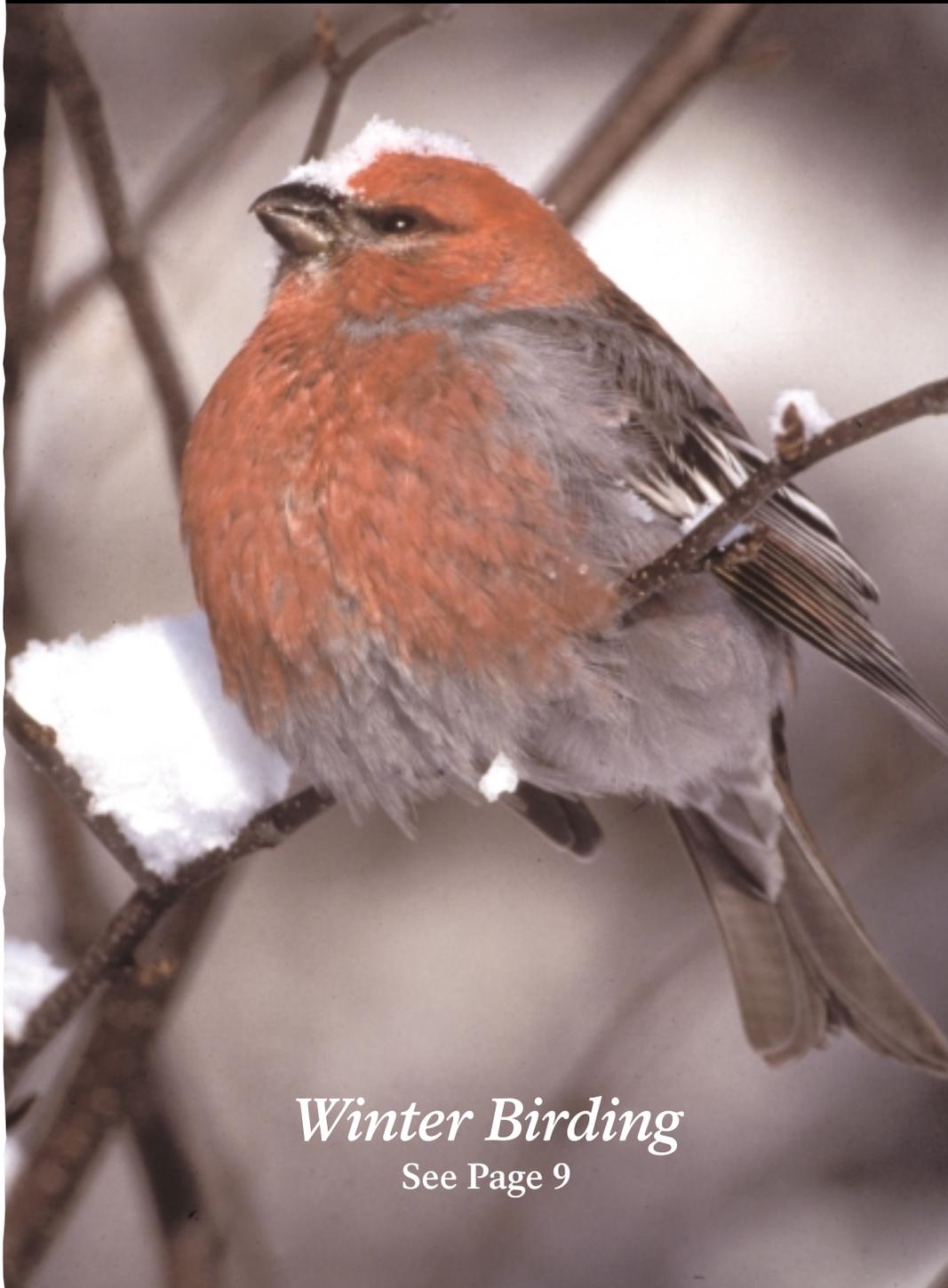




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Winter is a quiet time in Denali, as many species of wildlife have migrated or are hibernating, and ice and snow blanket the park. But park staff are quite busy working on a lot of exciting projects and programs, only a few of which we mention here. We are working hard to protect and preserve park resources and to make your visit more fun and rewarding — no matter what season or what year, whether in person or by “virtual” visit.

For starters, we just opened the first Denali Winter Visitor Center, located at the new Murie Science and Learning Center. Visitors can get current information on winter trails and recreational activities, and how to best enjoy this beautiful season at Denali. Check out Kris Capps’ article on page ten for more information.

The new Denali Visitor Center complex, a 14,000 square-foot visitor center, retail sales and food court building, shuttle bus stop and restroom facility is almost finished and will open early next summer. These wonderful facilities will give visitors more ways to experience and enjoy your park and learn about what Denali offers in addition to the “Mountain” and large mammals.

We begin work next summer on a new Eielson Visitor Center and improvements to the Toklat Rest Stop. When completed in 2007, the new visitor center will model sustainable design and environmentally sensitive construction, provide adequate interior space for interpretive programs and new exhibits, and more outdoor viewing areas.

Finally, together with many partners, state and federal agencies, user groups and local communities, we are developing new ways to handle the increasing numbers of visitors who want to experience the park in a wide variety of ways — while also fulfilling our mission to protect Denali’s resources for future generations. Please visit our website for up-to-date information on current issues and planning efforts, or call the park to get on our mailing list.

Denali National Park and Preserve belongs to all Americans. Special places like Denali require special care and attention to remain part of the legacy we’ll leave for our children. Thank you for your support and your interest in Denali and its future.



Paul R. Anderson

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Superintendent

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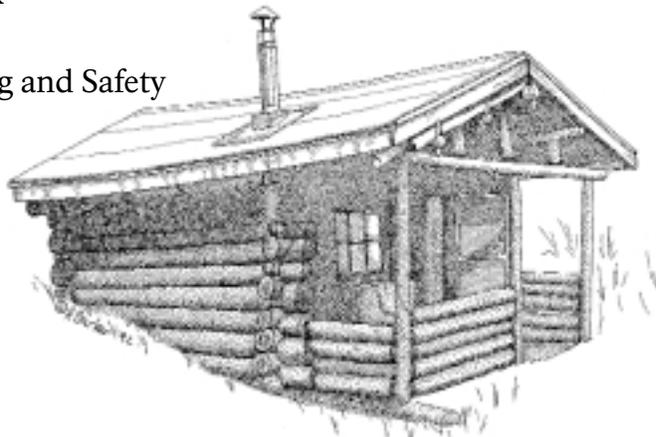
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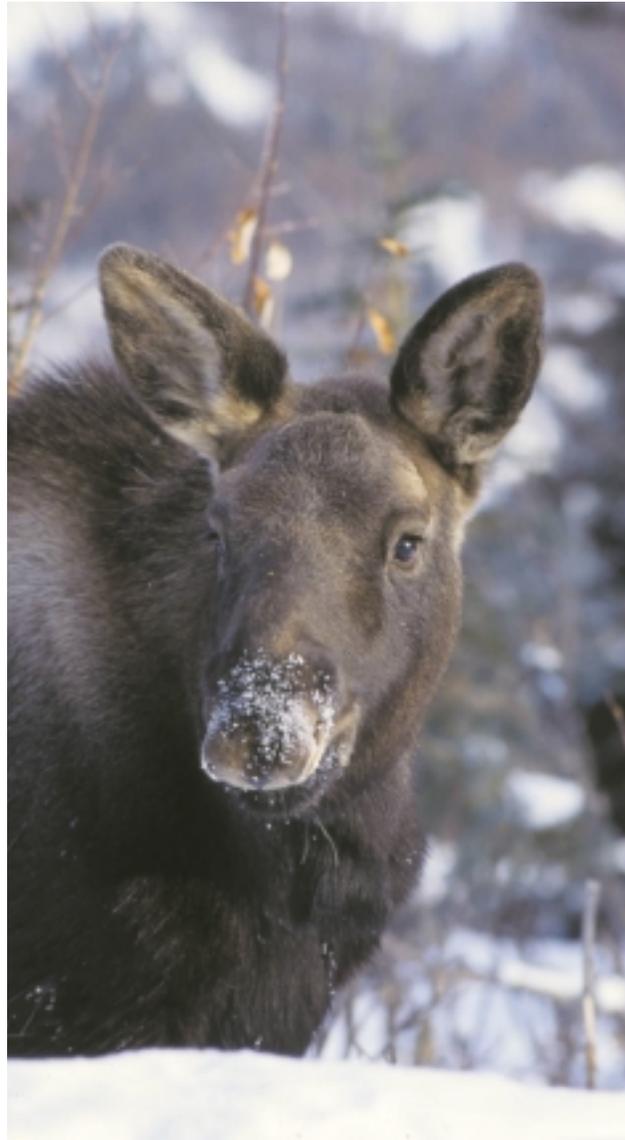
Winterfest 2005

Celebrate Winter February 25-26, 2005

- * evening presentations
- * dog mushing demonstrations
- * skijor, classical and skate ski clinics
- * ski tours
- * avalanche safety training
- * winter ecology walk
- * snowshoe walks
- * snow sculpture contest
- * ice carving demonstration
- * events for kids
- * and much more!

All Winterfest activities and programs are free. Food and lodging are available in the local area communities of Healy and Cantwell. Riley Creek Campground is open to visitors wishing to camp; however, campers are advised that the water and sewer utilities have been shut down for the winter.

Winterfest is sponsored in part by the National Park Service together with the Denali Foundation and the Alaska Natural History Association. For more information, please call 907-683-2294 or visit www.nps.gov/dena.



National Park Service photo

(Above) Wildlife viewing is one of the many activities to be enjoyed in winter.



National Park Service photo

(Left) Guided snowshoe walks offer families an opportunity to enjoy Denali's backcountry during Winterfest.

What to do in the Winter



National Park Service photo

Watching Wildlife

Although bears, marmots and ground squirrels cope with winter by sleeping or hibernating, the rest of the park's year-round residents are active throughout the winter. Moose frequent riparian areas with plentiful willow for browsing, while Dall sheep search for food on high ridges where the wind blows away the snow cover. The best evidence of animal activity is found in tracks left in the snow, where the daily drama of the struggle for survival is recorded for all to see. For more details on wildlife, see page 9.

Viewing the Aurora

Some Alaska Native groups believed that the northern lights were caused by spirits playing ball games in the sky. Early explorers believed them to be the reflection of sunlight off the polar ice caps. Modern research reveals that northern lights occur when charged particles from the sun interact with the earth's magnetic field, 50 to 100 miles above the earth's surface. The best time to watch the aurora is from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Skijoring

Consider the joy of skiing. Imagine the thrill of dog mushing. Combine these and you have skijoring, in which skiers harness dog power to the delight of both. Although most skijorers use just one or two dogs, some use larger teams. Skijoring traces its roots to Scandinavia, where it developed as a way to train dogs for Nordic-style mushing teams, and now enjoys a popularity all its own.



National Park Service photo

For Day Trips:

- Stop by the Winter Visitor Center and talk to a ranger.
- Check for activities such as hikes or talks.
- Search the surrounding forest for signs of wildlife activity.

For Extended Trips:

- Obtain a backcountry permit at the Winter Visitor Center.
- Notify someone of your plans and your expected return date.
- Consult with park rangers for an update on conditions.
- Be prepared to set your own course and be self-sufficient.

Skiing

Cross-country skiing is a peaceful, rewarding way to explore Denali, whether on an afternoon trip on sled dog trails along the Park Road or on an extended trip into the backcountry. Telemark skiing and snowboarding involve long climbs on foot, but are becoming increasingly popular in Denali.

Snowmachining

Snowmachine use is not allowed in the old Mount McKinley National Park, which includes the Park Road. Snowmachine use is allowed in the 1980 park additions for traditional activities such as hunting and trapping (where those activities are legal). Contact the park directly for further clarification.

Snowshoeing

A popular recreational activity today, snowshoeing was an essential part of winter living for many northern Native groups. Locally, birch wood was split and bent to form the frame, upon which were woven thin strips of moose hide, or babiche. Historically, as today, different lengths of snowshoes served different purposes. A longer, flatter shoe is ideal for traveling in very deep snow, whereas a shorter shoe with an up-turned toe is better for traveling over an existing trail, across rougher terrain or through brushy areas.

Dog Mushing

Developed in the Native cultures of Canada, Greenland and Alaska, dog mushing was adopted by European explorers as the mode of transportation best suited to northern winter landscapes. Dog mushing continues to be an excellent way to explore remote wilderness regions like Denali. See page 8.



Photos © Kennan Ward

Other Seasons

Late Fall/Early Winter

(mid-September to mid-October)

When the road closes in the fall and bus engines are silent for the winter, hiking remains a possibility as long as there is no snow. The road generally remains open to Savage River until the first snow, and hikers may set out from anywhere along this stretch of road, except closed wildlife areas.

Be aware that lack of snow is no indication of temperature; be prepared for winter's arrival anytime, and for extreme cold after mid-October.

Break-Up

(April to mid-May)

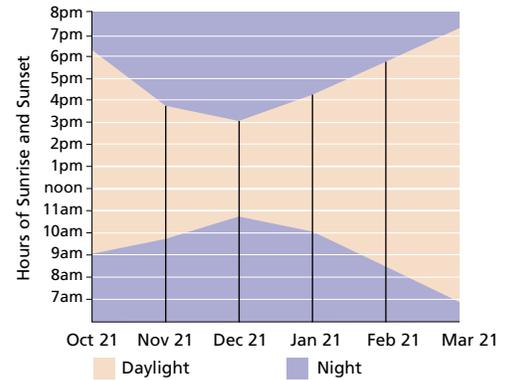
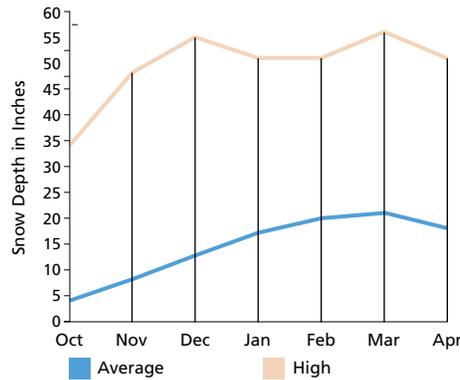
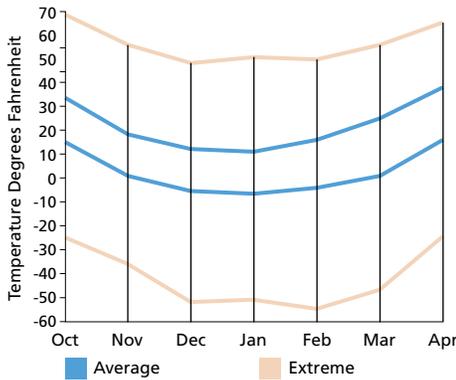
The road is being plowed but is not yet open for motor vehicle traffic; river ice is breaking up, rendering rivers and creeks impassable; and snow can be too mushy for travel.

Skiers and snowshoers may often find favorable snow conditions at higher elevations, particularly once the road opens to Savage River. Musers and skijorers generally hang up the harnesses until next winter. Hikers and bicyclists can enjoy the closed-but-plowed portions of the Park Road.

Winter Conditions

Winter weather in Denali can be extreme, and proximity to the Alaska Range creates unpredictable and highly variable conditions. Many winter visitors are unprepared for the reality of deep, lasting cold weather.

The following measurements are provided as general reference only. They were taken at Denali National Park Headquarters, which is often milder than much of the park.



Safety Concerns

Traveling alone increases your risk dramatically. Any incident which immobilizes a solo traveler could easily become fatal. Traveling in groups is recommended.

Avalanches result from a combination of snowpack, weather and terrain factors which are frequently present in Denali backcountry. Be aware of the dangers and avoid suspect slopes and drainages.

Frostbite occurs quickly at temperatures below freezing. Drink plenty of water and protect skin from exposure to cold.

Overconfidence can be the biggest danger. Be aware of the exertion required to travel in snow. Do not count on going more than a few miles each day.

Overflow, thin ice, and weak snow bridges along streams and rivers can cause an unexpected icy plunge. Carry dry socks, clothes and emergency firestarter in a waterproof container.

Hypothermia, the critical lowering of the body's core temperature, is signaled by these early symptoms: shivering, numbness, slurred speech, loss of coordination, drowsiness, and exhaustion. Avoid hypothermia by eating plenty of high-calorie foods, drinking plenty of water and staying dry. Layer clothing for your level of activity to minimize sweating.

Moose may fiercely guard winter trails, particularly in deep snow years. Make every effort to give moose the right-of-way.

Winter Trekking

There are no marked or groomed trails in Denali. Visitors should be self-reliant, able to scout their own routes and find their own way back. Nevertheless, there are numerous unmarked routes suitable for snowshoeing, skiing, skijoring and mushing.

Novice: Park Road

Unplowed past Park Headquarters from mid-October to late March, the moderate grades and smooth surface make the road an excellent route into the park, and the best alternative when snow levels are too low to cover natural hazards elsewhere.

Intermediate: Sled Dog Trail

From Park Headquarters all the way to Wonder Lake, this approximately 85-mile trail runs parallel to and often joins the Park Road.

Advanced: Backcountry

Look for other routes that wander across ridgelines and along creek valleys such as Riley, Hines, Rock and Triple Lakes. Be careful: winds or sudden snowstorms may quickly erase even well-established tracks. Routes are not marked. Winter visitors must rely on their own navigational ability.

Emergencies

Developed Areas: Dial 911. Be prepared to give your location as Denali National Park and Preserve.

Backcountry: There are no phones west of Park Headquarters. In late winter, a ranger is stationed at Wonder Lake Ranger Station. Rangers do not initiate searches without a specific request. Notify someone of your planned itinerary and expected time of return. Self-reliance and ability to self-rescue are essential.

Backcountry Planning

Backcountry Permits for overnight use are available at the Winter Visitor Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week, excluding holidays. Backcountry permits are free and required for all overnight use.

Dogs must be in harness or staked out at all times in order to minimize disturbance to wildlife. Dog feces should be scattered away from water sources and your camp.

Leave No Trace practices should be followed at all times within the park.

- ❖ Camp at least 100 feet from water sources and developed areas.
- ❖ Although winter fires are permitted using dead and down wood, camp stoves are recommended as down wood is scarce. Cutting green boughs for bedding is not allowed.
- ❖ Dispose of human waste at least 100 feet from water sources and developed areas.
- ❖ Pack out all trash, including toilet paper.

What to Bring

The level of self-reliance required of winter travelers sets Denali's visitors apart from adventurers elsewhere. Visitors should take the cold seriously and arrive prepared with quality gear and the knowledge of how to use it.

- Clothing**
 - ❖ Wind gear and neck gaiter
 - ❖ Cold-weather parka with hood
 - ❖ Wool/fleece pants and shirt
 - ❖ Wool/fleece jacket and hat
 - ❖ Balaclava or other face mask
 - ❖ Wool/fleece mittens and gloves
 - ❖ Long underwear
 - ❖ Wool/synthetic socks (plus extras)
 - ❖ Cold-weather boots and gaiters
- Camping**
 - ❖ Four-season tent
 - ❖ Winter sleeping bag and sleeping pad
 - ❖ Drinking cup
 - ❖ Cooking gear/utensils
 - ❖ Stove and fuel
 - ❖ Candle lantern
 - ❖ Personal care items
 - ❖ Snow shovel and snow saw
- Trail Items**
 - ❖ Plenty of high-calorie food
 - ❖ Ski gear, snowshoes, or other travel gear
 - ❖ Pack with water-resistant cover
 - ❖ Map and compass
 - ❖ Pocketknife
 - ❖ Headlamp with extra batteries and bulb
 - ❖ Water bottles and insulator
 - ❖ Thermos
 - ❖ Chemical hand warmers
 - ❖ Sunscreen and sunglasses
 - ❖ Toilet paper and spade
- Emergency Items**
 - ❖ Lighter, matches (waterproof container)
 - ❖ First-aid kit
 - ❖ Repair kit
 - ❖ Extra food, clothing
 - ❖ Avalanche beacon and shovel



National Park Service photo

Mushing Denali- Traditional Travel

Denali visitors can most closely approach the spirit of the park in winter on the back of a sled, behind a team of sled dogs. It is not an easy way to explore Denali, requiring both physical and mental energy and the desire to work as part of a team. Yet the rewards are immeasurable. Sled dogs are the most enthusiastic of companions, reveling in the joy of running. The wilderness is close at hand, unaltered by the intrusion of modern mechanical devices. Musherers are following the sled runners of the earliest park rangers, and those of the Native people who first inhabited this wild land.

On a good day following an established trail, the dogs may cover 30 miles or more while the musher mostly stands on the sled runners. But if a snowstorm dumps two feet of fresh snow and obliterates the trail, the musher must strap on snowshoes and break a trail for the team. It may take all day just to cover a few miles.

The National Park Service maintains a sled dog kennel at Denali, and rangers continue the tradition of dog team patrols that was started by the first rangers in the 1920s. In the early years, eliminating poaching was the primary function of winter patrols. Today's rangers contact winter visitors, assist in wildlife research and haul supplies.

Despite often challenging conditions, a dog mushing trip in Denali remains full of intangible rewards. The scenic beauty of the Alaska Range in winter is without equal. Surmounting the intense physical and mental demands of dog mushing provides an immense sense of accomplishment to the musher. The bond between mushers and their dogs grows strong and deep as they face unforeseen challenges together.



Photo ©Rick McIntyre

A mushing trip through Denali allows visitors to connect with the living history of the park. It gives them the unique opportunity to step back in time and experience the hardships and rewards of wilderness travel as it was for the park's early residents and visitors.

Guided Mushing Trips

Visitors who wish to explore Denali by dog team, but lack their own dogs, should consider booking a trip with one of the concessionaires permitted to run guided mushing trips into the park.



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Learning about Denali's Winter Birds

by Carol McIntyre

Winter at Denali brings images of cold, dark and stillness to mind. The winter season is long here, but it also is a great time to bundle up, get outside and enjoy watching birds. Only about 25 species of birds are winter residents in this subarctic landscape. But for those of us who live here year-round, these few hardy species brighten up many winter days.

Two bird monitoring programs are helping us learn more about the presence and distribution of winter birds in our vast backyard. Naturalist Nan Eagleson organizes the local Audubon Christmas Bird Count where participants walk, ski, snowshoe, skijor, or mush along the local trails in search of birds. At the end of the day, birders enjoy sharing tales of the trail at the potluck following the count.

As the days grow noticeably longer in late February, the calls and songs of black-capped chickadees and redpolls announce the end of

winter. To welcome back the sun, join birders across North America by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society organize this late winter bird count to help scientists determine the status of winter bird populations across the continent.

To learn more about the Audubon Christmas Bird Count contact Nan Eagleson at 907-683-2822 or visit www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/. To learn more about the Great Backyard Bird Count visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc/. Happy Birding!

—Carol McIntyre, Ph.D. is a wildlife biologist at Denali National Park and Preserve. For a list of Denali's winter birds, stop by the visitor center or log onto www.nps.gov/dena



Photo ©Keman Ward

Common Animal Tracks

Some birds brave the cold, snowy climate to remain year-round residents.



Raven



Ptarmigan



Great-Horned Owl

Look for grizzly tracks in the spring when bears are coming out of hibernation.



Grizzly Bear

These mammal tracks are commonly seen throughout the park in winter.



Caribou



Snowshoe Hare



Moose



Wolf



Lynx

Discover Denali: Especially in Winter

by Kris Capps

Six winters ago, two elderly visitors walked into Park Headquarters. Outside, the temperature hugged 30 degrees below zero.

“We made it,” they announced excitedly. “We are here at Denali. What can we do?”

A park employee handed them the park visitor guide from the previous summer, full of information about activities that happen only in the summer.

“As an interpreter and an educator, I felt like I had failed because we had so little to offer them,” recalled Blanca Alvarez Stransky, who met those two visitors. “I saw their enthusiasm diminish right before my eyes. This encounter made such a big impact on me, that I swore we would have something for the next winter visitor.”

Today, Denali National Park and Preserve has plenty for the winter visitor. The *Alpenglow*, the park’s visitor guide, now publishes a special issue with information specifically about winter activities at Denali. Every February the park hosts Winterfest, a weekend-long celebration with programs and tours for visitors. Best of all, winter visitors are greeted by a warm fire and a variety of scientific exhibits at the new Murie Science and Learning Center which

serves as the Winter Visitor Center. The center is staffed seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. by interpreters and volunteers ready to answer questions and provide information on activities and events happening in the park.

How fitting that the centerpiece exhibit in the new Murie Science and Learning Center features a science project spearheaded by local children. Bone by bone, students in the tiny community of Cantwell, about 28 miles south of Denali, meticulously reconstructed a real wolf skeleton. They learned a lot about wolves in the process and their display now shares that knowledge with visitors. This is how the new center operates: bringing researchers, students and the public together, to share information about ongoing science.

The Murie Science and Learning Center helps build bridges between research, science and education.

Educational outreach, guided science-related hikes, weekend field seminars, camps and training workshops are all part of the grand plan for the center. This world-class center was made possible with the help of many partners. It allows researchers the opportunity to address complex problems facing not just Denali National Park and Preserve, but other northern parks as well.

For Chief of Interpretation, Blanca Alvarez Stransky, the center is the highlight of five years of improvements for visitors to the park, and especially for those adventurous enough to come to Denali in the winter.

“We can offer so much more now to our visitors who come not just in the busy summer season, but in the sparkling, pristine weather we have here in winter.”

—Kris Capps is a longtime Alaska journalist who lives just outside Denali. She is the author of several books, including *A Wildlife Guide: Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska*.



Blanca Alvarez Stransky

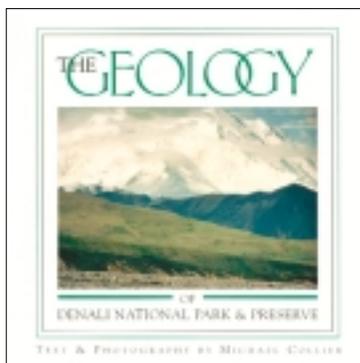


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The new Murie Science and Learning Center also serves as the Winter Visitor Center.

Preparing for Your Trip

Visit the Association bookstore in the visitor center to find these useful guides. In addition to books, visitors will also find maps, journals, posters, field bags and more. Also available on line at www.alaskanha.org

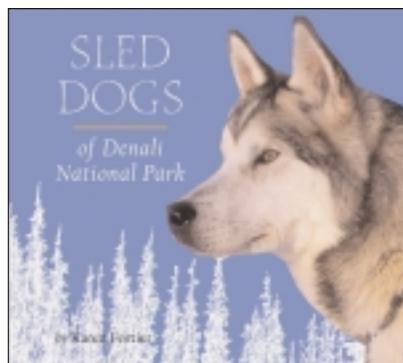


The Geology of Denali

By Michael Collier

Glaciers, rocks, tectonics and other geologic forces that have shaped the Denali landscape.

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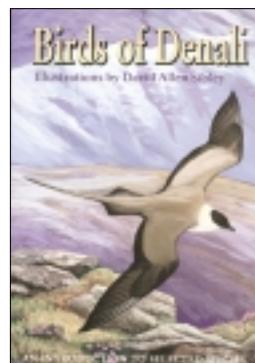


Sled Dogs of Denali National Park

By Karen Fortier

Celebrate the life of these amazing working dogs, including park patrols and wilderness protection.

\$8.00



Birds of Denali

by Carole McIntyre

Notes about location and habitat make this a must for any birders visiting the park.

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Park Partners



NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

For more information on Denali National Park's wildlife, geology, trails and history, look to the Alaska Natural History Association. As the principle nonprofit

educational partner of Denali, Alaska Natural History operates educational bookstores with an extensive collection of materials on the natural and cultural heritage of Denali National Park and Preserve. Your purchases support educational programs offered by park rangers, visitor center exhibits, volunteer programs, this visitor guide and other services.

Hands-on learning programs are offered by the Denali Institute, the educational arm of Alaska Natural History, are run through the Murie Science and Learning Center. From daily programs to weekend intensives, Denali Institute courses offer a deeper experience of Denali by integrating science research into all programs. Learn more at www.denaliinstitute.org

Alaska Natural History partners with more than 30 public lands across Alaska to operate educational bookstores and connect people to Alaska's rich natural

and cultural heritage. Members receive discounts on purchases made at bookstores throughout Alaska and at www.alaskanha.org.

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www.alaskanha.org

These nonprofit organizations also provide support to Denali:



The Denali Foundation offers support through development and implementation of research, education and communication programs. For information: 907-683-2597 or visit www.denali.org.



DENALI INSTITUTE™

The Denali Institute provides educational and interpretive services to the public through field courses in the park and throughout Alaska. For information: 907-683-1269 or visit www.denaliinstitute.org.



The National Park Foundation provides support to parks throughout the United States, including parks in Alaska. For information: 202-238-4200 or visit www.nationalparks.org.

Summer 2005 Trip Planning Information

Tour Buses

Tundra Wilderness Tour

Wildlife viewing and narrated tour of the park to Toklat River (mile 53). Two departures daily: early morning or afternoon. A box lunch and hot beverage are served. Wheelchair accessible.

Length of Tour: 6 - 8 hours
4 - 6 hours in shoulder season

Dates of Operation: May 21 through September 15, 2005, weather permitting.
Shoulder Season: May 15-20 and September 16-25, weather permitting.

For Reservations: Call 800-276-7234 (Nationwide), 907-276-7234 (International and Anchorage)
Online at www.reservedenali.com

For More Information: www.nps.gov/dena

Natural History Tour

Narrated tour of the park to Primrose Ridge (mile 17). Three departures daily: early, mid-morning and afternoon. A snack and beverage are provided. Wheelchair accessible.

Length of Tour: 3 - 4 hours

Shuttle Buses

Shuttle Buses are for transportation and wildlife viewing. Passengers may get off along the Park Road and re-board later buses (west of mile 20) on a space available basis with a ticket for that day. Expect waits of up to one hour.

Children: Young adults age 15-17 are half price and under 14 ride free, but still need a reservation. Children under 4 years and/or 40 pounds must be in a carseat to ride on buses. Please make arrangements to bring your own carseat.

Bring plenty of food, water, and dress in layers. You may also want to bring field guides, binoculars and a camera.

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

Refund Policy: There is a cancellation fee of \$4.00 for each shuttle bus seat and/or campground site. Cancellations must be made two hours prior to the departure of the bus. This fee also applies to any changes made to existing reservations, but will not apply to reservations for children under 14.

Dates of Operation: May 21 through September 15, 2005, weather permitting.

Prices can be found at www.nps.gov/dena or by calling 800-622-7275.

For Reservations
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Online at www.reservedenali.com

Shuttle Destinations and Times

	Destination (Mileage)	Savage River (Mile 15)	Polychrome Overlook (Mile 47)	Toklat River (Mile 53)
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 shuttle as parking is limited.	Polychrome Overlook gets its name from the multi-colored bluffs in the area. Spectacular views of the Alaska Range are also possible.	Toklat River is an area of merging glacial rivers and towering cliffs. Dall sheep are often seen and grizzlies sometimes graze the riverbed's soapberries.
Roundtrip Time		2 hours roundtrip	5-1/2 hours roundtrip	6 hours roundtrip



Entrance Area Buses

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

Dates of Operation: May 21 through September 15, 2005, 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 at the Denali Visitor Center. Board at Riley Creek Campground, the Wilderness Access Center, Horseshoe Lake Trailhead and Murie Science and Learning Center.	Free, roundtrip transportation for each 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. dog demo. Board at the Denali Visitor Center 40 minutes before demo. No parking at kennels area. May 14 – September 19, 2005. Times vary during shoulder season.
30 minutes	10 minutes each way
FREE No reservations needed	FREE No reservations needed

Eielson Visitor Center* (Mile 66)	Wonder Lake (Mile 85)	Kantishna (Mile 90)
Eielson Visitor Center has an observation deck and picnic tables, a visitor center and bookstore. The center is perched on the tundra slopes and provides outstanding opportunities for observing wildlife.	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 along the way.	Kantishna is primarily a destination for lodge visitors and backpackers for backcountry access. Please respect the private lands in this area.
8 hours roundtrip	11 hours roundtrip	13 hours roundtrip

Camper Bus
Transports campers and their gear. Sanctuary, Wonder Lake and backcountry units are accessible only by camper bus — reserve a seat when making a reservation. Camper bus passes are good for the entire time you are west of mile 20.
Time dependent on destination

* May be closed due to construction.

Reservations for Shuttle Buses & Campsites

PHONE lines are open from February 15, 2005 through September 15, 2005; hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Alaska time (one hour behind Seattle). Tickets can be purchased by phone up until the day before travel and picked up at the Wilderness Access Center.

1-800-622-7275 Nationwide
1-907-272-7275 International
272-7275 Anchorage

ONLINE reservation service begins December 1 at www.reservedenali.com

FAX AND MAIL-IN service begins December 1 and continues through August 31 each year. FAX your request to 907-264-4684. Requests must be received no less than two days before travel. Download a fax form from Denali's Home Page at www.nps.gov/dena to ensure you include all the necessary information.



MAIL your request to Doyon/ARAMARK, 241 West Ship Creek Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501. Requests must be received 30 days before travel date. Both fax and mail requests will be processed in the order received.

When faxing or mailing reservation requests, include the names and ages of each passenger, as youth discounts do apply.

It is always helpful to include alternative dates of travel. Please include an entrance fee of \$10.00 per individual or \$20.00 per family, or indicate the possession of a National Park Pass or a Golden Age/Access/Eagle passport and its number. Include credit card numbers (VISA, Mastercard, Discover, AMEX) and their expiration dates. Other payment options are personal check (received 10 working days in advance) or money order. Cancellation fees apply.

It is not necessary to check in at the Wilderness Access Center if you have already received your tickets. You do need to be at the center back deck 15 minutes before the departure of your bus.

Prepaid, reserved tickets may be picked up at the Wilderness Access Center. Any unclaimed, prepaid tickets for buses departing before 7 a.m. may be picked up from the bus loading assistant. Bus drivers do not sell tickets.

Reservation Refund Policy

There is a \$4.00 cancellation fee for each bus seat and/or campground site. Bus cancellations must be made at least two hours before departure time. Campground cancellations must be made by 5 p.m. the day of the reservation. A \$4.00 change fee is collected for any changes made to existing reservations.

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. RVs & tents	All year; limited facilities from Sept. - May	Yes (no water in winter)	Flush toilet	\$12.00 walk-in \$18.00 drive-in	Pay phone near bus stop; call 911	Make reservations in advance or at the Wilderness Access Center (WAC)
Savage River Mile 13, 33 sites for RVs and tents	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush toilet	\$18.00	Contact camp host or Park Headquarters	Make reservations in advance or at the WAC
Savage Group Mile 13, 3 sites	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush toilet	\$40.00	Contact camp host or Park Headquarters	Make reservations in advance or at the WAC; store food in lockers
Sanctuary River Mile 23, 7 sites; tents only; no vehicles	May - Sept. Weather dependent	No	Chemical toilet	\$9.00*	Sanctuary Ranger Station	Make reservations at the WAC only
Teklanika River Mile 29, 53 sites for RVs; no tents	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush toilet	\$16.00*	Contact camp host or Igloo Ranger Station (5 mi. west)	Make reservations in advance or at the WAC
Wonder Lake Mile 85, 28 sites; tents only; no vehicles	June - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush toilet	\$16.00*	Contact camp host or Wonder Lake Ranger Station (2 mi. west)	Make reservations in advance or at the WAC

Prices are subject to change. 50% discount available with Golden Access Passport.

* Prices do not include a non-refundable campground reservation fee of \$4.00. Cancellations must be made by 5:00 p.m. in order to receive a refund. Cancellation fee applies.

Denali Institute photo



A Field Seminar group enjoys an evening hike on the Teklanika River.

To find out more about our 2005 summer schedule visit www.denaliinstitute.org or Call 907-683-1269 or toll-free 866-688-1269

Murie Science and Learning Center Education Programs

Field Seminars and Teacher Training

An in-depth exploration into Denali's unique landscape through a combination of evening presentations with hands-on instruction by experts in the field, and accommodations within Denali at a field camp. Topics for these 1-3 day seminars include: wildlife biology, geology, wildflowers, and writing.

Alaska Field Course

During this 16-day college course, students learn how the natural environment shapes the political, economic, and human complexities of the subarctic.

Daily Park Excursions

Taking park visitors on a behind the scenes look at research in Denali, participants become "scientists for the day" while learning about current research and park management issues.



Other Campgrounds

Please camp responsibly! Camping at unmanaged areas along the Parks Highway damages the environment. Garbage and illegal sewage discharge create problems for people and wildlife. A number

of managed campground options are available that offer RV hookups, sewage disposal, tent camping and food lockers. Thank you for protecting our environment!

Privately Owned Campground	Distance*	# Sites	Phone #
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	888-778-7700
Denali Rainbow RV Camping	1 N	77	907-683-7777
Denali Grizzly Bear Cabins and Campground	6 S	89	907-683-2696
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)

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Where to Stay

Riley Creek Campground, located at the park entrance, is open for primitive camping all winter. Registration is not required. Toilets are provided and barrels are on-site to dispose of dog feces. Snow can be melted or creek water boiled for drinking. Water is also available at The Murie Science and Learning Center (mile 1.3 on the Park Road). Winter camping is free.

Local Accommodations are offered year-round in Cantwell, 27 miles south, and Healy, 12 miles north of the park entrance. For more information on Healy area facilities, call the Greater Healy-Denali Chamber of Commerce at 907-683-4636. The nearest large grocery store is in Fairbanks, but both Healy and Cantwell have small convenience markets and gas stations. There is no rental equipment available in the Denali area.

For More Information

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 907-683-2294 or denali_information@nps.gov
www.nps.gov

For topographical maps and other publications contact:
 Alaska Natural History Association
 P.O. Box 230, Denali Park, AK 99755
 907-683-1272 or www.alaskanha.org

How to Get Here

By Car:

Take Alaska Highway 3 south from Fairbanks or north from Anchorage to the park entrance at mile 237.

By Train:

The Alaska Railroad arrives at the Denali Depot northbound on Saturdays and southbound on Sundays throughout the winter. Contact 800-544-0552 or 265-2494 in Anchorage.

By Plane:

The Denali Park Airstrip is open for private, non-commercial planes on skis or wheels during the winter, although weather conditions and plow availability may mean that the airstrip is not plowed for wheeled landings at times. Parking is minimal. Please phone ahead to check on current conditions.

The Kantishna Airstrip at the west end of the Park Road is also potentially available for ski-equipped planes, but the strip is not maintained.

