DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE, ALASKA

WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS 2026

AN ALASKA PHOTOGRAPHERS' CALENDAR



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Pools on Ruth Glacier

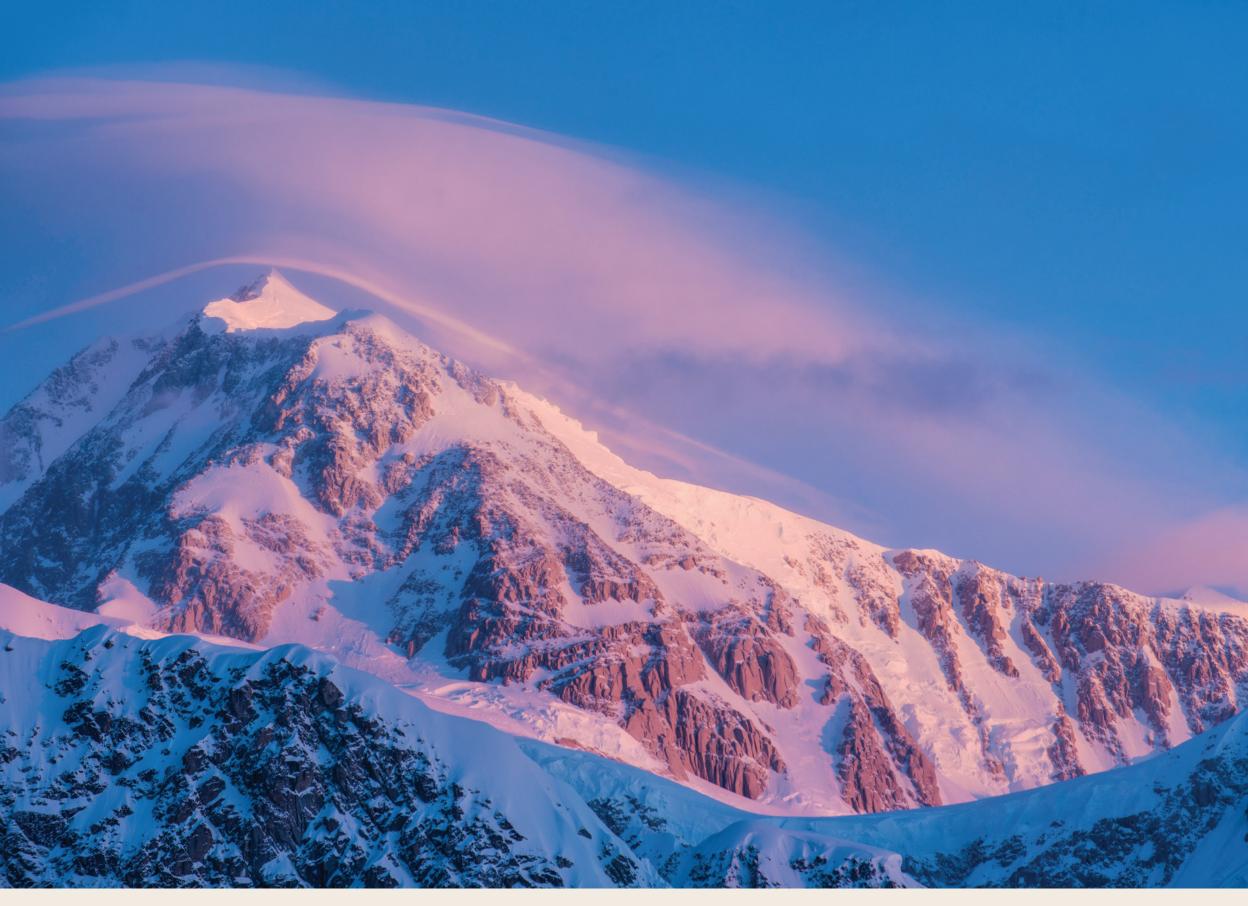
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	o live on top of the mo rs while you are climb					
4	5	6	Z Eastern Orthodox Christmas	8	9	ΙΟ
II	I2	13	I4 Eastern Orthodox New Year	15	16	I7
		Celia Hunter, conservationist, (1919-2001)				
I8 New moon	$I9 \qquad {}^{\text{MARTIN LUTHER}}_{\text{KING, JR.}}$	20	2I	22	23	24
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					First park expansion added land east of Sanctuary River, 1922	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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FEBRUARY



Lynx tracks in snow

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I Full moon	2 Marmot Day (Alaska)	3	4	5 Record low -54°F recorded at park headquarters, 1999	6	7
8	9	ΙΟ	II	I2 Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)	13	I4 ^{Valentine's Day}
15	I6 PRESIDENTS' DAY Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Alaska)	I7 Ramadan begins Chinese New Year New moon ●	I8 Ash Wednesday	19	20 Heritage Day (Yukon Territory)	2I First wedding performed in park, 1945
22 George Washington (1732-1799)	23	24	25	26 Mt. McKinley National Park established. Bill signed by President Wilson, 1917	27	28 First winter ascent of Denali, 1967

May your dreams be larger than mountains and may you have the courage to scale their summits. – Harley King



MARCH



Dall sheep rams

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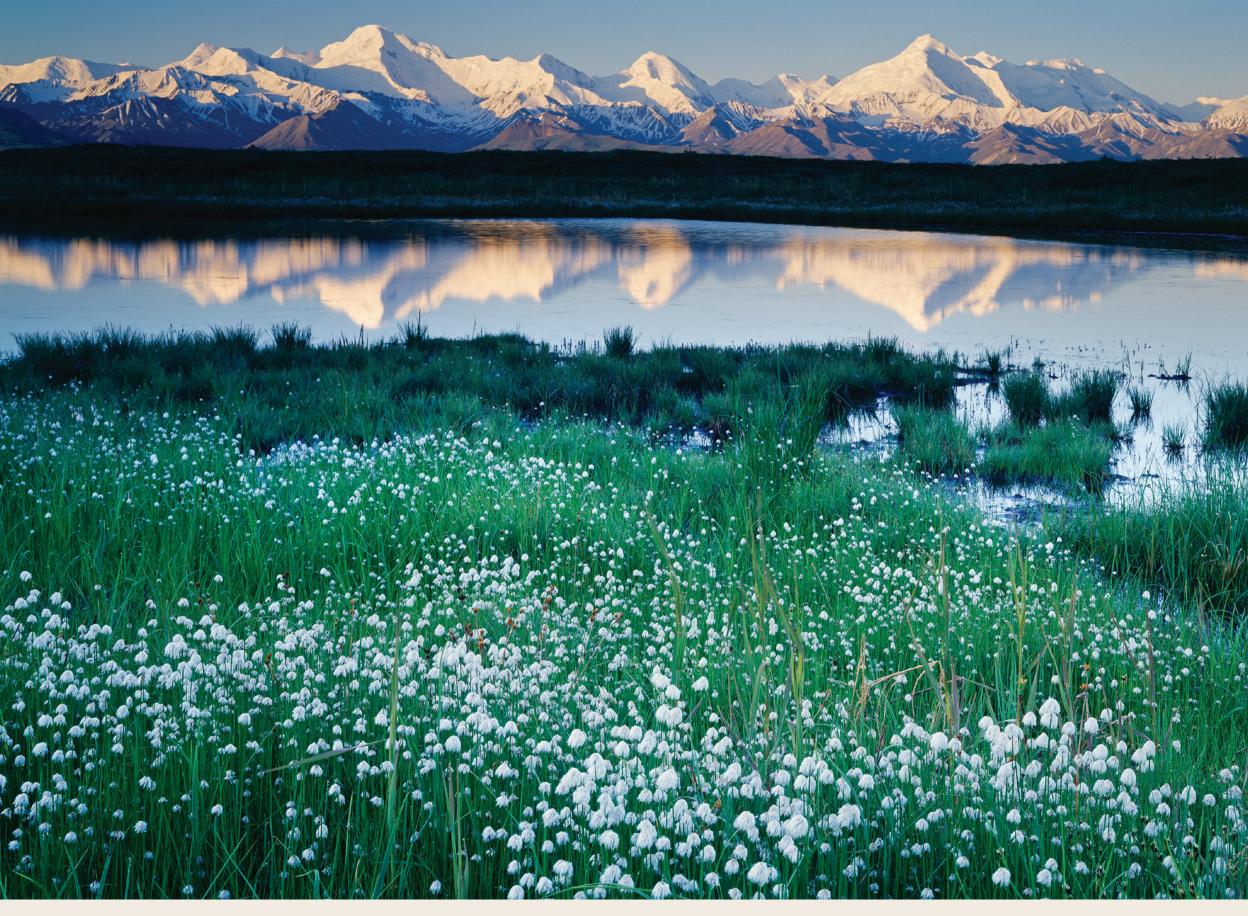
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Ι	2	3 Full moon	4	5	6	7 Susan Butcher Day (Alaska)
Olaus Murie, biologist, (1889-1963)						
8 Daylight Saving Time begins	9	ΙΟ	II	12	I3 First successful solo winter climb of Denali completed by Vern Tejas, 1988	Ι4
15	Ι6	I7 St. Patrick's Day	I8 Ramadan ends New moon	I9 Second park expansion added land to northwest and east sides, including Wonder Lake. Park totaled more than two million acres, 1932.	20 Spring Equinox	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Vietnam Veterans Day	30 Seward's Day (Alaska)	31	lf I could lick the – Jaron Kintz	e sunset, I'll bet it wou	ld taste like Neapolita	n ice cream.



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Moonrise over Toklat River

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There are few sights more pleasant to the eye, than a wide cotton field when it is in the bloom. It presents an appearance of purity, like an immaculate expanse of light, new-fallen snow. – Solomon Northup			I Passover begins Full moon O	2	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	ΙΟ	Henry P. Karstens appointed park's first chief ranger, 1921
I2 Eastern Orthodox Easter	I3	I4	I5 US tax returns due	Ι6	I7 New moon	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Arbor Day First airplane landing on Denali (Muldrow Glacier) with mountain climbers. Joe Crosson, pilot, 1932	25
26	27	28	29	30		



MAY



Fireweed and foxtail barley

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Deep in their ro – Theodore Roe	oots, all flowers keep the thke	e light.				
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
IO Mother's Day	II	I2	I3	I4	15	I6 Armed Forces Day New moon
17	I8 Victoria Day (Canada)	19	20 Arbor Day (Alaska)	21	22	23
						First live radio broadcast from Denali's summit, 1984
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30
31 Blue moor						
	Mt. Huntington, elev. 12,240 ft., climbed by Terray party, 1964				First dog team reached Denali summit, 1979	Two millionth visitor rode Denali Park shuttle bus, 2000



JUNE



Brown bear cub

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		Harry Karstens appointed first park superintendent; park headquarters established at Nenana, 1921; Denali Park hotel opened, 1939	First ascent of Moose's Tooth, elevation 10,335', 1964			Barbara Washburn was first woman atop Denali, 1947
7	8	9	ΙΟ	II	I2	I3
	Tatum, Harper, Stuck and Karstens first to reach Denali's South Summit, 1913 Galen Johnson, age 11, youngest climber to summit Denali, 2001		Bellmore Browne, artist, mountaineer, and park advocate, (1880-1954)	Norma Sanders first woman solo climb of Denali, 1990		Three Strawn brothers perished in climbing accident, Mt. Foraker, 2002
I4 Flag Day New moon	15	I6	Ι7	18	I9 EMANCIPATION DAY (Juneteenth)	20
				First airplane landing in park, Carl Ben Eielson, in a WWI Jenny, 1924		Four died in plane crash, Yentna Glacier, 2000
21 Summer Solstice Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
		William Nancarrow named first permanent park naturalist, 1951				
28	29 Full moon	30				
Tom Choate, age 78, oldest climber to reach Denali summit, 2013					Mother Nature. Especi nds and is guarding h	
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JULY



Arctic ground squirrel

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Real freedom lies in wildness, not in civilization. – Charles Lindbergh			I Canada Day (Canada)	2	3 INDEPENDENCE DAY (observed)	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 First ascent of Mount Hunter, elev. 14,570', 1954	G First ascent of Mount Foraker, elev. 17,400', 1934	7 Construction began on pioneer road; 12 miles built from McKinley Park Station to Savage River in two days, 1922	8	9 Alaska Flag Day	ΙΟ	II
12	13	I4 New moon	15 Pres. Warren Harding drove a golden spike to complete the Alaska Railroad, Nenana, 1923	Ι6	Ι7	18
19	20	21	222 Bill VonderMehden ran 92-mile park road in 25 hrs., 2011	23	24	25 Ted Stevens Day (Alaska)
26 Parents' Day	27	28	29 Full moon	30	31	
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AUGUST



Willow Ptarmigan

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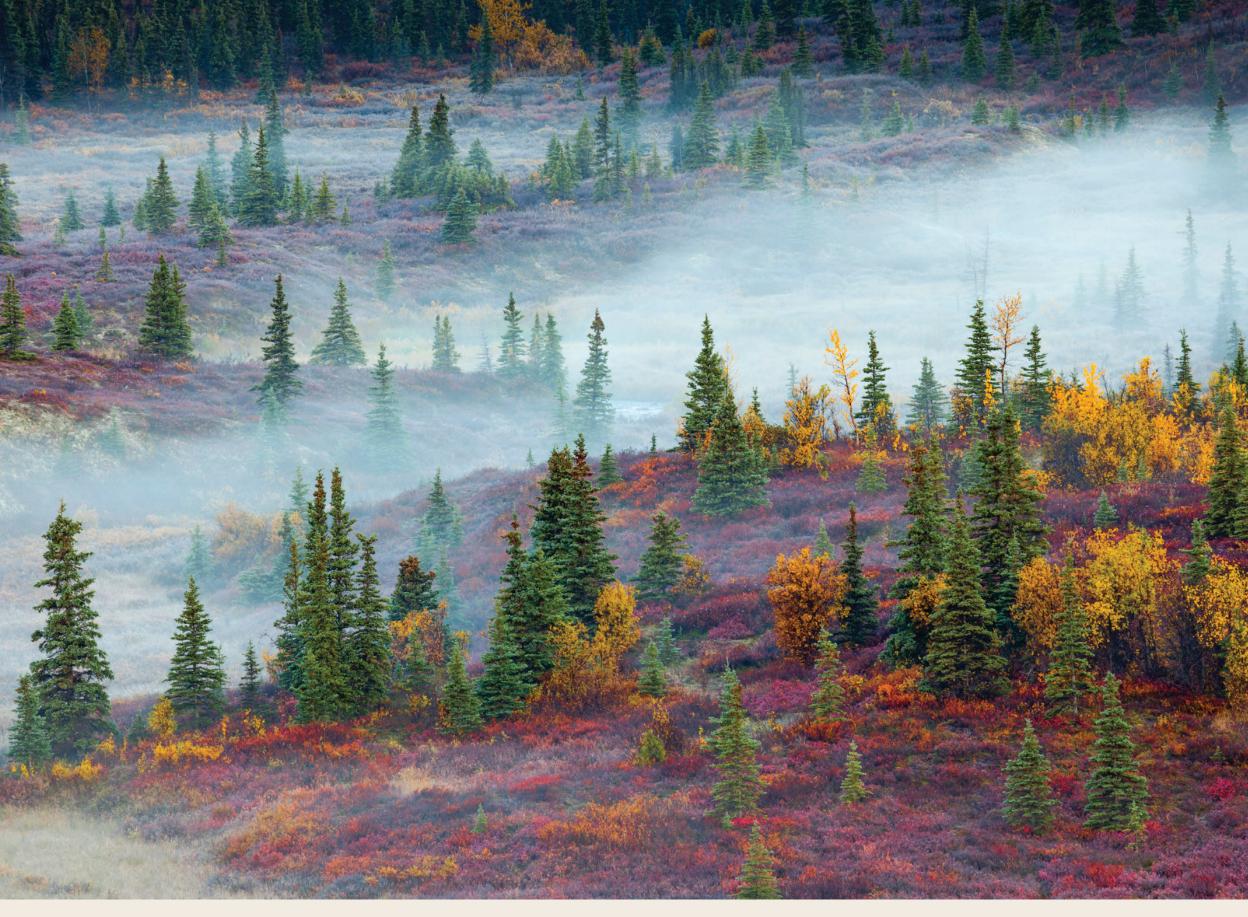
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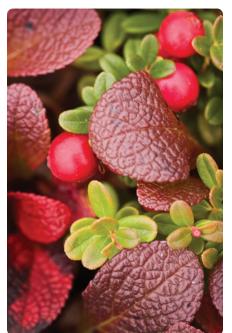
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	Some people I felt more exp – Mae Jemiso						
	2	3 Civic Day (Canada)	4	5	6 First ascent of Mt. Foraker,	7	8
-	9	ΙΟ	II	I2 New moon	north summit, 19,400 ft., by Houston party, 1934	I4	15
	7	10	11	\$9.2-million Eielson Visitor Center dedicated, 2008	First flight over Denali summit, Matt Nieminen, 1930	14	1)
	Ι6	I7 Discovery Day (Yukon Territory)	I8 Mardy Murie, conservationist, (1902-2003)	19	20 William Dall, naturalist, (1845-1927)	21	22
-	23	24 Denali Park road closes in 2021 at MP92 due to landslide	25	26	27 Full moon	28	29
	30	31				Mt. McKinley officially renamed Denali, 2015	



SEPTEMBER



Bearberry and lowbush cranberies

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	SUNDAT	MONDAT	I	McKinley Park hotel burned, 1972	3	FRIDAY	5
	6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	IO New moon	Denali flightseeing grounded for 3 days following terrorist attack on two U.S. cities, 2001	I2
	I3 Grandparents' Day	I4	15	Ι6	Ι7	18	I9 The Boone and Crockett Club endorsed establishing a national park near Denali, 1915; Denali State Park, 1970
	20 Yom Kippur begins	21	22 Autumn Equinox	23	24	25	26 Full moon
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OCTOBER



Aurora borealis over pond

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Of all the paths yo make sure a few o – John Muir						
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II	COLUMBUS DAY Indigenous People's Day (Alaska)	I3	I4	I5	I6	I7
	Thanksgiving (Canada)					
					Charles Sheldon, naturalist, author and advocate for Denali NP, (1867-1928)	
I8 Alaska Day (Alaska)	I9 Alaska Day (observed)	20	21	22	23	24
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Tallest unnamed peak in park named for Sen. Ted					Virginia Hill Wood,	
Stevens, 2010	2(27	20	20	conservationist, 1917-2013	ЭТ Halloween
25 Full moon	26	27	28	29	30	3I Halloween
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Golden Eagle

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December

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
I Daylight Saving Time ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
Marcus Tyler reported for duty as first permanent park ranger, 1921		Park shaken by 7.9 earthquake, 2002				USAF C-119 crashed into Mt. Silverthorne (elev. 13,320 ft.), killing 19 people, 1952
8 New moon	9	ΙΟ	VETERANS DAY Remembrance Day (Canada)	I2 Hudson Stuck, missionary, mountaineer, (1863-1920)	13	I4
15	Ι6	Ι7	18	19	20 Don Sheldon, pioneer aviator, (1921-1975)	21
22	23	24 Full moon	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	30	The soul that sees beauty may sometimes walk alone. – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Order next year's Denali calendar online at GreatlandGraphics.com				



DECEMBER



Wickersham Wall, Denali

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There are no short any place worth g ~ Beverly Sills		Ι	2 Pres. Carter signed Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 1980	3	4 Hanukkah begins	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 New moon	9	ΙΟ	II	I2
13	I4	15	Ι6	Ι7	18	19
20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23 Full moon	24 Christmas Eve	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Boxing Day (Canada)
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
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DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE

Denali National Park and Preserve is one of the world's most scenic and wildlife-rich national parks. This is also the reason that more than 400,000 people visit Denali each year to hike, backpack, photograph, and enjoy its wilderness beauty. The park and preserve combined are 6,075,029 acres, larger than the state of Massachusetts. Situated in the heart of the Alaska Range, the park's mountain weather is dynamic and constantly changing. Denali crowns the Alaska Range as North America's tallest mountain, rising to 20,310 feet (6,190 m). In 2015 Mt. McKinley was officially renamed Denali, its Athabascan name meaning the "The High One."

DENALI PARK ROAD

The Denali Park entrance is located 123 miles from Fairbanks and 237 miles from Anchorage. The park has only one narrow and windy gravel road that penetrates 92 miles into the park on the Alaska Range's north side. Beginning at 1,585 ft. (483m), it crosses four mountain passes—the highest at 3,900 ft. (1188m). Private vehicles have been restricted to the first 14-mile paved section of the road since 1972 to minimize impacts on wildlife. Beyond that point, a transit system of buses take visitors into the park to enjoy the region's beautiful landscape, views of Denali, and wildlife along the road.

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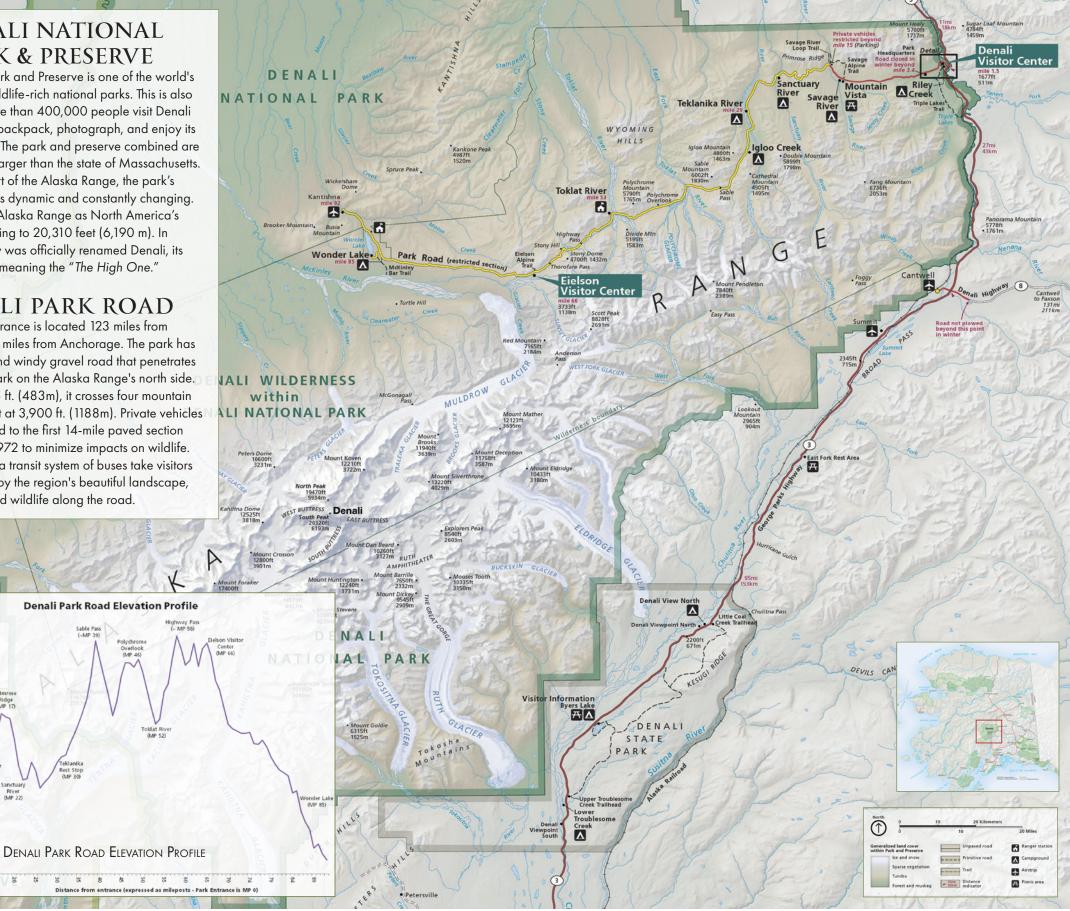
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Since private vehicle travel into the park is prohibited, the park offers a shuttle bus service. Transit bus trips originate at the Denali Bus Depot near the park entrance and operate from late May until early September. Transit bus ticket prices vary with the length of the trip into the park. Buses stop for wildlife viewing and will let you off at many locations. No food is available inside the park, so bring your own. No pets are allowed on the buses. There are six campgrounds in the park, and they are often full throughout the

summer, so plan well in advance. You can obtain the permits required to camp overnight in the wilderness backcountry at the Denali Visitor Center at the park entrance. For bus and campground reservations, see reservedenali.com or call 800.622.7275. A wealth of important information is available at nps.gov/dena.

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Arctic ground squirrel (Spermophilus parryii) Beaver (Castor canadensis)



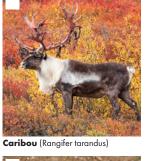
Dall sheep (Ovis dalli)



Grizzly bear (Ursus arctos)



Short-tailed weasel (Mustela erminea)





Golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos)



Snowshoe hare (Lepus americanus)



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Collard pika (Ochotona collaris)



Hoary marmot (Marmota caligata)



Spruce grouse (Falcipennis canadensis)

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Common loon (Gavia immer)



Lynx (Lynx canadensis)



Willow ptarmigan (Lagopus lagopus) Wolf (Canus lupis)



Moose (Alces alces gigas)

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Porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum)



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Hiker & alpenglow on Denali Steven Miley



Arctic poppies



South Buttress



Brown bear sow with cubs



Morning fog near Wonder Lake

Dall Sheep ram

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Wonder Lake & Denali



Red Fox



Bull Caribou Chuck Maas

Kate & Adam Rice





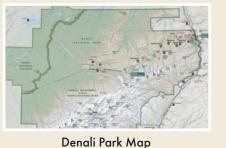
Cotton grass & Alaska Range Fred Hirschmann



Bull Moose with Denali



Relaxing with Aurora Borealis Dora Redman



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