

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



**CAMP DENALI &  
NORTH FACE LODGE**

Post Office Box 67  
Denali National Park, Alaska 99755

Hello from Denali!

We are pleased that you have included Camp Denali and North Face Lodge in your Alaska itinerary. Our 60 years of family ownership have been dedicated to natural history education, hospitality, and fine craftsmanship.

The experience of staying at Camp Denali and North Face Lodge is a unique blend of camaraderie among fellow adventurers and active learning in a setting without parallel. Our lodges have a simple elegance that does not detract from the wilderness you come to explore.

We always say that our lodges are not for everyone, yet you do not have to be capable of scaling Mount McKinley to enjoy your stay. The only prerequisites are an interest in exploring, an enthusiasm for walking (rain or shine), and a spirit of adventure!

Please take some time to review the following information to further acquaint yourself with our lodges and programs.

Regards,  
Simon & Jenna Hamm



# PLANNING LOGISTICS

## ARRIVAL

There are several transportation options for arriving to Denali National Park from Anchorage or Fairbanks. **Meet us at 12:30 PM on your arrival day** (Monday or Friday) at the Denali train depot parking area. Our custom blue & white buses will be at the far end of the parking area. The map below indicates where to meet us, as well as nearby park facilities. We will depart at approximately 1:15 PM for the drive through the National Park to our lodges.

### TRAIN FROM ANCHORAGE

- *Train Arrival:* 4:00 PM the day prior; overnight near park entrance
- *Meet our buses:* 12:30 PM the next day
- *Lunch:* Eat lunch prior to meeting us

### TRAIN FROM FAIRBANKS

- *Train Arrival:* 12:30 PM
- *Meet our buses:* Upon arrival
- *Lunch:* Pack or purchase on train

### MOTORCOACH FROM ANCHORAGE

- *Motorcoach Arrival:* 12:45 PM
- *Meet our buses:* Upon arrival
- *Lunch:* Purchase and eat en-route

### CAR

- From Anchorage 5 1/2 hours
- From Fairbanks 3 hours
- From local lodging 20 minutes

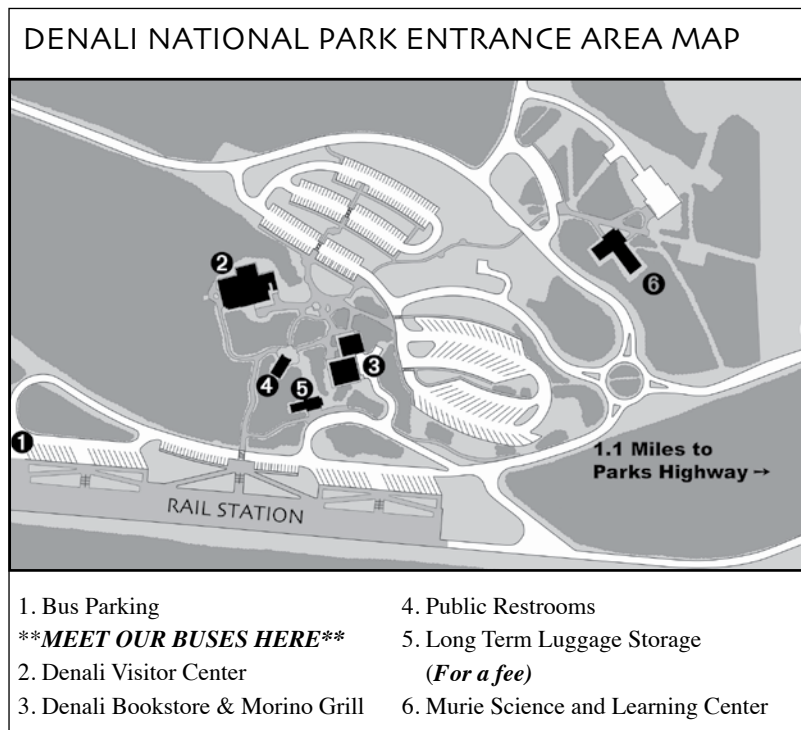
Meet our buses at 12:00 PM. This extra time will allow you to transfer your luggage onto our buses and park your vehicle. Our drivers will direct you to free, long-term parking.

## DEPARTURE DAY

On your departure day (Monday or Friday), we will depart the lodge at 6:45 AM following breakfast to **arrive back at the train depot by 11:45 AM**. This allows for same-day bus or train connections to Fairbanks or Anchorage.

## PARKSIDE GUEST HOUSE ([www.parksideanchorage.com](http://www.parksideanchorage.com))

Looking for accommodations in Anchorage? Consider our B&B and receive a 10% discount for also staying with us in Denali.



# WHERE YOU ARE GOING

North Face Lodge is situated on the open tundra and boasts **fine views of the crest of Mt. McKinley** and other peaks of the Alaska Range. Our 15 guest rooms are cozy and well appointed. Each has a **private bath** and is connected by a covered walkway that leads to the lodge's common areas. Most rooms have two twin beds. **Rooms with one queen bed are limited and are reserved in the order they are requested.** On sunny days, enjoy the walk to Wonder Lake for canoeing, or relax on our **spacious patio** in view of Denali's summit. Indoors there is a comfortable living room and library to encourage relaxing by the **fireplace** after a day's hike.



Your stay at Camp Denali and North Face Lodge will begin with the **90-mile journey into the heart of Denali National Park.** Your driver will be one of our knowledgeable naturalist guides, who will discuss the geology, ecology, and history of the Park as you travel through it. Stops will be made along the way for spectacular vistas and wildlife observation.

There will be a **gourmet picnic dinner** midway through the journey. **Arrival at the lodge will be around 8 PM.** Your hosts will welcome you with refreshments and a brief orientation before you settle in for the evening.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## ACTIVITIES

Guided outings with our naturalists are available each day. **Three options of hikes** (strenuous, moderate, or foray) are offered to suit the interests and abilities of everyone.

**Canoes, bicycles, and fishing gear** are available for independent outings. These activities can be planned each morning with your hosts. There are trail and topographic maps as a resource if striking out on your own.

If quiet relaxation is your main objective, the lodge has a **library** of literature related to Denali and the Far North to enjoy by a warm fire. For keen learners, there is a resource center at Camp Denali that features **natural history exhibits**, plant, animal and insect collections, and a microscope.

## DINING

We plate and serve **breakfast at 7:30 AM** and **dinner at 6:30 PM** in family-style seating. One entrée is featured at each meal. Lunch is a create-it-yourself sandwich and snack buffet just after breakfast. *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**. Wine glasses, bottle openers, and refrigeration are provided.

## ELECTRICITY USE

We generate electricity at both lodges. Appliances with heating elements, such as curling irons and hair dryers, will overload our electrical capacity at Camp Denali. **Please do not use them.** They may be used if staying at North Face Lodge.

## COMMUNICATION

There is neither cell coverage nor guest internet access. A pay phone (phone card only, available for purchase at the lodge) is available for outgoing calls. For emergencies, our office is available for incoming calls: (907) 683-2290.

## PAYMENTS & TRAVEL INSURANCE

**Credit cards are not accepted.** Reservation payments or retail purchases at the lodge can be made by cash or check. An optional gratuity may be left at the end of your stay. We do recommend travel insurance to protect against any unforeseen changes to your travel plans. Please be sure to review our cancellation policy.

# WHAT TO PACK

## ESSENTIAL GEAR

- Hiking Boots: over-the-ankle, well broken in. (tennis shoes NOT recommended)
- Rain gear: waterproof jacket and pants
- Hat and gloves: wool or fleece
- Warm layers: wool sweater, fleece vest, or jacket
- Shirts: short and long-sleeved
- Pants: lightweight, quick-drying & breathable
- Long underwear: synthetic or wool top & bottom
- Binoculars
- Extra camera battery
- Day pack



## AVAILABLE TO BORROW

- Day packs & water bottles
- Head nets to protect against insects
- Trekking poles
- Gaiters
- Fishing gear
- LL Bean pack boots: (good for wet conditions; not for steep or rocky terrain)
- Mountain bikes/helmets
- Canoes/paddles/PFDs

## AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

- Hats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Clothing
- Insect repellent
- Books and field guides
- Postcards
- Quality binoculars

## SUGGESTED READING

*Denali, Symbol of the Alaskan Wild* by William E. Brown (1993)

*Coming Into the Country* by John McPhee (1976)

*Interior & Northern Alaska: A Natural History* (textbook) by Ronald Smith (2008)

*Kantishna: The Pioneer Story Behind Mount McKinley National Park* by Tom Walker (2005)

*A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic* by E.C. Pielou (1994)

**[www.alaskageographic.com](http://www.alaskageographic.com) is a good resource for books, maps, and DVDs.**

## QUESTIONS?

We are available to answer questions or help with planning logistics. You can reach us at (907) 683-2290 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Friday (we are open daily during the summer). Our website [www.campdenali.com](http://www.campdenali.com) also has helpful information.