

Denali

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Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

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Denali National Park and Preserve was created in 1917. The Park covers six million acres. It is also home to North America's tallest mountain. Denali is 20,310 feet high. Denali National Park has large areas of **tundra** and forests. Many types of birds and **mammals** live in the park, including moose, caribou, grizzly bears, black bears, Dall sheep, and Arctic ground squirrels!



Moose



Caribou



Dall Sheep



Grizzly Bears



Arctic Ground Squirrel

Dinosaur Clues Found in Denali

In 2005 students were on a field trip in Denali with their teacher. As they were hiking, their teacher told them that they were in a great place to look for **dinosaur tracks**. A student named Susi quickly spotted





a dinosaur track nearby and asked, “Like this one?”

The first track had been discovered! After that first discovery, paleontologists came to Denali to look for

more dinosaur clues. **Paleontologists** are special scientists who study dinosaurs. Dinosaurs are **extinct**, which means they aren’t alive today. Because they are extinct, paleontologists have to look for clues they left behind. They are dinosaur detectives!

After that first track was found, paleontologists have found many dinosaur clues here in Denali. They discovered that many dinosaurs lived in Denali during the **Cretaceous Period**. That was 65 million years ago!

