Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve
PO Box 439, Copper Center, AK 99573
www.nps.gov/wrst

Superintendent  Ben Bobowski

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

Size  
- Largest national park in the United States
- Park: 8,323,148 acres  13,004.9 square miles  (33,683 square kilometers)
- Preserve: 4,852,753 acres  7,582.4 square miles  (19,637 square kilometers)
- Total: 13,175,901 acres  20,587.3 square miles  (53,602 square kilometers)
- Wilderness: 9,431,741 acres  14,737.1 square miles  (38,169 square kilometers)

Visitation  Approximately 87,000 people per year

NPS Staffing  
- Permanent: approximately 40
- Seasonal: approximately 75

Park Roads  
- Nabesna Road: 42 miles (68 kilometers) in length, gravel
- McCarthy Road: 59 miles (98 kilometers) in length, gravel

Landmarks  
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<td>Copper Center Visitor Center</td>
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<td>Kennecott Mines Nat. Historic Landmark</td>
<td>2000 feet 609.6 meters</td>
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<td>Slana Ranger Station</td>
<td>2198 feet  670.0 meters</td>
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<td>Yakutat District Office</td>
<td>33 feet   10.0 meters</td>
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<td>Mt. St. Elias</td>
<td>18,008 feet 5488.8 meters</td>
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<td>Mt. Bona</td>
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<td>Mt. Blackburn</td>
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<td>Mt. Sanford</td>
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<td>Mt. Churchill</td>
<td>15,638 feet 4766.5 meters</td>
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Flora  
- Vascular Plants: 1318 taxa documented
- Tree Species: 8
- Lichens: 133 species documented
- Bryophytes (mosses and liverworts): 187 documented

Wildlife Species  
- Mammals: 54
- Birds: 239
- Fish: 88
- Amphibians: 2 (wood frog and boreal toad)
- Reptiles: 0
- Insects: 56
| **The Copper River** | Length: 290 miles (467 km)  
Elevation drop: 3,600 feet (1,097 meters) from source to sea  
Discharge: estimated at 61,000 cubic feet (1,727 cubic meters) per second  
Daily Sediment Load: 750,000 cubic feet (21,238 cubic meters)  
Fourth siltiest river in the world  
Only major river to penetrate the Chugach Mountain Range.  
Spawning corridor for famous Copper River Sockeye and Chinook Salmon |
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| **Mountain Ranges** | Alaska Mountain Range  
Chugach Mountain Range  
Wrangell Mountain Range  
St. Elias Mountain Range (highest coastal range in the world) |
| **Volcanoes** | 12 volcanoes in the park (The Wrangell Volcanic Field)  
Highest and largest active volcano outside of Hawaii in the United States:  
Mt. Wrangell at 14,163 feet / 4,317 meters) elevation and composed of 250 cubic miles (1,042 cubic km) of lava |
| **Glaciers** | Greatest concentration of glaciers in North America.  
3.3 million acres (13335 sq km), or 33%, of Wrangell-St Elias is covered by glacial ice  
Longest valley glacier in North America:  
Nabesna Glacier at 54 miles (87 km) in length  
Largest piedmont glacier in the world:  
Malaspina Glacier at 1,500 square miles (3,885 square km) in area  
Largest sub-polar icefield in North America:  
Bagley Icefield at 127 miles (204 km) in length  
Longest tidewater glacier in North America:  
Hubbard Glacier at 76 miles (122 km) in length |
| **Weather** | **Winter**  
Average January minimum temperature: -13.9°F (-25.5°C)  
Record January minimum temperature: -65.0°F (-53.9°C) |
| | **Summer**  
Average July maximum temperature: 68.0°F (20.0°C)  
Record July maximum temperature: 91.0°F (32.8°C) |
| | **Rain**  
Average annual rainfall: 10.9 in (27.7 cm)  
Record annual rainfall: 14.9 in (37.8 cm) |
| | **Snow**  
Average annual snowfall: 50.4 in (128.0 cm)  
Record annual snowfall: 93.9 in (238.5 cm) |

(Weather data collected from Gulkana Airport.)