

### **PARK SPECIFIC STIPULATIONS GUIDED WINTER ACTIVITIES**

1. The Guided Winter Activities (GWA) CUA authorizes road-based transportation to/from destinations as far as the Mountain Vista Rest Stop (Mile 12 Denali Park Road) from September 24 to May 10, or as conditions allow. Non-transportation-based activities as part of the GWA CUA are incidental, short in duration, and are only authorized in the Murie Science and Learning Center (MSLC) area, Kennels, and Mountain Vista area. The CUA holder may call the Park Information number at (907) 683–9532 (Daily 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) to inquire about park conditions.
2. Trips that only include visiting the MSLC and/or Indoor Picnic Area where clients are unguided and explore independently do not require a CUA and are therefore not subject to CUA activity reporting or Annual Fees.
3. Driving access to Park Headquarters and Mountain Vista Rest Area:
  - Groups are authorized to drive as far as the Mountain Vista Rest Area (milepost 12.5).
  - Driving beyond Mountain Vista Rest Area is prohibited.
  - The Mountain Vista Rest Area operating season will be determined by NPS on an annual basis, contingent on weather and road conditions. Generally, the season will begin in mid-February and continue through May 10th.
  - Driving to the Denali Park Kennels is permitted from September 24 to May 10 – see part 11 for specific stipulations and operating hours.
  - Although weather and driving conditions may allow for the road to be opened to the public beyond the Mountain Vista Rest Area during the winter season, CUA holders are prohibited from travelling beyond this point.
  - Short-term road closures may occur due to weather events and/or road conditions. The CUA holder is encouraged to call the Park Information number at (907) 683-9532 for current weather and road information.
  - While on the Park Road beyond the park headquarters, passengers may disembark the vehicle while parked in plowed roadside pullouts. When out of the vehicle/bus in roadside pullouts no guided activities are permitted.
  - Each vehicle must be equipped with a means of two-way emergency communication, such as a satellite phone or 2-way satellite messaging communication device. Cell phone service past milepost 3 is not dependable.
  - CUA holders are encouraged to minimize idling when stationary for extended periods of time in rest areas, along roadsides, and in parking lots. CUA holders are strongly encouraged to consider alternative means of providing interior heat in their vehicles, such as air-heaters which utilize engine-off technology for their operation. Parking is provided at the Denali Visitor Center parking lot for extended idling. No vehicle plug-ins are available at Mountain Vista Rest Area.
4. Incidental guided hiking and snowshoeing is a permitted activity of the CUA. Snowshoes must be provided by the CUA holder. Incidental guided hiking and snowshoeing are only authorized at the following location/trails:
  - McKinley Station Trail (including Morino Connector Trail and Spruce Forest Loop)
  - Roadside Bike Trail (including Jonesville Connector Trail)

- Roadside Trail (including Meadow View Connector Trail and the portion of Horseshoe Lake Trail which connects with Roadside Trail)
- Rock Creek Trail (including Meadow View Connector Trail and the portion of Horseshoe Lake Trail which connects with Rock Creek Trail)
- Triple Lakes Trail
- Mountain Vista Trail

5. Group size:

Destination	Group Size
Kennels	No group size limit
Mountain Vista Day Use Area and trail	No group size limit
McKinley Station, Roadside Bike, Roadside Trail, Rock Creek Trail, Triple Lakes Trail	No more than 12 persons, including the guide

- CUA holders are authorized four groups per day. Each group must be dispersed a minimum of fifteen minutes apart and may not congregate at a destination.
- There is no guarantee of the condition of the trails as weather can change unexpectedly. Groups may have to break their own trails when they arrive.
- The CUA holder or guide must remain with their clients for the duration of the trip.
- The CUA holder must provide all clients with an orientation prior to the trip which emphasizes safe practices in extreme winter conditions.
- Overnight use is prohibited.
- Sled Dog Kennels:
  - Tour vehicles are permitted to stop at and visit the Historic Headquarters Area. Be aware that during the winter and late spring, the park dogs are often away from the kennels on extended backcountry operations. During the winter season, September 18-May 14, the kennels are open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only. If the gate is closed at the kennels, access to the area is strictly prohibited. The CUA holder may call the Park Information number at (907) 683-9532 (Daily 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) to inquire about the status of the kennels.
  - CUA holders and all clients must receive a Kennels Safety briefing from a ranger at the kennels before visiting with the dogs (plan for 10 minutes). If the kennels gate is closed or barriers are in place do not proceed into the kennels.