

Activity Specific Stipulations

Guided Day Hiking – Frontcountry

1. Guided Day Hiking is authorized on the following trails:
 - Multi-Purpose Trail
 - Jonesville Trail
 - Roadside Trail
 - Rock Creek Trail
 - Triple Lakes Trail
 - McKinley Station Trail (only when accessing the Triple Lakes Trail)

2. CUA holders are authorized to conduct one hike per day, per trail.

Group Camping at Savage River Campground

1. Campground Requirements:
 - a) Group size limit is 20 people per site, inclusive of CUA holder and employees.
 - b) Vehicle limit is two (2) per campsite.
 - c) Group Camping is authorized in Sites A, B, and 34.
 - d) Camping is limited to 14 total nights annually, with no more than seven (7) consecutive nights.
2. Group campsite reservations are available by reservation beginning December 1 for the following year. Reservations must be made over the telephone by calling the reservation center at 800-622-7275.
3. Driving:
 - a) Groups are authorized to drive to and from the Savage River Campground in support of their stay in the campground.
 - b) Driving beyond the Savage River Campground is prohibited.
 - c) Driving beyond the Denali Visitor Center outside of the dates of a reservation at the campground is prohibited.
4. Savage Alpine Trail:
 - a) Holders of a CUA for Group Camping at Savage Campground are authorized to hike as a commercial group on the Savage Alpine Trail, which is located between the Savage Campground and the Savage River at Mile 15 on the Denali Park Road.
 - b) The group size limit for this activity is 12, inclusive of CUA holders and employees (guides). As the group camping size limit is 20, the CUA holder must divide up accordingly their clientele who wish to hike on the Savage Alpine Trail as a commercial group with an employee (guide) into smaller groups that comply with the limit of 12.
 - c) CUA holders and employees are prohibited from driving a vehicle beyond the Savage Campground for any purpose, including in support of hiking on the Savage Alpine Trail. CUA holders and employees are encouraged to utilize the free Savage River Shuttle Bus for transportation to and/or from the trailhead at Mile 15.

Air Taxi & Incidental Hunt Transport

1. To be considered an Air Taxi, the majority of passengers on the flight must either be dropped off or picked up from a day trip or overnight stay and passengers do not remain with the airplane while on the ground.
2. An Air Taxi CUA holder may also provide incidental hunt transport for park visitors. Incidental hunt transport is defined as the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by the hunters as an incidental portion of their business. The word "incidental" means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an Air Taxi operator who does not:
 - a) Charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, and/or the big game animals harvested by the hunters; or

- b) Advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public. The word “advertise” means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an Air Taxi operator for the purpose of providing transportation service to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services.
3. Air Taxi landings may occur throughout the park additions and preserve except on glaciers and lakes on glaciers.
 4. Flight operations are authorized only for fixed wing aircraft. Helicopter use is prohibited.
 5. All airplanes must be currently licensed, operated, maintained and operated in conformance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.
 6. All pilots must have Title 14, Part 135 certification.
 7. The CUA holder must carry a spill kit onboard each aircraft that includes absorbent pads, a shovel and doubled plastic bags to remove and transport contaminated material.
 8. When transporting hazardous materials such as stove fuel or bear spray, the CUA holder must use an USDOT approved container and packaging, and follow the hazmat guidelines for safe handling, transportation, and storage.
 9. The CUA holder must remove all trash and garbage generated by their activities within the park.
 10. The CUA holder must notify the Alaska Regional Communication Center at 907-683-2276 of any hazardous material discharge as soon as possible without impeding cleanup.
 11. Loading or unloading passengers or cargo from aircraft must be done only when engine(s) are completely shut down. "Hot loading" or "hot unloading" of passengers or cargo is prohibited.
 12. Kantishna Airstrip Specific Stipulations:
 - a) The annual landing limit on the Kantishna Airstrip is six (6) for those landings conducted to transport park visitors traveling to or from Kantishna for recreational purposes.
 - b) Landings for the purposes of pickup or delivery of Kantishna land owners, their immediate family members, employees, contractors or guests are unlimited.

Road Based Winter Vehicle Tours

1. Road-based winter vehicle tours may be conducted on the Denali Park Road as far west as the Mountain Vista Rest Area (milepost 12.7).
2. The operating season for road-based winter vehicle tours 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.
3. 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 of mid-February through May 10, road-based winter vehicle tours MAY NOT travel beyond this point.
4. The NPS will maintain the road to keep it open during this time period; however, short-term 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.
5. Vehicle sizes and passenger capacities up to and including motor coach-style buses are permitted.
6. While on the park road beyond the park headquarters and kennels complex (milepost 3.1), passengers may disembark the vehicle while parked in plowed roadside pullouts.
7. For the 2018 operating season the Mountain Vista loop trail and Savage Cabin trail are authorized for off-bus interpretation and hiking. There is no guarantee of the condition of these trails as weather changes unexpectedly in winter. The addition of these trails is being allowed on trial basis for one operating season only. Please note these trails may not be included in the 2019 Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tour authorization.

8. 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 unavailable.
9. Vehicles are prohibited from extended periods of idling while parked 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.
10. Include activity use of the Mountain Vista Trail and the Savage Cabin Trail on the CUA holder's yearly guiding activity report.
11. Tour vehicles are permitted to stop at and visit the Historic Headquarters Area. Starting on February 14th 2018 the Denali Park Kennels will open to CUA holders; however, be aware that during the winter and late spring, the park dogs are often away from the kennels on extended backcountry operations. The kennels winter operating hours are 8AM-5PM. 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 9:00 am – 4:30pm) to inquire about the status of the kennels.

CUA holders and all clients must receive a Kennels Safety briefing from a ranger at the Winter Visitor Center front desk and/or at the kennels before visiting with the dogs (plan for 10 minutes).

The guide must ensure the safety of the visitors and dogs by enforcing the following:

- a) Do not enter dog pens, put fingers through fencing, or put anything (body parts, electronics) into dog houses.
- b) Do not let any dogs jump and/or put paws up on you.
- c) Do not let dogs chew on body parts, clothing or toys. Please pack away all items that may trigger a high prey response in the dogs (stuffed animals, fur, faux fur, items that squeak, etc.).
- d) Please keep small children and infants at your side or in your arms at all times. Do not put children face to face with any dog or place children with dogs for photos.
- e) If dogs seem nervous or shy (pacing, barking, hiding), leave them alone and move to a different area.
- f) Be on alert at all times for dog teams with sleds leaving or entering the dog yard.
- g) Keep walkways clear for dog teams and sleds.
- h) Report any dangerous interactions between a visitor and the sled dogs immediately to the ranger on duty at the kennels.

If the kennels gate is closed or barriers are in place do not proceed into the kennels.

Guided Activities

1. Guided Activities are defined as non-technical day trips by hiking, skiing or snowshoeing from September 24th to May 10th or as snow conditions allow. The CUA holder may call the Park Information number at (907) 683-9532 (Daily 9:00 am – 4:30pm) to inquire about the status of the trails.
2. Guided Activities are authorized in the **NON-GLACIATED** areas within the 1980 park additions, preserve, and the following trails:
 - Multi-Purpose Trail
 - Jonesville Trail
 - Roadside Trail
 - MSLC Connection Trail
 - Rock Creek Trail
 - McKinley Station Trail
 - Triple Lakes Trail
 - Taiga Loop Trail
 - Mountain Vista Trail
 - Savage Cabin Trail
3. CUA holders are authorized four groups per day and each group must be dispersed a minimum of fifteen minutes apart and may not congregate at a destination.

4. Overnight use is not authorized.
5. There is no guarantee of the condition of these trails as weather changes unexpectedly. Groups should expect to have to break their own trails when they arrive.
6. CUA holder or guide shall remain with their clients for the duration of the trip.
7. The CUA holder or guide shall provide all clients with an orientation prior to the trip which emphasizes safe practices while skiing and snowshoeing in winter conditions.
8. Guides must carry sanitary solid human waste containment bags, ensure their use, and proper disposal if traveling in areas without established restroom facilities.
9. Shelter use at Mountain Vista Rest Area:
 - a) A warming tent may be erected only to support Guided Activities and must be taken down every day.
 - b) Tent use during the months of April and May is prohibited.
 - c) Tents to be erected at designated sites only.
 - d) No firewood is allowed to be stored.
 - e) Ashes and all trash must be removed from the site daily.
 - f) No fire pits may be created.
 - g) A fire extinguisher and shovel must be on site when a heating device is used.
 - h) Unattended food storage in warming tent is prohibited.
 - i) Warming tents at Mountain Vista Rest Area may not be labeled or branded to reflect private ownership.
10. Driving access to Headquarters and Mountain Vista Rest Area:
 - a) Groups are authorized to drive to and from Headquarters Area (milepost 3.1) and Mountain Vista Rest Area (milepost 12.5) to access trails.
 - b) Driving beyond Mountain Vista Rest Area is prohibited.
 - c) Mountain Vista Rest Area operating season for guided activities 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.
 - d) The NPS will maintain the Park Road to keep it open during this time period; however, short-term 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.
 - e) While on the Park Road beyond the park headquarters and kennels complex (milepost 3.1), passengers may disembark the vehicle while parked in plowed roadside pullouts. When out of the vehicle/bus in roadside pullouts no guided activities are allowed.
 - f) 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.
 - g) 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. No vehicle plug-ins are available at Mountain Vista Rest Area.
11. Tour vehicles are permitted to stop at and visit the Historic Headquarters Area. Starting on February 14th 2018 the Denali Park Kennels will open to CUA holders; however, be aware that during the winter and late spring, the park dogs are often away from the kennels on extended backcountry operations. The kennels winter operating hours are 8AM-5PM. 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 9:00 am – 4:30pm) to inquire about the status of the kennels.

CUA holders and all clients must receive a Kennels Safety briefing from a ranger at the Winter Visitor Center front desk and/or at the kennels before visiting with the dogs (plan for 10 minutes).

The guide must ensure the safety of the visitors and dogs by enforcing the following:

- a) Do not enter dog pens, put fingers through fencing, or put anything (body parts, electronics) into dog houses.
- b) Do not let any dogs jump and/or put paws up on you.

- c) Do not let dogs chew on body parts, clothing or toys. Please pack away all items that may trigger a high prey response in the dogs (stuffed animals, fur, faux fur, items that squeak, etc.).
- d) Please keep small children and infants at your side or in your arms at all times. Do not put children face to face with any dog or place children with dogs for photos.
- e) If dogs seem nervous or shy (pacing, barking, hiding), leave them alone and move to a different area.
- f) Be on alert at all times for dog teams with sleds leaving or entering the dog yard.
- g) Keep walkways clear for dog teams and sleds.
- h) Report any dangerous interactions between a visitor and the sled dogs immediately to the ranger on duty at the kennels.

If the kennels gate is closed or barriers are in place do not proceed into the kennels.

Guided Backcountry Day Hiking – Dunkle Hills Mine Road

1. The CUA holder may provide guided day hiking from the Dunkle Hills Mine Road and along the boundary ditch past the Golden Zone Mine within the park boundary.
2. No more than three guided groups per day may use the area.
3. The annual limit on clients is 300, allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
4. The Dunkle Hills provide important caribous calving habitat. The NPS reserves the right to impose additional restrictions should this guided activity overlap with caribou calving in the area.
5. The removal, defacing or destruction of cultural resources, including artifacts and architectural components, from park lands is prohibited.
6. Groups hiking off the Park Road should follow Leave No Trace guidelines including sticking to durable surfaces whenever possible and spreading out hikers to prevent informal trails from forming. If the NPS detects visitor-created social trails or resource damage away from the road, the NPS will seek to apply measures to limit the impacts to the area.

Guided Overnight Hiking

1. Guided Overnight Hiking is authorized in the 1980 park additions and preserve.
2. Guided Overnight Hiking includes Backpacking and Basecamp Hiking.
 - a) Backpacking is defined as hiking and camping in a different location each night.
 - b) Basecamp Hiking is defined as setting up a camp in one location, day hiking from the location, and returning to the camp for overnight stay(s). In 2019, the NPS is considering removing Basecamp Hiking as an allowable service under the Guided Overnight CUA.
3. For 2018, Basecamp Hiking will be restricted to eight total weeks. The approved eight weeks of when Basecamp Hiking can take place are:
 - 1) June 16th – July 1st
 - 2) July 6th – July 9th
 - 3) July 12th – July 25th
 - 4) July 29th – August 4th
 - 5) August 16th – August 19th
 - 6) August 23rd – September 1st
4. An electric bear fence in proper working order must be placed around a basecamp. The fence must be tested daily.
5. All tents, tarps, and campsites in the Backside Lake area must be located at least 100 yards from and out of sight from the lake.

6. Participants are required to use Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee approved Bear Resistant Food Containers (BRFC).
7. Tents must be removed from the backcountry when not in use overnight (must not be left unattended between trips).
8. Leave No Trace:
 - a) Hiking activity near Backside Lake (in the recent moraine areas with gravelly soil and pioneer vegetation) shall take place on routes designated with existing unobtrusive small rock cairns these routes should be minimized and not expanded.
 - b) Hiking activity away from Backside Lake (the older alpine meadow vegetation) shall be dispersed to the greatest degree possible to prevent the formation of newly created social trails and minimize resource damage at camping areas.
 - c) If the NPS detects visitor-created social trails or resource damage at camping areas away from the lake, the NPS will seek to apply measures to limit the impacts to the area.
 - d) Camping and hiking should be done on durable surfaces whenever possible, if a non-durable surface is used for camping it should not be used more than twice per season.

Guided Backcountry Day Hiking – Backside Lake

1. Use of the Area:
 - a) The CUA holder may have a maximum of one hiking group in Backcountry Unit 74 at a time, and a maximum of two hiking groups in Backcountry Unit 77 at a time. See attached map.
 - b) CUA holders who provide both Day Hiking and Overnight Hiking guide services in the same area **must limit** the number and **must coordinate** the movement of their groups to adhere to requirement 1.a.
 - c) An overlap of groups; arriving at or departing the area while waiting for air taxi transportation is allowed.
2. Employees (guides) may not stay overnight in the area unless there is a guided group present.
3. Tarp use by employees and guests:
 - a) A tarp (single sheet of fabric) may only be erected in the area to provide shelter during inclement weather.
 - b) The tarp must be erected on a durable surface, which has little if any vegetation and no crypto biotic soils.
 - c) The tarp must be at least 100 yards from the lake shore and in a location that is unobtrusive to visitors arriving in the area.
 - d) The tarp shall only be set up when the employees are present and should only be used for activities associated with the Day Hiking CUA.
 - e) The tarp shall be a color that blends into the surrounding environment.
 - f) The tarp shall never be closer than 25 yards from any known bird nests.
4. Emergency food and gear storage:
 - a) Bear resistant containers approved by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, can be used for short-term food and equipment storage. These are for emergency for employee(s) and clients and are not allowed to be left overnight.
 - b) The containers must be stored at least 100 yards from the lake shore, in a location that is unobtrusive to visitors arriving in the area.
5. Leave No Trace:
 - a) Hiking activity near Backside Lake (in the recent moraine areas with gravelly soil and pioneer vegetation) shall take place on routes designated with existing unobtrusive small rock cairns these routes should be minimized and not expanded.
 - b) Hiking activity away from Backside Lake (the older alpine meadow vegetation) shall be dispersed to the greatest degree possible to prevent the formation of newly created social trails and minimize resource damage at camping areas.
 - c) If the NPS detects visitor-created social trails or resource damage at camping areas away from the lake, the NPS will seek to apply measures to limit the impacts to the area.
 - d) Hiking should be done on durable surfaces whenever possible.