

Enjoying Denali

Please check the park website www.nps.gov/dena or the free visitor guide *Alpenglow*—also available online—to plan your trip or to learn about park programs, safety guidelines, and regulations.

More Information
Denali National Park and Preserve
P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, AK 99755
907-683-2294
www.nps.gov/dena
dena_info@nps.gov

Alaska Public Lands Information Center
(Two locations), Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, 101 Dunkel Street, Suite 110, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-459-3730; and 605 West 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, 907-271-2737

Park Bookstore
Alaska Geographic Association
P.O. Box 230
Denali Park, AK 99755
907-683-1272
www.alaskageographic.org

All Reservations for Campsites, Tours, and Shuttle Bus Tickets
Contact the park concessioner, Doyon/ARA-MARK Joint Venture 800-622-7275 (nationwide) 907-272-7275 (Anchorage or outside the U.S.) or www.reservedenali.com.

How To Get Here

By Road The main park entrance is 237 miles north of Anchorage and 120 miles south of Fairbanks via George Parks Highway, Alaska 3, kept open year-round. Many bus companies provide service to the park in summer.

Buses travel regularly from the Wilderness Access Center to the Toklat River (six hours round-trip),



By Train The Alaska Railroad offers daily summer passenger service to the park from Anchorage and Fairbanks. Service is limited in winter. Contact 800-544-0552, or reservation@akrr.com.

Eielson Visitor Center (8 hours), and Wonder Lake (11 hours). Except in wildlife closures, you can get on or off the shuttle buses along the Park Road to hike. You then reboard on a space-available basis.

Park Transportation Private vehicles are restricted beyond Savage River (Mile 15). To protect wildlife viewing, limits are set on park road traffic, including buses.

Interpretive bus tours include the Tundra Wilderness Tour, Denali Natural History Tour, and Kantishna Experience. Get reservations from the park concessioner (see top right).

Shuttle bus service begins May 20 and ends in mid-September. Waits of up to two days are possible for walk-in reservations; have flexible depar-

No food service is offered beyond the park entrance area. Bring food, drink, warm clothes, and raingear.

What To Do in the Park and Preserve

Be Prepared Most people visit here between late May and mid-September. Summer is cool, wet, and windy, and it can snow. Bring clothing for temperatures from 35 to 75°F; hat, mittens or gloves, and raingear are essential. Sturdy footwear, insect repellent, binoculars, and a camera are desirable.

Pets are allowed only on roadways and in some campgrounds. They must be leashed or physically restrained at all times and should not be left unattended. Pets are prohibited on buses, trails, and in the backcountry.

Hiking Denali has exciting hiking for novice and experienced hikers. There are maintained trails in the park entrance area. Take longer cross-country hikes on your own or join a ranger-led walk. Some of the best hiking routes are on durable surfaces along ridgetops or gravel riverbars. Streams can be cold, swift, and danger-

ous to cross. Sturdy footwear is essential.

Wildlife activity may close areas for a few days to several months.

Overnight backpacking trips require careful planning and a backcountry permit, available only after an in-person orientation with a ranger at the Backcountry Information Center. There is a quota system for backcountry units. All units require hikers to use bear-resistant food containers (provided) and to pack out garbage.

Camping The park has six designated campgrounds. Stays are limited to 14 days total. Group sites are available by reservation for nine to 20 people. Camping is prohibited in parking areas and on roadways. Campfires are permitted only in certain campgrounds.

Food Storage Campers must store all food and scented items, including sealed cans and bottles, in bear-resistant food

lockers found in campgrounds, or in closed, hard-sided vehicles.

Sport Fishing/Hunting A state license is required for sport fishing in the preserve and in park areas not designated as Denali Wilderness. Hunting is not allowed in the Denali Wilderness. Hunting is permitted in the preserve with a state license and proper tags.

Mountaineering Mount McKinley and Mount Foraker climbers must register 60 days prior to beginning their ascent and pay a special use fee. Contact: Talkeetna Ranger Station, Box 588, Talkeetna, AK 99676, 907-733-2231.

Winter Activities The Park Road is closed to vehicles in winter beyond headquarters at Mile 3.4, but the backcountry is accessible by snowshoes, skis, or dog sled. Riley Creek Campground near the park entrance is open year-round. Check at the winter visitor center (Murie Science and

Learning Center) for weather conditions and backcountry permits.

Entry Fee The park collects an entrance fee year-round: \$10 per person, \$20 per vehicle, and \$15 for motorcycles. It is good for seven days. Most of the money stays in the park to improve visitor services and facilities. Interagency Federal Recreation Passes, like the Annual, Senior, and Access Passes, and the Denali Annual Pass, are also valid for entry.

Safe Driving Protect wildlife and yourself by driving safely. Maximum speed is 35 mph; lower may be posted.

Bear Country Grizzly bears live here. Consider them potentially dangerous. See *Alpenglow* for important safety information.

Emergencies Fire, medical, and law enforcement, call 911.

Visitor Centers To Serve You

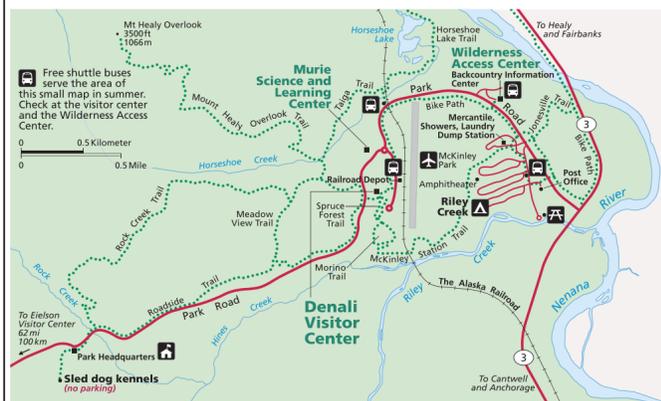


The Denali Visitor Center Campus is two miles from the park entrance. At the visitor center explore the exhibits, talk to park rangers, and see the award-winning park film, "Heartbeats of Denali." The bookstore, Morino Grill, and Murie Science and Learning Center are nearby.



The new Eielson Visitor Center is over 66 miles inside the park. It exemplifies the park's commitment to sustainable practices. NPS PHOTOS

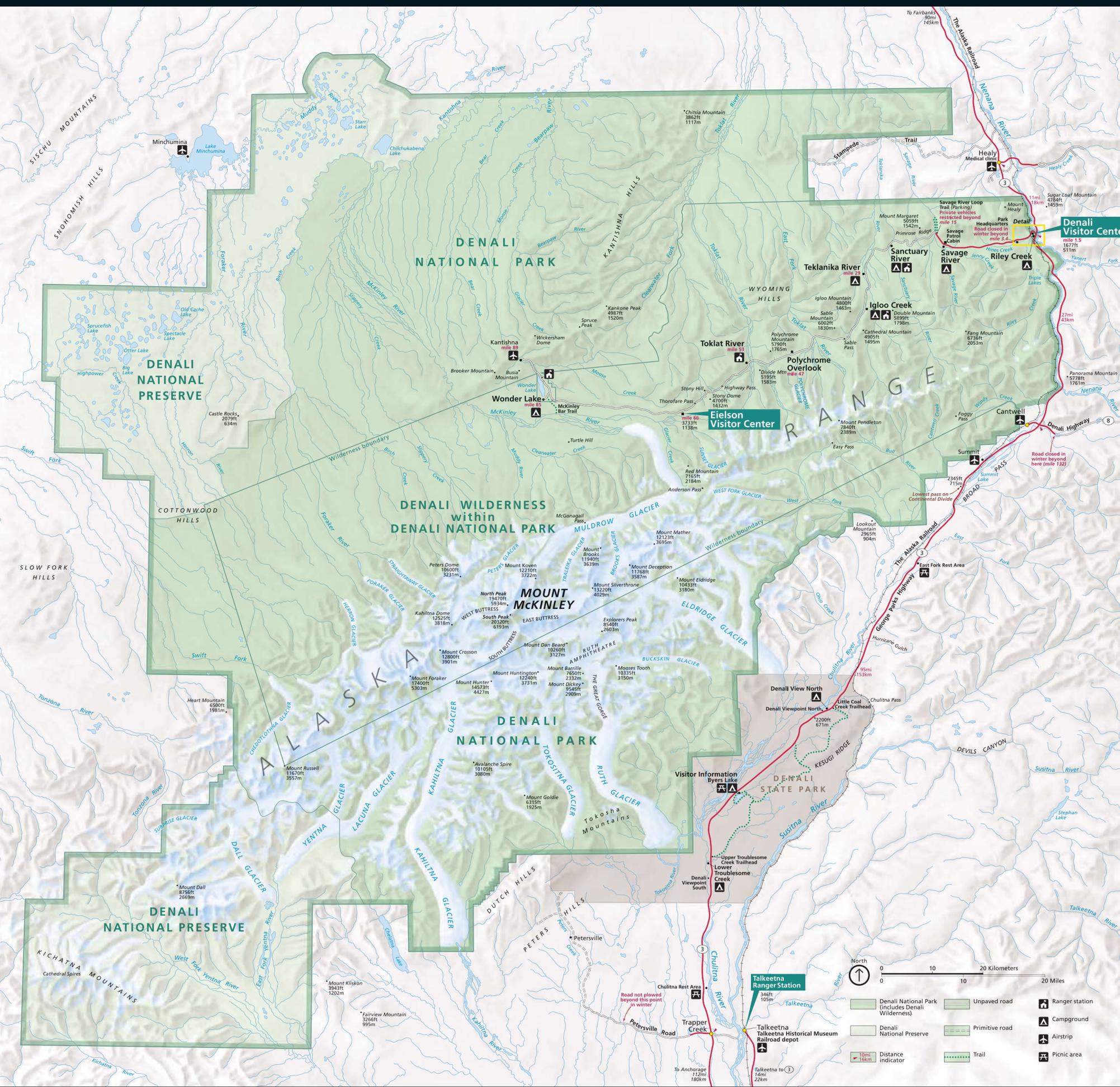
Entrance and Visitor Center Area Map



Campground	Campsite		Toilet	Water
	Spaces	Tent		
Riley Creek	0.5	146	• • • • •	•
Savage River	12.0	33	• • • • •	•
Sanctuary River	22.0	7	• • • • •	•
Teklanika River	29.0	53	• • • • •	•
Igloo Creek	34.0	7	• • • • •	•
Wonder Lake	85.0	28	• • • • •	•

*Distances from Entrance **Limited number of sites can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet maximum

Wilderness Safety
Denali is true wilderness. Before you venture into the park, read the safety messages in the free visitor guide *Alpenglow*. Grizzly bears and moose are dangerous. Crossing glacial rivers can be treacherous.



North

0 10 20 Kilometers
0 10 20 Miles

- Denali National Park (includes Denali Wilderness)
- Denali National Preserve
- 10mi 16km Distance indicator
- Unpaved road
- Primitive road
- Trail
- Ranger station
- Campground
- Airstrip
- Picnic area