

DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE, ALASKA

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Wildlife & Wilderness 2027

AN ALASKA PHOTOGRAPHERS' CALENDAR



Winter alpenglow on the north face of Denali

photo by Dave Parkhurst

JANUARY

2027

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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SATURDAY



Clouds on mountain

"The sunsets that take our breath away are the same sunsets that breathe new life into us."
- Angie Weiland-Crosby

I NEW YEAR'S DAY

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NEW MOON ●
Eastern Orthodox
Christmas

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Eastern Orthodox
New Year

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Celia Hunter, conservationist,
(1919-2001)

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MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

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22 FULL MOON ○

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First Park expansion added
land east of Sanctuary River,
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Eye Tooth and Moose's Tooth, with Denali in the background

photo by Tom Bol

FEBRUARY

2027



Aurora borealis over Alaska Range

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	I	2Marmot Day (Alaska)	3	4	5Record low -54°F (-48°C) recorded at Park headquarters, 1999	6NEW MOON ● Chinese New Year
7Ramadan begins	8	9	10Ash Wednesday	11	12Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)	13
14Valentine's Day	15PRESIDENTS' DAY	16Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Alaska)	17	18	19	20FULL MOON ○
21First wedding performed in Park, 1945	22George Washington (1732-1799)	23	24	25	26Heritage Day (Yukon Territory) Mt. McKinley National Park established. Bill signed by President Wilson, 1917	27
28First winter ascent of Denali, 1967	"To those devoid of imagination a blank place on the map is a useless waste; to others, the most valuable part." - Aldo Leopold					



View of north and south summit of Denali with trumpeter swans

photo by Patrick Endres

MARCH

2027



Sunset over Teklanika River

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	I Olaus Murie, biologist, (1889-1963)	2	3	4	5	6 Susan Butcher Day (Alaska)
7	8 NEW MOON ● Ramadan ends	9	10	11	12	13 First successful solo winter climb of Denali completed by Vern Tejas, 1988
14 Daylight Saving Time begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 2nd Park expansion added land to northwest and east sides, including Wonder Lake. Park totaled more than 2M acres, 1932.	20 Spring Equinox
21 Palm Sunday	22 FULL MOON ○	23	24	25	26 Good Friday	27
28 Easter	29 Seward's Day (Alaska) Vietnam Veterans Day	30	31	"We need quiet time to examine our lives openly and honestly - spending quiet time alone gives your mind an opportunity to renew itself and create order." - Susan L. Taylor		



Cathedral Spires, Kichatna Mountains

photo by Fred Hirschmann

SUNDAY

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Bull caribou near Wonder Lake

"You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way."
- Dr. Seuss

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NEW MOON ●

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FULL MOON ○

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Passover begins

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Earth Day

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1st airplane landing on Denali (Muldrow Glacier) with mountain climbers. Joe Crosson, pilot, 1932

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Passover ends

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Arbor Day

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Dall sheep ram on rock outcrop

photo by Sergius Hannan

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Wolf on Park road

"Freedom means the opportunity to be what we never thought we would be."
- Daniel J. Boorstin

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Eastern Orthodox Easter

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Cinco de Mayo

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Mother's Day

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15 Armed Forces Day

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Arbor Day (Alaska)

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20 FULL MOON ○

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1st live radio broadcast from Denali's summit, 1984

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Victoria Day (Canada)

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2 millionth visitor rode Denali Park shuttle bus, 2000

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MEMORIAL DAY

Mt. Huntington, elev. 12,240 ft., climbed by Terray party, 1964

1st dog team reached Denali summit, 1979

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Denali in evening light at Wonder Lake

photo by Todd Salat



Autumn colors

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		I	2 Harry Karstens appointed 1st Park superintendent; Park headquarters established at Nenana, 1921; Denali Park hotel opened, 1939	3 1st ascent of Moose's Tooth, elevation 10,335 ft, 1964	4 NEW MOON ●	5
6 Barbara Washburn – 1st woman to summit Denali, 1947	7 Tatum, Harper, Stuck & Karstens 1st to reach Denali's south summit, 1913	8 Galen Johnson, age 11, youngest climber to summit Denali, 2001	9	10 Bellmore Browne, artist, mountaineer, and Park advocate, (1880-1954)	11 Norma Sanders - 1st woman solo climb of Denali, 1990	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 FULL MOON ○ EMANCIPATION DAY (Juneteenth) Observed 1st airplane landing in Park, Carl Ben Eielson, in a WWI Jenny, 1924	19 EMANCIPATION DAY (Juneteenth)
20 Father's Day	21 Summer Solstice	22	23 William Nancarrow named 1st permanent Park naturalist, 1951	24	25	26
27	28 Tom Choate, age 78, oldest climber to reach Denali summit, 2013	29	30	<p>"I accept that there may be things far grander and more incomprehensible that we can possibly imagine." - Richard Dawkins</p>		



Cathedral Mountain and pond

photo by Tom Walker

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SATURDAY



Denali in morning light

"If the path be beautiful, let us not ask where it leads."
- Anatole France

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INDEPENDENCE
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INDEPENDENCE
DAY (observed)

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Construction began on
pioneer road; 12 miles built
from McKinley Park Station
to Savage River in 2 days,
1922

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Alaska Flag Day

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Ansel Adams captures
iconic *Mount McKinley* and
Wonder Lake photo, 1947

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FULL MOON ○

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Bill VonderMehden
ran 92-mile Park road
in 25 hrs., 2011

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Ted Stevens Day
(Alaska)

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Parents' Day

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Bull caribou at Wonder Lake

photo by Patrick Endres

AUGUST

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 <p>Mountain layers in smoke haze</p>	I	2NEW MOON ● Civic Day (Canada)	3	4	5	6	7
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	15	16FULL MOON ○ Discovery Day (Yukon Territory)	17	18	19	20	21
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	29	30	31NEW MOON ●		"Cherish sunsets, wild creatures and wild places. Have a love affair with the wonder and beauty of the earth." - Stewart Udall		
						First ascent of Mt. Foraker, north summit, 19,400 ft., by Houston party, 1934	
					\$9.2M newly rebuilt Eielson Visitor Center dedicated, 2008	1st flight over Denali summit, Matt Nieminen, 1930	
				Mardy Murie, conservationist, (1902-2003)		William Dall, naturalist, (1845-1927)	
	Gordon Haber, wolf biologist, 1942-2009		Denali Park Road closed at MP92 due to Pretty Rocks Landslide, 2021				Mt. McKinley officially renamed Denali, 2015

July

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September

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Autumn colors in the afternoon

photo by Ray Bulson

SEPTEMBER

2027

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Brown bear in autumn colors

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."
- Stanley Horowitz

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McKinley Park hotel
burned, 1972

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LABOR DAY

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12 Grandparents' Day

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Autumn Equinox
National Public
Lands Day

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The Boone and Crockett
Club endorsed establishing
a national park near
Denali, 1915

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Autumn colors in tundra near Park road

photo by Fredrik Norrsell

OCTOBER

2027



Coyote near Igloo Canyon

September

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<div>"Nature always wears the colors of the spirit"</div> <div>- Ralph Waldo Emerson</div>					I <div>Rosh Hashana begins</div>	2
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10 <div>Yom Kippur begins</div>	11 <div>COLUMBUS DAY Indigenous People's Day (Alaska) Thanksgiving (Canada)</div>	12	13	14 <div>Gordon Haber killed in plane crash while doing aerial wolf survey in Park, 2009</div>	15 <div>FULL MOON ○</div>	16 <div>Charles Sheldon, naturalist, author and advocate for Denali NP, (1867-1928)</div>
17	18 <div>Alaska Day (Alaska)</div>	19	20	21	22	23 <div>Virginia Hill Wood, conservationist, 1917-2013</div>
24	25	26	27	28	29 <div>NEW MOON ●</div>	30
31 <div>Halloween</div>						



Brown bear in autumn colors

photo by Cathy Hart

NOVEMBER

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Bull moose in autumn

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Marcus Tyler - 1st permanent Park ranger, 1921

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Park shaken by M7.9 earthquake, 2002

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Daylight Saving Time ends

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10 VETERANS DAY
Remembrance Day (Canada)

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FULL MOON ○

USAF C-119 crashed into Mt. Silverthorne (elev. 13,320 ft.), killing 19 people, 1952

Hudson Stuck, missionary, mountaineer, (1863-1920)

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Don Sheldon, pioneer aviator, (1921-1975)

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25 THANKSGIVING

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27 NEW MOON ●

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"Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much larger and better in every way."
- John Muir

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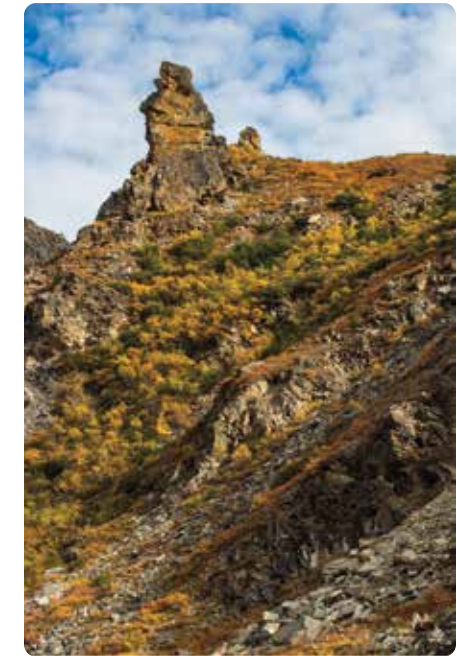


Denali in evening light with pond reflection

photo by Tom Walker

DECEMBER

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Rock formations near Savage River

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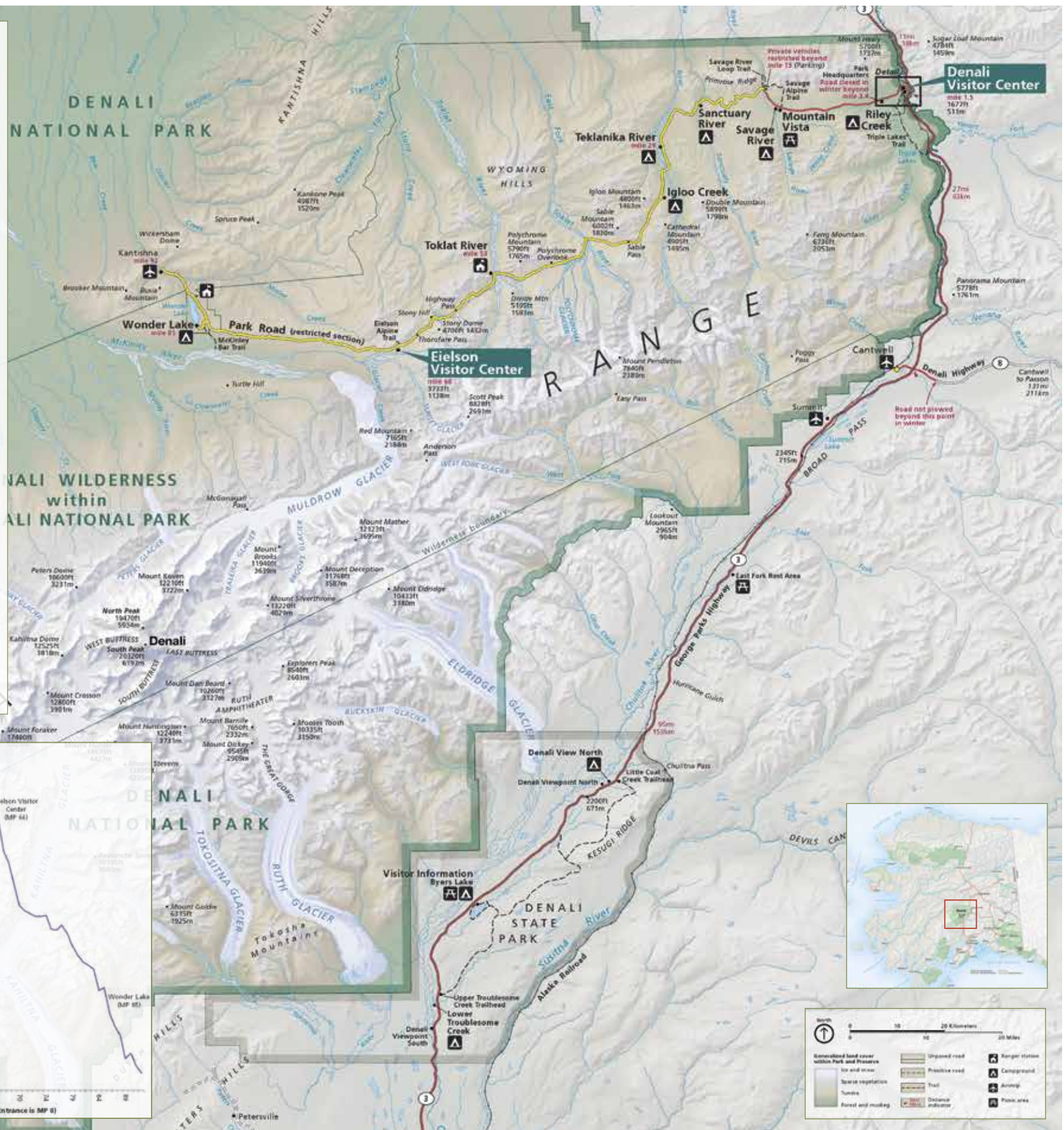
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<div>"Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than what we could learn from books." - John Lubbock</div>			I	2	3	4			
			5	6	7 <div>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</div>	8	9	10	11
			12	13 <div>FULL MOON ○</div>	14	15	16	17	18
			19	20	21 <div>Winter Solstice</div>	22	23	24 <div>Christmas Eve Hanukkah begins</div>	25 <div>CHRISTMAS DAY</div>
			26 <div>Boxing Day (Canada)</div>	27 <div>NEW MOON ●</div>	28	29	30	31 <div>New Year's Eve</div>	

Denali National Park & Preserve

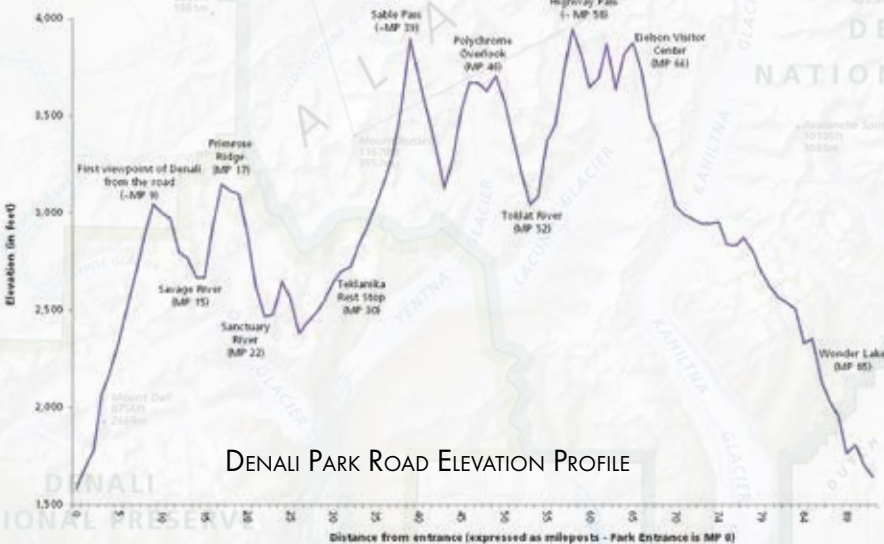
Denali National Park & Preserve is one of the world's most scenic and wildlife-rich national parks. This is also the reason that more than 500,000 people visit Denali each year to hike, backpack, photograph, and enjoy its wilderness beauty. The Park and Preserve combined are 6,075,029 acres, larger than 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 ft (6,190 m). In 2015 Mt. McKinley was officially renamed Denali, its Athabascan name meaning the "The High One." On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order changing the federal name of Denali back to Mount McKinley.

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. A landslide in 2021 resulted in the closure of the Park Road at Pretty Rocks (MP92). The road is anticipated to reopen in 2027.



Denali Park Road Elevation Profile



2028



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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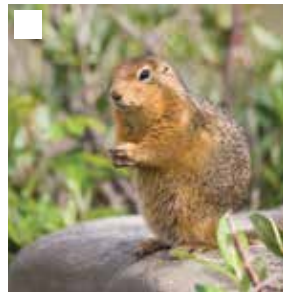
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What did you see while visiting Denali?



Arctic ground squirrel (*Spermophilus parryii*)



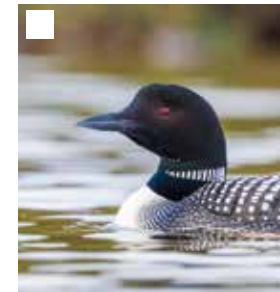
Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)



Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*)



Collared pika (*Ochotona collaris*)



Common loon (*Gavia immer*)



Common raven (*Corvus corax*)



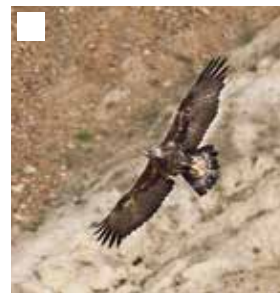
Coyote (*Canis latrans*)



Dall sheep (*Ovis dalli*)



Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*)



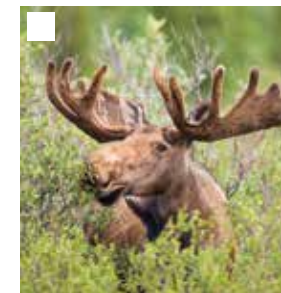
Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)



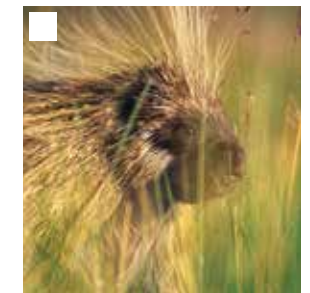
Hoary marmot (*Marmota caligata*)



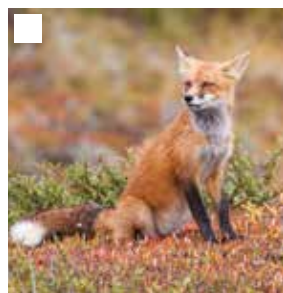
Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*)



Moose (*Alces alces gigas*)



Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*)



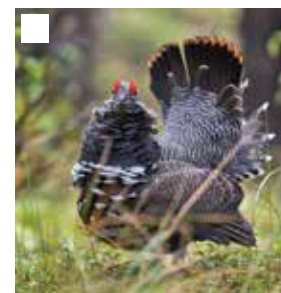
Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)



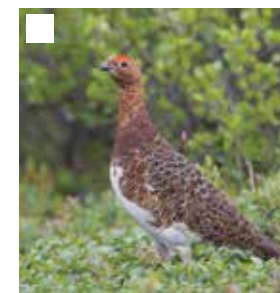
Short-tailed weasel (*Mustela erminea*)



Snowshoe hare (*Lepus americanus*)



Spruce grouse (*Falcapennis canadensis*)



Willow ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus*)



Wolf (*Canus lupis*)



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