



2010 Fact Sheet

Superintendent

Meg Jensen

Established

December 1, 1978 Designated National Monument
October 24, 1979 Designated World Heritage Site
December 2, 1980 Designated National Park and Preserve

Size

Park	8,323,148 acres	13,004.9 square miles
Preserve	<u>4,852,753 acres</u>	<u>7,582.4 square miles</u>
Total	13,175,901 acres	20,587.3 square miles

Visitation

Wilderness 9,078,675 acres 14,185.4 square miles
Approximately 60,000

NPS Staffing

Permanent	approximately 35
Seasonal	approximately 80
Volunteers	approximately 81 (3,062 hours)

Park Roads

Nabesna Road- 42 miles (68 kilometers) in length, gravel
McCarthy Road: 61 miles (98 kilometers) in length, gravel

Landmarks/Elevations

	<u>Elevation above Sea Level</u>	
Copper Center Visitor Center	1150 feet	350.5 meters
Kennecott National Historic Landmark	2000 feet	609.6 meters
Slana Ranger Station	2198 feet	670.0 meters
Yakutat Ranger Station	0 feet	0.0 meters
Mt. St. Elias	18,008 feet	5488.8 meters
Mt. Bona	16,421 feet	5005.1 meters
Mt. Blackburn	16,390 feet	4995.7 meters
Mt. Sanford	16,237 feet	4949.0 meters
Good Neighbor Peak	15,979 feet	4870.4 meters
Mt. Churchill	15,638 feet	4766.5 meters

Flora

Vascular Plants- 936 taxa documented
Tree Species- 8
Lichens- 133 species documented
Bryophytes (mosses and liverworts) 187 documented

Wildlife Species

Mammals	49
Birds	239
Fish	21
Amphibians	2 (wood frog and boreal toad)

Reptiles 0

The Copper River

- Only river to penetrate Chugach Mountain Range
290 miles (467 kilometers) in length
- Carries 750,000 cubic feet (21,238 cubic meters) of sediment daily. Fourth siltiest river in the world.
- Spawning corridor for famous Copper River Sockeye and Chinook Salmon
- 3,600 feet (1,097 meters) elevation drop from source to sea
- Discharge estimated at 61,000 cubic feet (1,727 cubic meters) per second

Mountain Ranges

Alaska Mountain Range
Chugach Mountain Range
Wrangell Mountain Range
St. Elias Mountain Range (highest coastal range in the world)

Volcanoes

The Wrangell volcanic field is composed of 12 volcanoes, one of which, Mt. Wrangell (14,163 feet / 4,317 meters), is still active. Mt. Wrangell, with 250 cubic miles (1,042 cubic kilometers) of available lava, is the highest and largest active volcano in Alaska.

Glaciers

- Greatest concentration of glaciers in North America. 25% of Wrangell-St. Elias is covered by glacial ice.
- Nabesna Glacier-At 75 miles in length, it's one of the longest valley glaciers in the world.
- Malaspina Glacier- Largest piedmont glacier in North America at 1,500 square miles (3,885 square kilometers)
- Bagley Icefield- Largest sub-polar icefield in North America. 127 miles (204 kilometers) in length and estimated to be 3,000 feet (914 meters) deep.
- Hubbard Glacier- At 76 miles (122 kilometers), it's the longest tidewater glacier in Alaska.

Weather (Gulkana)

Average January minimum temperature	-13.9 F	-25.5 C
Record minimum temperature	-65.0 F	-53.9 C
Average July maximum temperature	+68.0 F	20.0 C
Record July maximum temperature	+91.0 F	32.8 C
Average annual rainfall	10.9 inches	(27.7 centimeters)
Record annual rainfall	14.9 inches	(37.8 centimeters)
Average annual snowfall	50.4 inches	(128.0 centimeters)
Record annual snowfall	93.9 inches	(238.5 centimeters)