

Interpreter Reading List

Denali National Park & Preserve

The Basics

If you read nothing else, read these.

Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
Mammals of Denali.....	Adolph Murie
Birds of Denali.....	McIntyre, Eagleson, Siegert
Wildflowers of Denali National Park.....	Verna Pratt & Frank Pratt
Western Boreal Forest & Aspen Parkland.....	Johnson, Kershaw, MacKinnon, & Pojar
Tundra.....	April Pulley Sayre
Taiga.....	April Pulley Sayre
The Geology of Denali National Park.....	Michael Collier
Denali Road Guide.....	Kris Capps
Denali Walks (trail guide).....	Kris Capps
Earth in Mind:	
On Education, the Environment & the Human Prospect.....	David Orr
Interior & Northern Alaska: A Natural History.....	Ronald L. Smith

Denali National Park

General:

In Denali.....	Kim Heacox
Denali CD-ROM.....	ANHA/Cordillera Group
Denali: The Story Behind the Scenery.....	K.C.Publications
Denali Wilderness (video).....	National Park Service
Heartbeats of Denali (video).....	National Park Service
Alaska's Wild Denali (video).....	Alaska Video Postcards
For Denali's management documents, see.....	nps.gov/dena/parkmgmt/managementdocs.htm

Plant Life

Taiga:

Taiga.....	April Pulley Sayre
Alaska's Forests & Wildlife.....	Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Tundra:

Tundra.....	April Pulley Sayre
One Small Square: Arctic Tundra.....	Donald M. Silver
Arctic & Alpine Environments.....	Jack D. Ives & Roger G. Barry
Alaska's Tundra & Wildlife.....	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Arctic Adaptations in Plants.....	D.B.O. Savile

Medicinal & Edible Plants:

Alaska's Wilderness Medicines.....	Eleanor Viereck
Discovering Wild Plants.....	Janice Schofield
Tanaina Plantlore.....	Priscilla Russell Kari
Wild Edible & Poisonous Plants of Alaska.....	Christine Heller

Guidebooks:

Wildflowers of Denali National Park.....	Verna Pratt & Frank Pratt
Western Boreal Forest & Aspen Parkland.....	Johnson, Kershaw, MacKinnon & Pojar
Flora of Alaska.....	Eric Hultén

Miscellaneous:

Alaska Trees & Shrubs.....	Leslie A. Viereck
Alaska's Mushrooms.....	Harriette Parker
The World of Northern Evergreens.....	E.C. Pielou

Wildlife

General:

Animals of the North.....	William O. Pruitt
Wildlife of the North.....	Steven Kazlowski
Animals of the Arctic: Ecology of the Far North	Bernard Stonehouse
Mammals of Denali.....	Adolph Murie
Alaska's Wildlife	Tom Walker
Portrait of Alaska's Wildlife	Tom Walker

Tracking:

Animal Tracks of Alaska.....	Chris Stall
Tracking and the Art of Seeing	Paul Rezendes
Animal Tracks of Alaska.....	Ian Sheldon
Peterson's Field Guides: Animal Tracks.....	Olaus J. Murie
A Field Guide to Mammal Tracking in N. America.....	James Halfpenny
Mammal Tracks and Sign.....	Mark Elbroch

Bears:

No Room for Bears	Frank Dufresne
The Grizzlies of Mt. McKinley	Adolph Murie
Field Guide to the Grizzly Bear.....	Lance Olsen
Bear Attacks: Their Causes and Avoidance	Stephen Herrero
The Great Bear Almanac.....	Gary Brown
Alaska's Grizzlies (video).....	Alaska Video Postcards
Backcountry Bear Basics.....	Dave Smith
Where the Grizzly Walks	Bill Schneider
Alaska's Bears of the North	Steven Kazlowski
Bears of Alaska	Erwin & Peggy Bauer
Alaska's Bears, Pocket Guide	Bill Sherwonit

Wolves:

Wolves: Behavior, Ecology and Conservation.....	Mech and Boitani, eds.
Ecology and Conservation of Wolves in a Changing World.....	Carbyn et al., eds.
Wolves, Bears and Their Prey in Alaska.....	National Research Council
Of Wolves and Men	Barry Lopez
The Wolves of Mt. McKinley	Adolph Murie
The Wolves of Denali	L. David Mech, et al.
The Wolf: Ecology & Behavior of an Endangered Species	L. David Mech
A Society of Wolves: National Parks & the Battle Over the Wolf	Rick McIntyre
The Company of Wolves.....	Peter Steinhart
Wolves	Candace Savage
North to Wolf Country	James W. Brooks

Fox:

The World of the Fox	Rebecca Grambo
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Beavers:

Beaver Behavior: Architect of Fame & Bane.....	Morrell Allred
In Beaver World.....	Enos A. Mills
The World of the Beaver.....	Leonard Lee Rue III
Beavers: Where Waters Run	Paul Strong

Porcupines:

The World of the Porcupine	David E. Costello
The North American Porcupine.....	Uldis Rose

Birds:

The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America.....	David Allen Sibley
The Sibley Guide to Birds.....	David Allen Sibley
Sibley's Birding Basics	David Allen Sibley
Birds of Denali	McIntyre/Eagleson/Seegert

Wildlife: Birds, continued...

The Birders' Handbook	Paul R. Ehrlich, David S Dobkin & Darryl Wheye
Field Guide to the Birds of North America	National Geographic
Guide to the Birds of Alaska	Robert H. Armstrong
Songs & Calls of AK Birds (CD)	AK Bird Observatory
Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior	David Allen Sibley
The Migrations of Birds	Jean Dorst
Life Histories of North American Birds	Arthur Cleveland Bent
Bird Brains: The Intelligence of Crows, Ravens, Magpies & Jays	Candace Savage
Ravens in Winter	Bernd Heinrich
The Mind of the Raven	Bernd Heinrich
The Cry of the Sandhill Crane	Steve Grooms
Loon Magic	Tom Klein
Living on the Wind	Scott Weidensaul
The Wind Masters: The Lives of North American Birds of Prey	Pete Dunne
Hawks in Flight	Pete Dunne
Raptors: Birds of Prey	John Hendrickson
Alaska Owlmanac	AK Dept of Fish & Game

Caribou:

Caribou and the Barren Lands	George Calef
Moose, Caribou & Muskox	Alaska Geographic
Caribou, Wanderer of the Tundra	Tom Walker

Moose:

Moose, Caribou & Muskox	Alaska Geographic
Wild Moose Country	Paul Strong
In the Company of Moose	Victor VanBallenberghe

Sheep:

Mountain Sheep of North America	Raul Valdez
The Wolves of Mount McKinley	Adolph Murie
Dall Sheep. Alaska Notebook Series	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Climate Change

Break Through	Ted Nordhaus & Michael Shellenberger
Earth: The Sequel	Fred Krupp & Miriam Horn
Storms Of My Grandchildren	James Hansen
The Great Warming	Brian Fagan
What's The Worst That Could Happen?	Greg Craven
Global Warming, Looking Beyond Kyoto	edited by Ernesto Zedillo
Consumer Guide To Home Energy Savings	J. Amann, A. Wilson & K. Ackerly

Earth Sciences

Geology:

The Geology of Denali National Park	Michael Collier
A Geologic Guide to Mt. McKinley National Park	Wyatt G. Gilbert
The Geology and Glacial History of Denali N.P. & Vicinity	Phil Brease & Alison Till
Geology of National Parks	Ann Harris & Esther Tuttle
The Geology of North America: Vol. G-1, The Geology of Alaska	The Geological Society of America
Roadside Geology of Alaska	Cathy Connor & Daniel O'Hare
Parks and Plates: The Geology of our National Parks	Robert J. Lillie

Glaciers:

Living Ice	Robert P. Sharp
Glaciers	Robert P. Sharp
Blue Ice in Motion	Sally Wiley
The Geology and Glacial History of Denali N.P. & Vicinity	Phil Brease & Alison Till

Earth Sciences: Glaciers, continued

Glaciers	Michael Hambrey & Jürg Alean
Glaciers of North America: A Field Guide	Sue A. Ferguson
Alaska's Glaciers	Alaska Geographic
Glacier Ice	Austin Post
Sculpted by Ice: Glaciers and the Alaska Landscape	Michael Collier
Glaciers: Alaska's Rivers of Ice (video).....	USGS

Northern Lights/Aurora Borealis:

The Aurora Watcher's Handbook	Neil Davis
Understanding the Aurora	UAF Geophysical Institute
Aurora Borealis: The Amazing Northern Lights	Alaska Geographic
Aurora: Mysterious Northern Lights	Candace Savage
Northern Lights: The Science, Myth & Wonder of Aurora Borealis..	George Bryson
Aurora: A Celebration of the Northern Lights	Cary Anderson & Dave Parkhurst
Alaska's Spectacular Aurora	Todd Salat
The Aurora Explained (video).....	University of Alaska
Aurora: Rivers of Light in the Sky (video).....	Alaska Video Postcards

Ecology

Alaska Natural History, General:

Interior & Northern Alaska: A Natural History.....	Ronald L. Smith
After the Ice Age:	
The Return of Life to Glaciated N. America	E.C. Pielou
Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic.....	E.C. Pielou
The Ice Age History of Alaska National Parks	Scott A. Elias
The Great Alaska Nature Factbook	Susan Ewing
Alaska Science Nuggets	Neil Davis
Alaska Park Science (Volume 5, Issues 1 and 2)	National Park Service, Denali Resource Mgmt
Northern Ethnographic Landscapes:	
Perspectives from Circumpolar Nations.....	Krupnik, Mason & Horton

Fire:

Effects of Fire in Alaska and Adjacent Canada.....	Leslie Viereck
A Test of Adversity and Strength: Wildland Fire in the National Park System.....	Hal K. Rothman

Arctic & Subarctic/Winter:

Winter: An Ecological Guide	James C. Halfpenny & Roy Douglas Ozanne
A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic.....	E.C. Pielou
Alaska's Ecology	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Boreal Ecology.....	William O. Pruitt
Animals of the Arctic: Ecology of the Far North	Bernard Stonehouse
Life in the Cold	Peter Marchand
Winter World: The Ingenuity of Animal Survival	Bernd Heinrich
Snow Sense	Jill Fredston

Why Do We Need...Intact Ecosystems, Biodiversity, Wilderness, National Parks?

The Sinking Ark:	
A New Look at the Problem of Disappearing Species	Norman Myers
Why Big, Fierce Animals are Rare.....	Paul Colinvaux
Deep Ecology: Living as If Nature Mattered	Bill Devall & George Sessions
Preserving Nature in the National Parks.....	Richard West Sellars
The Idea of Wilderness	Max Oelschlaeger
Wilderness & the American Mind.....	Roderick Nash
Large Carnivores and the Conservation of Biodiversity	Ray et al., eds.
Monster of God	David Quammen
Where Mountains are Nameless	Jonathan Waterman
This Last Treasure: Alaska National Parklands.....	William E. Brown
Northern Landscapes: The Struggle for Wilderness Alaska.....	Daniel Nelson
Visions of a Wild America.....	Kim Heacox
An American Idea: The Making of the National Parks	Kim Heacox

Ecology: Intact Ecosystems, Biodiversity, Wilderness, National Parks?, Continued

Sold American.....	Donald Craig Mitchell
Take My Life, Take My Land.....	Donald Craig Mitchell
National Parks: The American Experience.....	Alfred Runte
Seeking Awareness in American Nature Writing.....	Scott Slovic
Geography of Childhood.....	Gary Nabhan
Last Child in the Woods.....	Richard Louv
The Practice of the Wild.....	Gary Snyder
Another Turn of the Crank.....	Wendell Berry
The Enduring Wilderness.....	Doug Scott

Human History

Check online at <http://www.nps.gov/history/history/> for the following books (some *about* history, some *historic*):

A History of Mount McKinley National Park (Denali National Park & Preserve) (1953)
A History of the Denali-Mount McKinley Region (1991)
Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of Denali National Park and Preserve, Volume I (2006)
Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of Denali National Park and Preserve, Volume II (2008)
Cultural Landscape Report for Park Headquarters: Denali National Park and Preserve (2008)
Fauna of the National Parks of the United States: Birds and Mammals of Mount McKinley National Park (1938)
Fauna of the National Parks of the United States: The Wolves of Mount McKinley (1944)
The Grizzlies of Mount McKinley (1981)

Denali Park - 20th Century:

Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of Denali National Park & Preserve, Volume 1, 2006.....	Frank Norris, NPS
Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of Denali National Park & Preserve, Volume 2, 2008.....	Frank Norris, NPS
Kantishna: Mushers, Miners, Mountaineers, the Story Behind Mt. McKinley National Park, 2005.....	Tom Walker
McKinley Station: People of the Pioneer Park, 2009.....	Tom Walker
In the Shadow of Mt. McKinley.....	William N. Beach
Changing Tracks: Predators and Politics in Mt. McKinley National Park, 2001.....	Timothy Rawson
My Life of High Adventure.....	Grant Pearson
A History of Mt. McKinley N.P.....	Grant Pearson
The Wilderness of Denali.....	Charles Sheldon
The Wilderness of the Southwest (has great bio. of Sheldon).....	Charles Sheldon
Searching for Fanny Quigley.....	Jane Haigh
A Naturalist in Alaska.....	Adolph Murie
From Myth to Reality.....	Gail Evans
Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P: An Historical Perspective.....	Schneider, Gudgel-Holmes & Dalle-Molle
Mt. McKinley: The Pioneer Climbs (Short bio. of Karstens in back)	Terris Moore
Mt. McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Becky
Alaska's Wolf Man, Frank Glaser.....	Jim Rearden

Alaska:

Two in the Far North.....	Margaret Murie
Interior Alaska.....	Robert Thorson
ALASKA: Saga of a Bold Land.....	Walter R. Borneman
Alaska's History, Pocket guide.....	Harry Ritter
Gold Rush Women.....	Claire Rudolf Murphy

Dog Mushing:

Ten Thousand Miles With a Dog Sled.....	Hudson Stuck
A Dog Team Runs Through It (video).....	NPS
Winter Patrol: Denali by Dog Sled (video).....	NPS
The Sled Dogs of Denali National Park.....	Karen Fortier

Alaska Native History/Culture/Anthropology:

Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
Dichinane'k' Hwt'ana: A History of the People of the Upper Kuskokwim Who Live in Nikolai and Telida, Alaska.....	Raymond L. Collins (Ask Ann Kain)
Make Prayers to the Raven.....	Richard K. Nelson
The Athabaskans: People of the Boreal Forest.....	Richard K. Nelson
Hunters of the Northern Forest.....	Richard K. Nelson
Tracks in the Wildland.....	Richard K. Nelson, K.H. Mautner & G. Ray Bane
Athapaskan Adaptations.....	James W. Van Stone
Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P: An Historical Perspective.....	Schneider, Gudel-Holmes & Dalle-Molle
Shadows on the Koyukuk.....	Sidney Huntington as told to Jim Reardon
The Native People of Alaska.....	Steve J. Langdon
Inhabited Wilderness: Indians, Eskimos, and National Parks in Alaska.....	Theodore Catton
Arctic Village.....	Robert Marshall
Native People and Languages of Alaska (map).....	Todd Communications
American Beginnings.....	Ed. Frederick West
Quest for the Origins of the First Americans.....	E. Jane Dixon
Growing Up Native in Alaska.....	Alexandra J. McClanahan
Cold River Spirits.....	Jan Harper-Haines
Raising Ourselves.....	Velma Wallis
Alaska Native Ways.....	Roy Corral
Another Culture/Another World.....	Father Michael Oleksa
Howard Luke: My Own Trail.....	Luke & Steinbright Jackson

Mountaineering:

The Conquest of Mount McKinley.....	Belmore Browne
Mt. McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Becky
The Ascent of Denali.....	Hudson Stuck
Climbing Denali.....	Bill Sherwonit
Surviving Denali.....	Jonathan Waterman
In the Shadow of Denali.....	Jonathan Waterman
Mt. McKinley: The Pioneer Climbs.....	Terris Moore
Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
To the Top of Denali.....	Bill Sherwonit
Alaska Ascents.....	Bill Sherwonit
Climbing Alaska.....	Alaska Geographic
Minus 148°.....	Art Davidson
Mount McKinley: The Conquest of Denali.....	Bradford Washburn
Mount McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Beckey
17 Days, A Denali Diary (video).....	KAKM Videos
Ways to the Sky: A Historical Guide to North American Mountaineering.....	Andy Selters
Mt. McKinley's West Buttress.....	Bradford Washburn
Climb Denali.....	Laurent Dick
Alaska: A Climbing Guide.....	Mike Wood, Colby Coombs
The Dishonorable Dr. Cook.....	Washburn and Cheric
Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain.....	Bruce Tremper

Transportation:

Across Time & Tundra (17-minute tourism history video).....	Jane Bryant & Jane Ahern
From Myth to Reality.....	Gail Evans
Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
Transportation in Alaska's Past.....	Alaska Historical Society

Subsistence:

Subsistence Resource Use in the Proposed North Additions to Mt. McKinley N.P.	Richard H. Bishop
Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P: An Historical Perspective.....	National Park Service
Alaska Subsistence: A National Park Service Management History..	Frank Norris (NPS)
Dichinane'k' Hwt'ana: A History of the People of the Upper Kuskokwim Who Live in Nikolai and Telida, Alaska.....	Raymond L. Collins

Miscellaneous

Native Alaskan Tales:

The Raven and the Totem	John E. Smelcer
Raven Tales	Peter Goodchild
Two Old Women	Velma Wallis
Tales from the Dena	Frederica De Laguna & Dale DeArmond
Bird Girl	Velma Wallis
K'etetaalkkaabee: The One Who Paddled Among the People	Catherine Attla
As My Grandfather Told It	Catherine Attla
Tanaina Tales from Alaska	Bill Vaudrin
In the Shadows of Mountains	John E. Smelcer

Quotable Quotes/Arctic Anecdotes:

Things Precious and Wild: A Book of Nature Quotations	John K. Terres
The Earth Speaks	Steve Van Matre & Bill Weiler
The Collected Poems of Robert Service	Robert Service
Minus 31° and the Wind Blowing	9 different authors
New and Selected Poems of Mary Oliver	Mary Oliver

A Feel For Alaska:

Trapline Twins	Julie & Miki Collins
Riding the Wild Side of Denali	Miki & Julie Collins
The Way Winter Comes	Sherry Simpson
The Wilderness of Denali	Charles Sheldon
Two in the Far North	Margaret Murie
Journeys to the Far North	Olaus Murie
A Naturalist in Alaska	Adolph Murie
The Life I've Been Living	Moses Cruikshank
My Life of High Adventure	Grant Pearson
Denali Journal	Tom Walker
Old Yukon	James Wickersham
Last New Land: Stories of Alaska	Wayne Mergler, editor
Readers Companion to Alaska	Ed. Alan Ryan
Winterdance	Gary Paulson
Arctic Dreams	Barry Lopez
Shadows on the Koyukuk	Sidney Huntington
Arctic Dance: The Mardy Murie Story	Charles Craighead
Our Alaska	Ed. Mike Doogan
Denali: A Literary Anthology	Ed. Bill Sherwonit
Last New Land	Ed. Wayne Mergler
Reader's Companion to Alaska	Ed. Alan Ryan
The Stars, the Snow, the Fire	John Haines
Coming Into the Country	John McPhee
Travels in Alaska	John Muir
Exploring the Unknown	Bradford Washburn
The Accidental Adventurer	Barbara Washburn
A Schoolteacher in Old Alaska	Jane Jacobs

Art:

Sydney Laurence: Painter of the North	Kesler E. Woodward
Alaskan Field Sketches	Ed. Elizabeth Berry
Hands on Alaska (children's crafts)	Yvonne Y. Merrill
A Special Gift: The Kutchin Beadwork Tradition	Duncan & Carney

Backcountry Ethics:

Backcountry Companion	Jon Nierenberg
Leave No Trace: Alaska Tundra Outdoor Skills & Ethics	NOLS
Leave No Trace: Guide to the New Wilderness Ethic	Annette McGivney
NOLS Wilderness Guide	Mark Harvey

Other:

National Park Ranger: An American Icon	Charles Farabee
John Muir: Nature's Visionary	Gretel Ehrlich
Earth in Mind:	
On Education, Environment, and the Human Prospect	David Orr