CAMP DENALI &
NORTH FACE LODGE

Post Office Box 67
Denali National Park, Alaska 99755

Hello from Denali,

Thank you for choosing to include Camp Denali/ North Face Lodge in your Alaska itinerary.

To further acquaint yourself with our facilities and unique programs, we recommend thoroughly reviewing the following pages. In addition, we urge you to peruse our website, www.campdenali.com, to familiarize yourself with all aspects of your stay.

Welcome! We look forward to sharing the beauty of Denali with you this summer.

Sincerely,

The Cole/Hamm Family

AN UNPARALLELED SETTING

Camp Denali and North Face Lodge are the only accommodations in Denali National Park with views of Mount McKinley. Many park visitors never see "The Great One," but nine-tenths of our guests catch more than a glimpse of North America's highest mountain from one of the park's most extraordinary locations. Living there makes all the difference!

Camp Denali and North Face Lodge are located a mile apart in the remote heart of Denali National Park. Ninety miles of mountainous gravel road separate them from the commercially developed park entrance. The lodges are small; each accommodates just 35 - 40 guests. Camp Denali and North Face Lodge are not for everyone. Neither destination is a resort. Neither features luxurious accommodations, TVs, a bar, or even unlimited electricity. Instead, creative handwork, attention to detail, and careful stewardship of the land create a simple elegance that does not detract from the wildlands you come to explore.

Long-standing family ownership is committed to preserving and refining these fundamental elements of our mission. The experience of staying at Camp Denali and North Face Lodge is a unique blend of camaraderie among fellow adventurers and staff in a wilderness environment without parallel.

CAMP DENALI

Camp Denali's extraordinary setting has inspired people from all around the world since 1952. No fewer than 11 major mountains of the Alaska Range command the view from its unique hillside location.

- 18 guest cabins are situated to take advantage of the impressive vista; each has a view of Mt. McKinley.
- Cabins are a two to seven minute walk from the historic hand-hewn lodge, dining room, and modern shower facility.
- Cabins are simple but comfortably appointed with a wood stove for heat, propane lights, a gas hot plate for heating water, crafted quilts on each bed, and Alaskan artwork.
- A short path from each cabin leads to a hand-built and uncompromisingly sanitary outhouse, as well as a water spigot with cold running water.

You don't have to be capable of scaling Mount McKinley to stay at Camp Denali. The only prerequisites are an ability to negotiate the uneven ground of our well-maintained cabin trails, an enthusiasm for walking (rain or shine), and a spirit of adventure.

"We have stayed in accommodations all over North America and Europe, ranging from tents and hostels to luxury, and this is, without a doubt, the most wonderful place we have ever stayed." **-The Grants**

Tel: 907-683-2290 Fax: 907-683-1568 info@campdenali.com www.campdenali.com

NORTH FACE LODGE

Situated on a tundra meadow in the Moose Creek Valley, North Face Lodge boasts fine views of the crest of Mount McKinley and seven other major peaks of the Alaska Range.

- 15 small, well-appointed guest rooms, each with private bath, connect to a covered walkway that leads to the inn's common areas.
- The dining room and comfortably furnished living room with native stone fireplace are situated to offer views of Mount McKinley and the Alaska Range through the generously sized windows.
- On warm, sunny afternoons, a spacious patio invites relaxation in view of Denali's summit.

"*... a magnificent lodge with an outstandingly gracious welcome, lovely comfortable rooms, excellent cuisine and spectacular surroundings.*" -The Rondeaus

PLANNING FOR YOUR STAY AT CAMP DENALI AND NORTH FACE LODGE

ACTIVITIES

We offer active learning experiences each day. You can explore Denali National Park with a naturalist guide on a leisurely naturalist foray, moderate hike, or strenuous hike. We are also happy to assist you in planning independent outings, including biking, canoeing and fishing. The libraries and living rooms at both lodges and Camp Denali's natural history resource center are always available for reading and relaxation. Each evening after dinner, we feature programs to further enrich your understanding of sub-arctic and arctic regions.

DINING

Each lodge has its own dining room. For those planning to participate in naturalist-guided trips, breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m. A continental style offering is also available from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Lunch is a buffet of create-it-yourself sack lunch preparations, which you pack just after breakfast. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

ALCOHOL

Neither Camp Denali nor North Face Lodge holds a liquor license. You are welcome to bring your own bottle.

ELECTRICITY USE

We generate our own electricity at both lodges. Appliances with heating elements, such as curling irons and hair dryers, will overload our generating capacities. Please do not use them at either lodge.

COMMUNICATION

There is neither cell coverage nor guest internet access at our lodges. A pay phone (phone card only) is located at each lodge for outgoing calls. Do not plan to send or receive faxes or email, and limit incoming calls to emergencies only. Direct incoming calls to the office at Camp Denali: 907-683-2290. Mail days are Mondays and Fridays. The "local" post office is 90 miles away at the park entrance.

WHAT TO PACK

ESSENTIAL GEAR

- **Hiking boots:** over the ankle, well broken in

  NOTE: Hiking is mostly on trail-less terrain or unmaintained trails. Conditions range from wet/spongy to gravelly or boulder-strewn ground. ***Running/walking shoes are NOT recommended.*** *Even if you only participate in leisurely walks, well broken-in hiking boots are essential for your comfort and safety.*

- **Rain gear:** lightweight, good quality jacket and pants (for rain and/or wind)
- **Hat and gloves:** wool or fleece
- **Warm layers:** mid-weight wool sweater, fleece vest, fleece jacket
- **Shirts:** short and long-sleeved
- **Pants:** light weight (jeans are too warm and restrictive for moderate or strenuous hiking)
- **Long underwear:** light polypro top/bottom
- **Binoculars**
- **Day pack**
- **Extra camera batteries**

OPTIONAL WEAR

- **Jeans, khakis, skirts,** casual lodge wear
- **Active sandals** for stream crossings
- **Hiking gaiters** to keep moisture and debris out of your boots
- **Bathing suit** for a dip in the pond or Moose Creek

AVAILABLE TO BORROW

- Day packs
- Water bottles
- Head nets
- Walking sticks
- Fishing gear
- Boots: rubber bottom, leather-top (good for walking in wet conditions; not for steep or rocky terrain)
- Mountain bikes/helmets
- Canoes/paddles/PFDs

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

- Hats, gloves, socks
- Clothing
- Insect repellent
- Books and field guides
- Postcards
- Quality binoculars

MEETING US ON YOUR ARRIVAL DAY

Plan to meet us at the train depot parking area on your arrival day. Our lettered blue and white buses are parked at the far end of the parking area (see map on following page). Refer to directions below. If you are traveling by:

TRAIN FROM ANCHORAGE

Train Arrival: 3:45 p.m. the day before your reservation with us. Overnight near the park entrance.
Meet our buses: 12:30 p.m. the following day.
Lunch: Eat lunch prior to meeting us.

TRAIN FROM FAIRBANKS

Train Arrival: 12:00 p.m.
Meet our buses: Upon arrival in the train depot parking area.
Lunch: Pack or purchase to eat on train.

MOTOR COACH SERVICE FROM ANCHORAGE

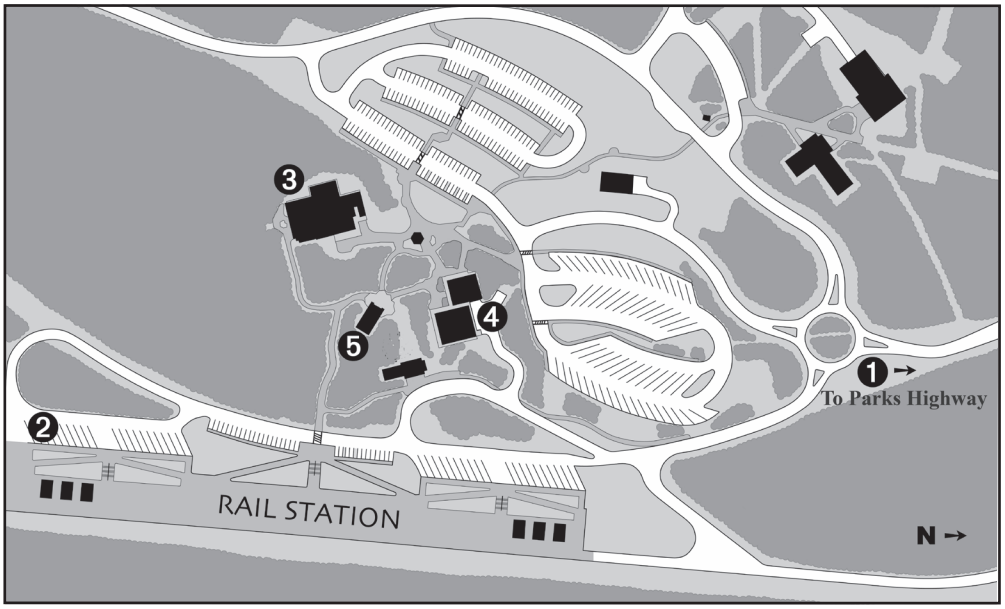
Motor Coach Arrival: 12:45 p.m.
Meet our buses: Upon arrival in the train depot parking area.
Lunch: Purchase and eat en-route from Anchorage.

CAR FROM ANCHORAGE, FAIRBANKS, OR LOCAL LODGING

From Anchorage (leisurely)	6 hours
From Fairbanks (leisurely)	3 hours
From local lodging	20 minutes

Meet our buses: 12:00 p.m. This extra time will allow you to load your luggage, park your vehicle, use the restrooms, etc. Check your gear with our drivers, and they will direct you to free long term parking.

Lunch: Purchase en-route or eat at the food court, within easy walking distance of the train depot.



DENALI NATIONAL PARK ENTRANCE AREA MAP

1. Main round-about on Park Road
2. Bus Parking
   Meet our buses here*
3. Denali Visitor Center
4. Denali Bookstore & Morino Grill
5. Public Restrooms

THE BUS RIDE INTO THE HEART OF DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Depart for Camp Denali and North Face Lodge	by 1:30 p.m.
Picnic Dinner, en route	4:00 p.m.
Arrive at Camp Denali and North Face Lodge	8:30 p.m.

Your driver-naturalist guide will introduce you to the taiga and tundra ecosystems of the Far North during your six to seven hour adventure into the heart of Denali National Park. The drivers will pause for spectacular views and to observe wildlife. A leisurely stop along the banks of the East Fork River will include a picnic-style dinner, which will be your main evening meal.

Upon arrival at Camp Denali and North Face Lodge, your hosts will welcome you at a reception featuring dessert, fresh fruit and beverages. After a short orientation, our staff will introduce you to your cabin.

DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast	6:00 a.m.
Depart Camp Denali and North Face Lodge	6:45 a.m.
Arrive at Denali Train Depot	11:30 a.m.

We make fewer stops on our return trip through the park. Our arrival at the Denali Park Train Depot is timed for you to make same-day coach or rail connections to Fairbanks or Anchorage.

Tel: 907-683-2290 Fax: 907-683-1568 info@campdenali.com www.campdenali.com

SUGGESTED READING

Look to **Alaska Geographic** for books, maps, and field guides about Alaska's natural and cultural heritage. Refer to our reading list below for a few ideas, and find many more Denali titles at the online bookstore: www.alaskageographic.org.

Sibley, David, *The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America,* National Audubon Society, New York, 2000.

Brown, William E., *Denali, Symbol of the Alaskan Wild,* Alaska Natural History Assn., Anchorage, 1993.

Haigh, Jane, *Searching for Fannie Quigley: A Wilderness Life in the Shadow of Mount McKinley,* Ohio University Press, Athens, Ohio, 2007.

McPhee, John, *Coming Into the Country,* Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, 1976.

Sheldon, Charles, *The Wilderness of Denali,* Derrydale Press, Lanham, MD, 2000.

Walker, Tom, *Kantishna: The Pioneer Story Behind Mount McKinley National Park*, Pictoral Histories Publishing Company, Inc., Missoula, 2005.

Pielou, E.C., *Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic,* University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1994.

Moore, Terris, Mt. McKinley, *The Pioneer Climbs,* The Mountaineers Books, Seattle, 1981.

USEFUL PLANNING WEBSITES:

www.campdenali.com
www.nps.gov/dena
www.noaa.gov
www.alaskageographic.org

Our Mission: Providing active learning experiences and fostering stewardship of the natural world through a tradition of excellence, community, and place.

Tel: 907-683-2290 Fax: 907-683-1568 info@campdenali.com www.campdenali.com