, or other non-absorbent synthetic insulation is preferable to cotton.
- **Insect Repellent and Head Net**
- **Toilet Paper:** Pack out all toilet paper, used pads, and tampons. Double wrap in plastic.
- **Essential Gear:** Bring map, compass, waterproof matches or lighter, first aid kit, knife, and a whistle or flares.
- **Emergency:** Always remember to tell someone where you are going.
- **More Information:** Check at the Backcountry Information Center.

Rock Creek Trail	Taiga Trail	Mount Healy Overlook Trail	Parks Highway Bike Path	Savage River Loop	Murie Science and Learning Center Trail
Moderately strenuous	Easy to Moderate	Strenuous	Easy 	Easy to Moderate <small>First half-mile is wheelchair accessible.</small>	Easy to Moderate
2.4 miles/3.8 km	0.9 miles/1.5 km	4.5 miles/7.3 km roundtrip	1.6 miles/2.6 km	2.0 miles/3.2 km	0.56 miles
2 hours one way	45-60 min. one way	3-4 hours roundtrip	1 hour one way	1.5 hours roundtrip	20 min. one way
From Visitor Center via Taiga Trail to Park Headquarters and Sled Dog Kennels	From the Visitor Center or railroad crossing trailhead, provides access to Rock Creek and Mount Healy Overlook trails	Take Taiga Trail for 0.3 miles, then look for Mount Healy Overlook Trail junction	Travels 0.6 miles from Park Entrance to Nenana River, and another mile to end of business district	Begins at Mile 15 of Park Road. Accessible by free Savage River Shuttle bus and private vehicle, with limited parking available.	Denali Visitor Center and Murie Science and Learning Center
Stands of birch and spruce trees, ridge views with increased quiet and solitude away from the road	Spruce and aspen forests, flowers in spring, berries in summer and fall	Dramatic views. Benches provided after first mile and 500 ft. elev. gain. Switchbacks climb another mile and 1,200 ft. to overlook	Paved trail connecting to lodging and services	Watch for wildlife on rocky slopes. Goes downstream, crosses a wooden bridge and returns upstream on the opposite side	Connects MSLC to Taiga Trail via a quiet creek valley away from the Park Road
400 feet	75 feet	1,700 feet	100 feet	None	10 feet - 75 feet
Up to 15%	5% with sections up to 15%	Up to 25%	5% maximum	Negligible	5-18%
30 inches	24 inches	24 inches	10 feet	24 inches	24-72 inches
Compacted gravel	Gravel with open steps across ditches	Native soils with rocks and roots	Asphalt	Native soils with rocks and roots	Compacted gravel

Ranger-Led Walks and Hikes

Wear hiking boots or comfortable walking shoes, take layers of clothing and rain gear. Participants on the Discovery Hike must also carry food and water. An elevation change of over 1,000 feet (300 meters) is considered strenuous; less than 1,000 feet, moderate. Please consider your fitness level when planning a hike in the park.

Program	Description	How to Get There	Length	Difficulty
Discovery Hike	A great hike to explore the heart of Denali. Expect uneven terrain, small stream crossings, close encounters with dense vegetation, and unpredictable weather on this trailless wilderness hike. The locations of hikes change daily.	Hikers must sign up in person at the Denali Visitor Center one or two days prior to the hike. Hikers must also purchase a \$31.45 Discovery Hike bus ticket. Group size is limited.	3-5 hours 1.5-6 miles (2.5-10 km) For hikes on the east side of the park, add a 2-5 hour roundtrip bus ride. For hikes on the west side, add a 5-8 hour roundtrip bus ride.	Level of difficulty varies from level ground to an elevation gain of 1,500 feet.
Entrance Area Hikes and Strolls	Join a ranger on a walk along one of the entrance area trails. Hikes range from short loops in the spruce forest to longer explorations that interpret various park-related themes. Hikes will start in the morning, afternoon or evening. Check at the Denali Visitor Center or the Wilderness Access Center for the daily schedule.	Starts at the Denali Visitor Center. Sign-ups are not required.	Varies from .5 hour to 2.5 hours, .25 mile (.5 km) to 3 miles (4.8 km).	Varies from level ground to 500 feet (150 meters) elevation change.

Check for program dates and time changes at the Denali Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/dena

Ranger Programs

Program	Time	Description	How to Get There	Length
Sled Dog Demonstrations	10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Limited schedule in shoulder season.	Tour the park kennels, visit Denali's sled dogs, and observe rangers and dogs working together to demonstrate a traditional mode of travel.	Free buses depart from the Denali Visitor Center bus stop 40 minutes prior to demonstration . No late departures. No parking at kennels.	40-minute program 1-1/2 hours total including transportation time
Campground Programs	7:30 p.m. Riley Creek Savage River Teklanika Wonder Lake	Join a ranger for this program on anything from grizzly bears to glaciers.	Riley Creek: walk, drive, or catch a shuttle bus. Savage River: shuttle or personal vehicle.	45 minutes

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Murie Science and Learning Center



The Murie Science and Learning Center (MSLC) is part of a nationwide effort to enhance science in national parks and to share research more effectively with the public. Located near the park entrance, the MSLC represents eight of Alaska's arctic and subarctic national parks. The building is open to the public year-round.

It features an exhibit area highlighting current park science, a classroom, and office space for visiting scientists. A team of non-governmental partners provides more than a half million dollars annually to support the center's research and educational activities. Please see page 23 for a list of partners.

Educational Offerings

In the summer months, the MSLC is the hub for a variety of educational offerings. Multi-day programs such as field seminars, teacher trainings, and youth camps provide unique small-group experiences in the park. At the center visitors can explore the exhibit area, join a science activity, or participate in a lecture.



MSLC instructor Susan Adams shares her knowledge of science with visitors.

To find out more about the 2009 summer schedule, please stop by the Murie Science and Learning Center, look for posted information at the Denali Visitor Center, visit www.murieslc.org, or call 907-683-1269.

Kids' Programs

Junior Ranger Program

Get your free activity guide to learn more about the wildlife, wilderness, and people of Denali while training to be a Junior Ranger.

Denali Discovery Pack

Check out a backpack full of free tools and activities for your whole family to learn together about Denali during your visit to the park. Only at the Denali Visitor Center. Quantities are limited.



A Junior Ranger takes his pledge.

Backcountry Permits

Overnight stays in the backcountry require a free backcountry permit, available at the Backcountry Information Center next to the Wilderness Access Center (WAC). Permits are issued in person, no more than one day in advance, and reservations are not accepted. Permits are not required for day hikes, but some areas may be closed to entry. Hikers should stop at the Backcountry Information Center for a map and current information.

Denali's vast backcountry is divided into units, each of which has a daily quota for the number of people who may camp there. Because more popular units

fill early, be flexible when planning your trip. Most units require the use of bear-resistant food containers, loaned free of charge with a permit. All food and garbage must be stored in these containers.



Follow these steps to obtain your permit (allow one hour at the Backcountry Information Center).

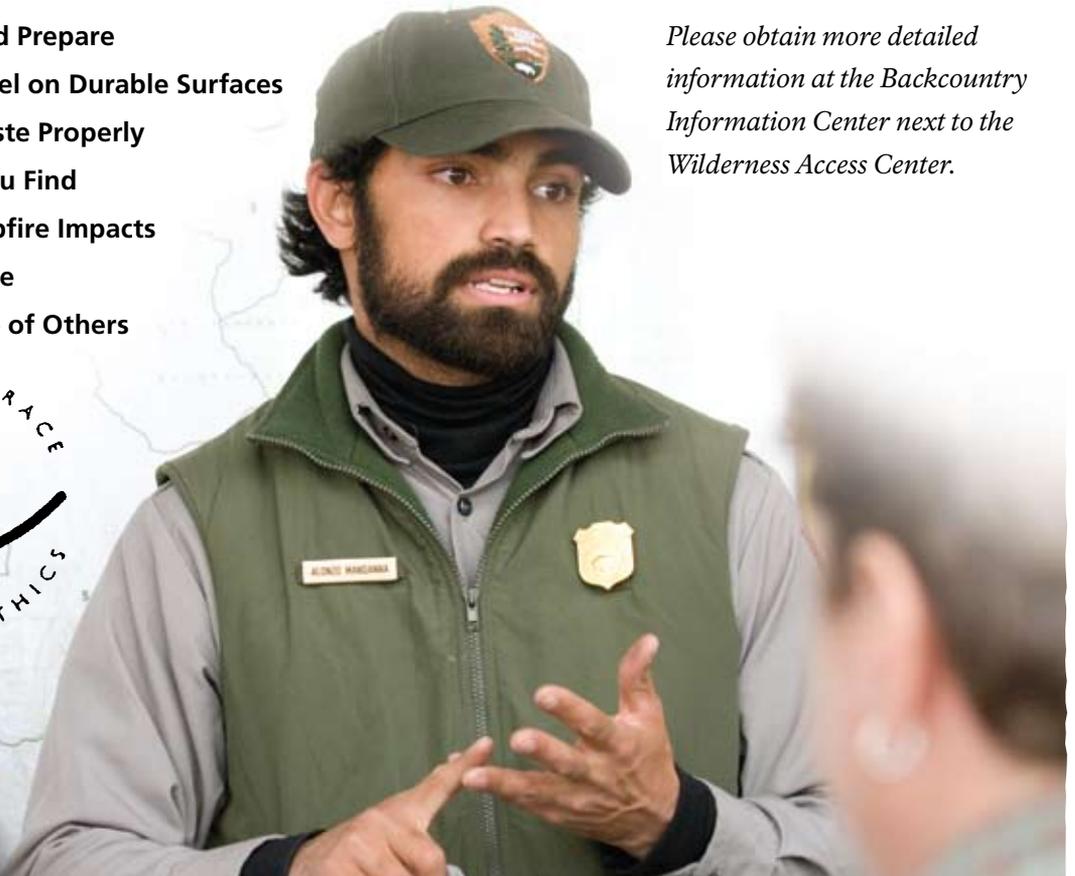
1. Plan your itinerary
2. Watch the backcountry video
3. Attend the ranger safety talk
4. Mark your map
5. Obtain a camper bus ticket at the WAC only after completing your backcountry orientation

Obtaining a backcountry permit and abiding by park regulations are only part of outdoor ethics. Many of your decisions in the backcountry go beyond rules and rely on your sense of responsibility for preserving wilderness. When in the field, you must weigh factors of safety, weather, wildlife encounters, and group dynamics along with your impact on the environment. We urge you to heighten your awareness and accept the challenges of Leave No Trace principles.

Leave Denali As You Found It

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Others

Please obtain more detailed information at the Backcountry Information Center next to the Wilderness Access Center.





Photography Ethics

You are encouraged to enjoy Denali's wildlife, but we ask you to do it with respect and care.

RESPECT the animals and their home. Remember that we are the visitors. The animals living here are engaged in a daily struggle to find food, shelter, and water necessary for survival.

RESIST the temptation to approach animals. If an animal's behavior is interrupted by your presence, you are too close. Avoid stressing wildlife. Do not move to intercept an animal's path. Keep your distance.

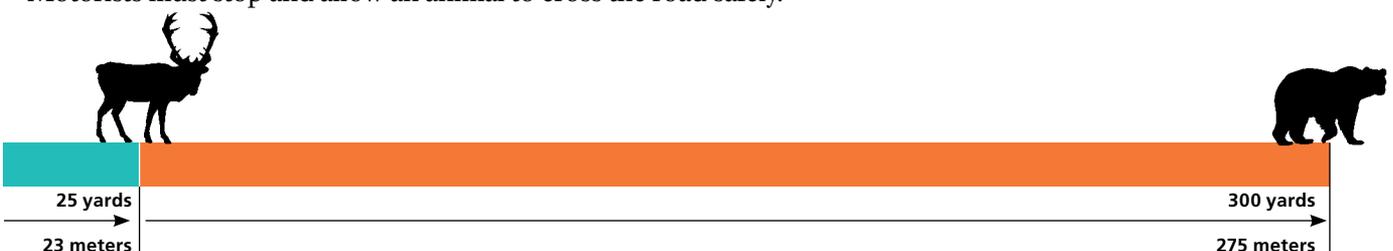
RESPONSIBLE visitors use binoculars or a telephoto lens to observe an animal's natural behavior. One of the most special wildlife experiences is the opportunity to view an animal "being wild."

REMINDE others of their ethical responsibility when photographing animals. Help protect and preserve the natural wonders of Denali for the future. It is up to all of us.

Denali is home to wildlife

Please observe these distance rules to ensure their safety and yours.

- These are minimum distance restrictions. Any distance that alters the behavior of an animal is too close.
- Maintain the distance rules at all times. Do not engage in photography if an animal moves closer than the minimum required distance.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times such as when they are nesting, mating, or raising young.
- Please don't follow an animal at close distance with your vehicle.
- Motorists must stop and allow an animal to cross the road safely.



Moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolf, an active raptor nest, or occupied den site.

Bear

Be Bear Aware

AVOIDING ENCOUNTERS

Denali National Park and Preserve is home to both black bears and grizzly bears. Black bears inhabit the forested areas of the park, while grizzly bears mainly live on the open tundra. Almost all bears seen by visitors along the Park Road are grizzlies. The bears of Denali are wild creatures, behaving naturally. If annoyed, these solitary animals can be very dangerous to intruders. For your own protection, and to keep Denali bears healthy and wild, please carefully read and abide by these rules.

As visitors to this wildlife sanctuary, each of us has an obligation to respect bears and their habitat. These rules are strictly enforced in Denali. Failure to observe them may result in citations and fines.

Be alert: Bears are active both day and night and can be anywhere. Watch for tracks and scat.

Don't surprise: Bears may perceive you as a threat if you startle them.

Make noise: Warn bears of your presence by making noise—sing, shout, talk. Be especially careful in dense brush where visibility is low, and along rivers where bears cannot hear you over the noise of the water.

Never approach: Bears should live as free from human interference as possible. Give them space. Maintain a minimum distance of 300 yards (275 meters). Standing your ground to allow a bear to approach for photographs is prohibited. If a bear changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.

For more information on human-bear encounters, read *Backcountry Bear Basics* by Dave Smith.

Allowing a bear to obtain human food or garbage, even once, may cause it to seek out more human food. Eventually, if the bear becomes a threat to human safety, it may be killed. For this reason, it is against the law to feed bears in Denali or elsewhere in Alaska, either purposely or by carelessly leaving food or garbage where bears can get it.

Grizzly bear

Please report all bear incidents and encounters to a ranger. Park rangers and biologists need this information to document bear behavior for research and management purposes.

AVOIDING ENCOUNTERS

Do not run: Running may elicit a chase response. Bears can run faster than 30 mph (50 km/hr). You cannot outrun them. If the bear is unaware of you, detour quickly and quietly away. Give the bear plenty of room, allowing it to continue its activities undisturbed.

Back away slowly if the bear is aware of you: Speak in a low, calm voice while waving your arms slowly above your head. Bears that stand up on their hind legs are not threatening you, but merely trying to identify you.

Should a bear approach or charge you—do not run, do not drop your pack: Bears sometimes charge to within

a few feet of a person before stopping or veering off. Dropping a pack may pique a bear's curiosity, causing it to investigate. **Stand still** until the bear moves away, then slowly back off.

If a grizzly makes contact with you, play dead. Curl up into a ball with your knees tucked into your stomach and your hands laced around the back of your neck. Leave your pack on to protect your back. If the attack is prolonged, fight back vigorously.

If a black bear makes contact with you, fight back immediately.



Photo © Kennan Ward

Campgrounds

- All food, food containers, coolers, and dirty cooking utensils must be stored in a closed, hard-sided vehicle or in a campground food-storage locker whenever they are not in use. This includes freeze-dried and canned food, as well as beverages and odorous items, such as soap, toothpaste, and sunscreen.
- Keep a clean camp. Dispose of trash in a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster, available at campgrounds. Scrape unwanted food from pots and plates and place in trash container. Be sure dumpster lids are closed and latched. Do not leave items lying around your campsite.
- Never leave food, containers, or garbage unattended even for just a few minutes.

Backcountry

The Backcountry Information Center issues bear-resistant food containers with your backcountry permit. These containers are lightweight, cylindrical canisters designed to keep bears from obtaining human food and trash. Since the introduction of bear-resistant food containers in 1984, there has been a 95 percent reduction in bears obtaining backpackers' food and an 88 percent decrease in property damage.

- All food, including freeze-dried and canned foods, beverages, and odorous items, such as soap and sunscreen, must be kept in the bear-resistant food containers when not in use.
- Cook and store food at least 100 yards/meters downwind from your tent in an area with good visibility in all directions. Keep an eye out for approaching bears. Be prepared to put food away in a hurry.
- Avoid cooking greasy or odorous foods. Do not sleep in the same clothes you wore while cooking.
- Keep a clean and tidy camp. Pack out all trash.

Pepper Spray

The use of pepper spray as a bear deterrent can be very effective when used properly. If you decide to carry it, be aware that wind, spray distance, rain, and product shelf life all influence its effectiveness so learn how to use it. When traveling on buses, tell the driver you have pepper spray so it can be secured appropriately.



Black bear

New Media

Now, no matter where you are, Denali is but a *click* away.

For more than a year, Denali National Park and Preserve has been using the Internet to reach out to visitors, some of whom may never have a chance to visit.

“Denali: New Expeditions” is a free podcast series available online in iTunes (www.itunes.com). The multimedia pages of the park’s website (www.nps.gov/dena) also present more than a dozen photo galleries, audio, and video exhibits for free download.

As different technologies mature and change, it is likely the park will adjust its methods of outreach to ensure that those who want to learn about Denali can do so from anywhere on the planet.

Whereas a virtual visit to Denali will never be the same experience as a hike across the tundra, such a visit does allow millions more people to discover the wonders of this place than would be possible through more conventional means. Web visitors may be relieved to know we have yet to figure out how to create a virtual mosquito.



“Challenge” describes how discovery of a set of intertwined moose antlers and skulls in a designated federal wilderness area inspires discussion and deeper appreciation of wilderness values.



“Discovery” allows Anthony R. Fiorillo, a paleontologist and curator of Earth Sciences at the Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas, Texas, to answer some of the most common questions about the presence of dinosaurs in the region more than 65 million years ago.



“Inspiration” chronicles the techniques and creative process used by fabric artist Ree Nancarrow as she fashioned “Seasons of Denali,” a remarkable panoramic representation of the life and landscape surrounding the Eielson Visitor Center.



“Subsistence” uses construction of a traditional moose hide boat by two Athabascan elders with an 18-year-old high school senior in Cantwell, Alaska to illustrate the importance of an ongoing connection between local rural subsistence users and the land.



“Access” describes how park officials are relying upon science to help develop a new management strategy for transporting people in the park.



“Stewardship” chronicles efforts by scientists to monitor the effects of climate change and determine how park management may need to change in the future based on current trends.



Park Partners



As the primary nonprofit education partner of Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska Geographic connects people to Alaska's magnificent wildlands through experiential education, award-winning books and maps, and by directly supporting the state's parks, forests, and refuges. Each year Alaska Geographic donates more than \$500,000 to help fund educational and interpretive programs throughout Alaska's public lands.

Alaska Geographic operates four bookstores at Denali, including locations at the park entrance, the Toklat Rest Area, the Talkeetna Ranger Station, and the Murie Science and Learning Center. Your purchases at these locations directly support Denali National Park and Preserve—a portion of every sale helps fund the park's educational and interpretive programs.

To find out more, become a member, or browse our selection of Alaska books, maps, and films, stop by any Alaska Geographic bookstore or visit our website at www.alaskageographic.org

Alaska Geographic also supports education and research programs of the Murie Science and Learning Center. Located at the park entrance, the MSLC offers hands-on learning opportunities and works with the park and other partners to enhance science-based education, scientific research, and science-informed management decisions. Learn more at www.murieslc.org



The Denali Education Center partners with the National Park Service through the Murie Science and Learning Center on educational programs for adults and children. Visit www.denali.org

Doyon/ARAMARK Joint Venture is Denali's concessioner and provides its support to many park programs and events.



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The Denali Borough School District provides technical support and equipment to Denali and is a frequent partner in grant writing opportunities that make many park programs possible. Visit <http://denali.ak.schoolwebpages.com>

The University of Alaska partners with Denali in research and educational activities. For information visit www.uaf.edu



The National Park Foundation provides support to parks throughout the United States, including Alaska. For more information visit www.nationalparks.org

Planning Your Trip

Visit Alaska Geographic bookstores at the park entrance, the Toklat Rest Area, or the Talkeetna Ranger Station to find books, maps, films, and gifts related to the natural and cultural history of Denali National Park and Preserve.



Heartbeats of Denali

Narrated by Terry Tempest Williams Experience one of America's wildest landscapes in this captivating journey through the seasons of Denali. Featured at the park visitor center.

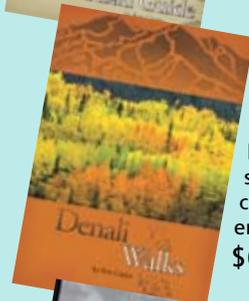
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Denali Road Guide

By Kris Capps The ideal companion for your excursion into the park. Learn about the wildlife, habitats, geology, and human history of Denali in this mile-by-mile guide to the park road.

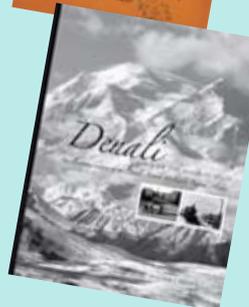
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Denali Walks

By Kris Capps A comprehensive guide to the established trails in the park, from short strolls to adventurous day hikes. Full-color maps, photos, and illustrations enhance each trail description.

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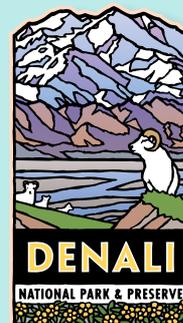


Denali

Symbol of the Alaskan Wild

By William E. Brown The definitive history of Denali National Park highlighted by dozens of historical photos.

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 Denali Park Headquarters..... 907-683-2294
 Healy/Denali Chamber of Commerce..... 907-683-4636
 Lost and Found (within park)..... 907-683-9275
 Shuttle & Campground Reservations.....800-622-7275
 Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce..... 907-733-2330
 Talkeetna Ranger Station.....907-733-2231

Alaska Public Lands Information Centers

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 Fairbanks..... 907-459-3730
 Ketchikan.....907-228-6220
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www.nps.gov/dena

Emergencies— Dial 911

Be prepared to give your location as Denali National Park. Call to report accidents, fires, or life-threatening emergencies. Since there are no phones west of Park Headquarters, emergencies should be reported to rangers on patrol, campground hosts, bus drivers, or to staff at Eielson Visitor Center or Toklat Rest Stop.

What's Burning?

The smoke that you may see or smell originates from fires burning in the boreal forest of the park. Lightning ignites a highly flammable black spruce and fire quickly consumes the tree. The intense heat opens serotinous cones and disperses new seeds onto the forest floor, thus continuing the evolutionary cycle that has gone on for time immemorial. Fire is a constant force of regeneration. When you experience smoke, stop and think about the value of fires to the boreal forest of Denali National Park and Preserve.

Entrance Fees

7 Day Pass — Individual..... \$10
 7 Day Pass — Vehicle..... \$20
 7 Day Pass — Motorcycle..... \$15
 Denali National Park & Preserve Annual Pass..... \$40

America the Beautiful Interagency Passes

Annual..... \$80
 Senior..... \$10
 Access..... Free

