



2006 Fact Sheet

Superintendent	Paul R. Anderson		
Established	February 26, 1917 (as Mount McKinley National Park) December 2, 1980 (increased in size and name changed to Denali National Park and Preserve) <i>Denali is the Athabaskan name for Mount McKinley, and means "The High One." Although McKinley is the mountain's official name, "Denali" is the name favored by most Alaskans.</i>		
Size	Park	4,690,680 acres	7,329.2 sq. miles
	Preserve	<u>1,337,523 acres</u>	<u>2,089.9 sq. miles</u>
		6,028,203 acres	9,419.1 sq. miles
	(For comparison: State of New Hampshire = 9,279 sq. miles, Vermont = 9,609 sq. miles and Massachusetts = 8,284 sq. miles)		
	Wilderness designation (most of original Mount McKinley National Park): 2,125,679 acres or 3,321.4 sq. miles		
	Perimeter (boundary, including new park and preserve): 605 miles or 974 kilometers		
Visitation	2005: 403,520 visitors 2004: 404,234 2003: 359,840		
Base Budget	\$10,660,000 (approximate), not including non- recurring research and construction projects.		
NPS Staffing	Permanent	96	
	Term	22	
	Seasonal	148	
	Volunteers (2005)	357 (contributed 35,727 hours of work)	
Campgrounds	RVs and/or tents:	3 campgrounds (232 sites)	
	Tents only:	3 campgrounds (42 sites)	
Park Road	Total length:	92 miles	148 kilometers
	Paved section:	14.8 miles	23.8 kilometers
Landmarks and Elevations		<u>Elevations above sea level</u>	
	Denali Visitor Center	1,746 feet	532 meters
	Highway Pass (highest point on road)	3,980	1213
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	Wonder Lake Campground	2,090	637
	Mt. Foraker	17,400	5303.5
	Mt. McKinley- - South Peak (highest point in North America)	20,320	6193.5
	- - North Peak	19,470	5934
	Lowest point (Yentna River at boundary)	200	61
Wildlife Species	Amphibians	1 (wood frog)	
	Mammals	39	
	Birds	166 species recorded; 115 documented as breeding and 13 recorded as accidental	
	Fish	14 (including 3 salmon species)	
	Reptiles	0	

Flora	<p>Vascular plants: 754 species documented Tree species: 8 Approximately 600 species of mosses, lichens and liverworts currently listed</p>
Lakes and Streams	<p>Largest is Chilchukabena Lake: 2.6 miles long, 2 miles wide, 2079 acres Wonder Lake: 2.6 miles long, 1/2 mile wide, 649 acres, 280 feet maximum depth Approximately 12,130 lakes and ponds in the park and preserve Miles of streams: 18,679</p>
Glaciers	<p>17% of park's land area is covered with glaciers. Largest glaciers are on south side of Alaska Range: Kahiltna, Ruth, Eldridge, Tokositna and Yentna (35- 40 miles in length). Largest glacier on north side of Alaska Range is the Muldrow Glacier (34 miles long). Deepest measured glacier: Ruth Glacier, 3805 feet or 1160 meters. The surface ice of the Ruth Glacier moves about 0.95m (3.1 ft) per day.</p>
Earthquakes	<p>Number per year: about 700 Average magnitude: 2.0. The 7.9 quake on November 3, 2002 was largest interior Alaska earthquake in state history. Depth: Over 50% between 0- 15 km, but 32% between 90- 130 km Location: most events occur within the Kantishna seismic cluster, in the northern foothills of the Denali range.</p>
Weather	<p>Average annual precipitation = 15 inches (park headquarters) Wettest months are June, July and August. Average annual snowfall = 80 inches (park headquarters) Coldest temperature recorded at headquarters: - 54° F, February 5, 1999 Highest temperature recorded at headquarters: 91° F, June 22, 1991 Average January temperature = 2°F Average July temperature = 55°F Shortest day (December 21) = 4 hours, 21 minutes of daylight Longest day (June 21) = 20 hours, 49 minutes of daylight Number of years in cooperation with the National Weather Service: 81</p>
Sled Dog Kennels	<p>Kennels building constructed in 1929 Number of adult dogs: 28 Sled miles patrolled miles per winter: 3,000 Sled dog demonstrations inaugurated in 1939 2005 dog demonstration attendees: 38,816</p>
Mt. McKinley Mountaineering Statistics (2005)	<p>Number of climbers: 1,340 (previous record was 1,305 in 2001) Number of climbers who reached top or "summit": 775 Summit percentage: 58% (Average summit percentage: 52%) Rescues: 13 Fatalities: 2 (Total number of fatalities since 1932: 95)</p>
Notable Ascents	<p>First summit of South Peak (true summit): June 7, 1913; Harper, Karstens, Stuck, Tatum First summit of North Peak: April 3, 1910; Anderson, Taylor First woman to summit: June 6, 1947; Barbara Polk Washburn First solo ascent: August 26, 1970; Naomi Uemura First winter ascent: February 28, 1967; Johnston, Davidson, Genet First solo winter ascent: February 12, 1984; Uemura (died on descent) First successful winter solo ascent completed: March 7, 1988; Tejas Oldest person to summit: June 15, 2005; Sadao Hoshiko, 74 Youngest person to summit: June 17, 2001; Galen Johnston, 11 years old</p>