



**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 in your Alaska itinerary.

To further acquaint yourself with our facilities and unique programs, we recommend thoroughly reviewing the following pages and traveling with a copy. In addition, we urge you to peruse our website, www.campdenali.com.

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

Sincerely,

The Cole and Hamm Families

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

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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!

Our lodges 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. 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 setting without parallel.

CAMP DENALI

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

- 18 guest cabins are situated to take advantage of the impressive vista; each has a view of Mt. McKinley.
- Cabins are up to a seven minute uphill walk to 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, an outdoor spigot with cold running water, a gas hot plate for heating water, hand-crafted quilts on each bed, and Alaskan artwork.
- A short path from each cabin leads to a hand-built and uncompromisingly sanitary outhouse.



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

PLANNING FOR YOUR STAY AT CAMP DENALI

ACTIVITIES

We offer active learning experiences each day. You can explore Denali National Park with a naturalist guide on a leisurely 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 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 available for late-risers 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. *When notified in advance, we can accommodate gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian, and vegan diets as well as most food allergies.*

ALCOHOL

Neither Camp Denali nor North Face Lodge sell beer or wine. You are welcome to plan ahead and bring your own.

ELECTRICITY USE

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

COMMUNICATION

There is neither cell coverage nor guest internet access. A pay phone (phone card only) is available for outgoing calls. Don't plan to send or receive faxes or email, and limit incoming calls to emergencies only. Direct incoming calls to the office: 907-683-2290.

SUGGESTED READING

Look to Alaska Geographic for books, maps, and field guides about Alaska's natural and cultural heritage. Our recommendations: *Denali, Symbol of the Alaskan Wild* by William E. Brown (1993), *Coming Into the Country* by John McPhee (1976), *The Wilderness of Denali* by Charles Sheldon (2000), *Kantishna: The Pioneer Story Behind Mount McKinley National Park* by Tom Walker (2005), *Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic* by E.C. Pielou (1994)

WHAT TO PACK

ESSENTIAL GEAR

- **Hiking boots:** over ankle, well broken in
NOTE: Hiking is mostly on trail-less terrain or primitive trails. Conditions may include wet, 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 important for comfort and safety.
- **Rain gear:** waterproof, breathable jacket and pants
- **Hat and gloves:** wool or fleece
- **Warm layers:** mid-weight wool sweater, fleece vest or jacket
- **Shirts:** short and long-sleeved
- **Pants:** lightweight, quick-dry & breathable for hiking
- **Long underwear:** light polypro or wool top/bottom
- **Binoculars**
- **Day pack**
- **Extra camera battery**

OPTIONAL WEAR

- **Casual clothes** for around the lodge
- **Hiking gaiters** to keep moisture & debris out of your boots
- **Bathing suit** for a dip in the pond or Moose Creek

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE*

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

AVAILABLE TO BORROW

- Day packs
- Water bottles
- Head nets
- Walking sticks
- Fishing gear
- LL Bean pack boots: (good for wet conditions; not for steep or rocky terrain)
- Mountain bikes/helmets
- Canoes/paddles/PFDs

If you are traveling with excess luggage, checked storage is available at the park entrance (for a fee). Inquire with our office for more details.

**Note: We do not accept credit cards. Please plan on bringing cash or check for your additional purchases.*

USEFUL PLANNING WEBSITES:

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

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. Refer to map and directions below. If you are traveling by:

TRAIN FROM ANCHORAGE

Train Arrival: 4:00 p.m. the day before your reservation.
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: 12:30 p.m.
Meet our buses: Upon arrival in the train depot parking area.
Lunch: Pack or purchase to eat on train.

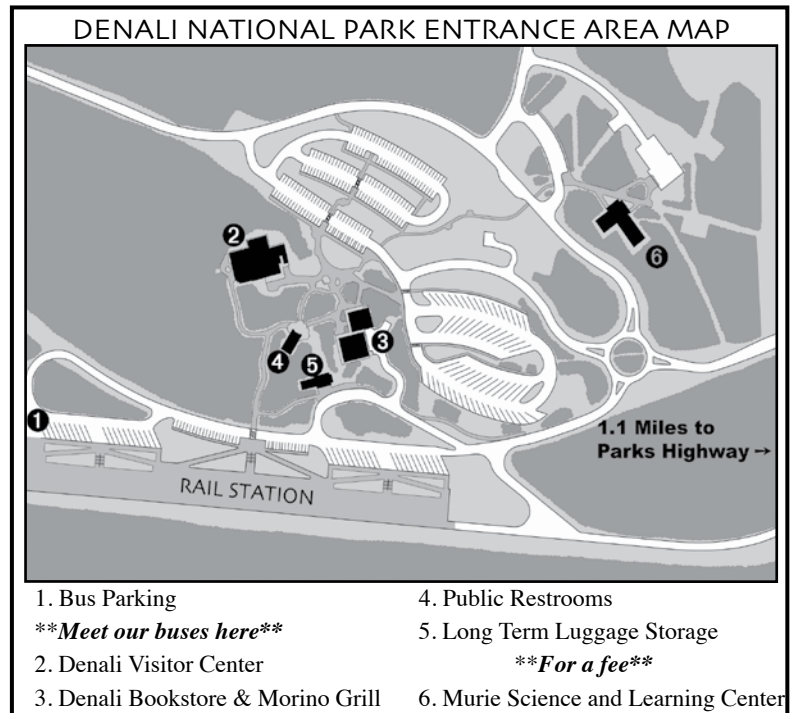
MOTOR COACH SERVICE FROM ANCHORAGE

Motor Coach Arrival: 12:15 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.



THE BUS RIDE INTO THE HEART OF DENALI



Depart for Camp Denali and North Face Lodge
Picnic Dinner, en route
Arrive at Camp Denali and North Face Lodge

1:00-1:30 p.m.
~4:00 p.m.
~8:00 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, your hosts will welcome you with a reception of dessert, fresh fruit and beverages. After a short orientation, our staff will take you to your cabin.

DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast
Depart Camp Denali and North Face Lodge
Arrive at Denali Train Depot

6:00 a.m.
6:45 a.m.
by 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.

*Looking for a place to stay in Anchorage? Consider **Parkside Guest House**, our B&B is adjacent to a city park, and within walking distance to downtown Anchorage restaurants, shops, the coastal walking trail, and Anchorage Museum. We offer a 10% discount to guests also joining us in Denali. For more info, visit www.parksideanchorage.com.*