

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



Greetings from Camp Denali!

We are pleased to be included in your upcoming Alaska itinerary. For over 70 years Camp Denali has specialized in in-depth learning experiences for active adventurers from around the world. Right now, with the closure of the Denali Park Road, we have the incredible opportunity to be nearly the only people in the heart of Denali National Park.

To help you prepare for your visit to our fly-in lodge, we have compiled the following trip planning information. Please take a moment to further acquaint yourself with our lodge, programs, dining, and travel considerations.

Contact our office with any remaining questions. We look forward to sharing our secluded corner of Denali with you.

Warm regards,

Simon & Jenna Hamm  
Owners



# ARRIVING & DEPARTING BY AIR

Due to the current closure of the Denali Park Road at its midpoint, all travel to and from Camp Denali will be by air for the foreseeable future. Flight service between Camp Denali and the park entrance is provided by Denali Air, the area's original air service, in operation since 1973. Denali Air's private runway is located conveniently to the park entrance and the Camp Denali office.

## THE AIRCRAFT

Passenger flights are conducted using a fleet of Cessna 206 aircraft, selected for their suitability to the runway conditions in Kantishna near Camp Denali. As with any small aircraft, these four-to-five passenger planes must closely adhere to weight and balance specifications. As part of your reservation process our staff will require accurate weights of all members of your party.

## WEATHER

All flights and times are subject to weather. Denali Air has final discretion over whether a flight can proceed based upon weather factors in the Alaska Range. Although uncommon, it is possible that flight times may need to be moved earlier, postponed, or cancelled due to weather. While inconvenient, please realize in these instances that these are necessary safety determinations made by highly experienced professionals acting on your behalf. The bottom line is that air-based itineraries in Denali or elsewhere in Alaska are best approached with flexibility and patience.

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Flights between Denali Air and Camp Denali occur every Monday and Friday. Once flight assignments are finalized, our office will notify you about your flight and check-in times.

## LUGGAGE

All baggage must conform to a 25-pound limit per person, and be packed in soft-sided luggage such as duffels or packs. You will have an opportunity to store excess luggage or repack at our office prior to your flight. Small duffle bags are available to borrow or purchase at our office. To help with packing light, we have many items for loan at Camp Denali. Please see a list of available items on page 7.

During the flight we recommend having a light jacket, sunglasses, and a small camera handy. Long camera lenses, binoculars, and handbags are best packed in luggage. Bear spray is prohibited.

# TRAVEL CONNECTIONS



As you plan your visit, you'll need to make travel arrangements to and from the Camp Denali office. We are located at milepost 229.1 of the George Parks Highway, directly opposite Denali Air, and approximately eight miles south of the Denali National Park highway entrance.

*A map of the park entrance area and a list of local accommodations can be found on the following pages.*

## GETTING TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK

In order to optimize your availability for flight schedule changes, please plan on traveling to the park entrance the day before your arrival.

### RENTAL CAR

We strongly recommend traveling by car in order to maximize flexibility and independence. Advance reservations are essential due to high demand. Consider the rental-by-owner option, [Turo](#), for additional availability. [Alaska Auto Rental](#) offers one way rental services with a pick up/drop off location at the Denali depot.

Driving time to Denali from Anchorage is approximately six hours, and from Fairbanks is approximately three hours. Cars may be parked at our office for the duration of your stay.

### BUS OR TRAIN

You may travel by bus or train the day prior to your stay. Please call our office for more information.

## LEAVING DENALI NATIONAL PARK

### RENTAL CAR

Upon your return with Denali Air, make your way to our office, where you may use our facilities, collect any stored luggage, and depart at your convenience.

### BUS TO ANCHORAGE

If you are trying to get back to Anchorage on your departure day and do not have a rental car, you are able to take the Park Connection bus. The bus departs from Denali Cabins at 2:55pm.

### TRAIN

Same day train connections on your departure day to Fairbanks are possible. Please call our office for more information.

# PARK ENTRANCE AREA - MAP



0 0.25 0.5 1 Kilometers

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Scale: 1:30,000.

# PARK ENTRANCE AREA - ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many lodging options around the Denali park entrance area, offering a range of rates and styles of accommodation. The list below is fairly comprehensive, but not exhaustive. For additional options, visit the [Discover Denali Visitor Center](#) or [Airbnb](#).

Our office (your arrival day meeting point) is located about 8 miles south of the park entrance itself. Options below are grouped by those closest to us, next closest, and farthest.

*If you're arriving to Denali by train or bus, please note that only the Deneki Lakes B&B and Denali Cabins have transportation to our office; all other options require a rental car.*

## **Accommodations within 4 miles of our office:**

Tonglen Lake Lodge	(907) 683-2570	<a href="http://www.tonglenlake.com">www.tonglenlake.com</a>
Deneki Lakes B&B	(907) 683-4188	<a href="http://www.denekilakesbedandbreakfast.com">www.denekilakesbedandbreakfast.com</a>
Denali Cabins	(800) 808-8068	<a href="http://www.alaskacollection.com/lodging/denali-cabins">www.alaskacollection.com/lodging/denali-cabins</a>
Grizzly Bear Resort	(907) 683-2696	<a href="http://www.denaligrizzlybear.com">www.denaligrizzlybear.com</a>
Denali Park Village	(800) 276-7234	<a href="http://www.denaliparkvillage.com">www.denaliparkvillage.com</a>
McKinley Creekside Cabins	(907) 683-2277	<a href="http://www.mckinleycabins.com">www.mckinleycabins.com</a>
Carlo Creek Cabins	(907) 683-2576	<a href="http://www.denaliparklodging.com">www.denaliparklodging.com</a>
Denali Hostel and Cabins	(907) 683-7503	<a href="http://www.denalihotel.com">www.denalihotel.com</a>

## **Accommodations in the “Canyon,” approximately 10 miles north of our office and closest to the park entrance itself:**

Denali Bluffs Hotel	(866) 683-8500	<a href="http://www.denalialaska.com">www.denalialaska.com</a>
Grande Denali Lodge	(907) 683-5100	<a href="http://www.denalialaska.com">www.denalialaska.com</a>
Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge	(907) 683-2282	<a href="http://www.princesslodges.com">www.princesslodges.com</a>
McKinley Chalet Resort	(800) 544-0970	<a href="http://www.westmarkhotels.com/destinations/denali-hotel">www.westmarkhotels.com/destinations/denali-hotel</a>
Denali Crow's Nest	(907) 683-2723	<a href="http://www.denalicrowstnestsCabins.com">www.denalicrowstnestsCabins.com</a>

## **Accommodations in Healy, approximately 20 miles north of our office:**

Denali Dome Home B&B	(800) 683-1239	<a href="http://www.denalidomehome.com">www.denalidomehome.com</a>
Aurora Denali Lodge	(907) 683-4500	<a href="http://www.auroradenalilodge.com">www.auroradenalilodge.com</a>
Touch of Wilderness B&B	(907) 683-2459	<a href="http://www.denalitouchofwildernessbb.com">www.denalitouchofwildernessbb.com</a>
Earthsong Lodge	(907) 683-2863	<a href="http://www.earthsonglodge.com">www.earthsonglodge.com</a>
Denali Lakeview Inn	(907) 683-4035	<a href="http://www.denalilakeviewinn.com">www.denalilakeviewinn.com</a>
Alaskan Chateau B&B	(907) 683-1377	<a href="http://www.alaskanchateau.com">www.alaskanchateau.com</a>
White Moose Lodge	(800) 481-1232	<a href="http://www.whitemooselodge.com">www.whitemooselodge.com</a>

# AT CAMP DENALI

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Guest cabins are situated along an ascending ridgeline, each with commanding views of Denali and surrounding peaks of the Alaska Range. Our cabins are well-appointed in traditional Alaskan style, with a wood stove, propane lights, a gas hot plate, hand-crafted quilts and Alaskan artwork. Potable water is available directly outside each cabin. A short path leads to a private, clean outhouse. Cabins are a two- to seven-minute walk uphill to the dining hall, a building with modern showers and toilets, and our historic log lodge on Nugget Pond, which perfectly frames eleven summits of the Alaska Range.

## ACTIVITIES

Naturalist-guided group outings are available daily. Three categories of hikes (strenuous, moderate, or foray) are structured to suit a wide range of interests and abilities.

Canoes, bicycles, and fishing gear are available for independent use. Local trails, maps, and self-directed trail guide booklets provide additional options for striking out on your own. An Alaska fishing license is required for the creek adjacent to our lodge, and may be obtained onsite.

If quiet relaxation is your day's ambition, our lodge offers an extensive library on Denali and the Far North. For keen learners, our resource center contains natural history exhibits, including plant, animal and insect collections, maps, a microscope, and more.

Nightly presentations by staff or visiting Resource Leaders round out your day.

## DINING

Meals are plated and served around communal tables. Breakfast is served at 7:30am and dinner at 6:30pm. Packed lunches are made to order. Set menus are prepared based upon local and seasonally-available meats, fish, grains, and produce.

With advance notice, we can accommodate vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free diets, as well as most food allergies.

## ALCOHOL

For utmost selection and convenience, we have partnered with La Bodega, a bottle shop in Anchorage. Orders placed two or more weeks prior to arrival will be incorporated into our regular cargo flights and will be waiting for you upon arrival at no additional cost. Ordering instructions will be emailed to you prior to your stay.

## ELECTRICITY USE

Camp Denali produces its electricity from the sun. Standard household outlets are available in all common buildings for charging of items such as cameras and mobile devices. Electric heating appliances such as hair dryers and curling irons draw excessive current and are best left behind. We can accommodate CPAP machines with advance notice.

## COMMUNICATION

Camp Denali has neither cell coverage nor public wifi. Courtesy telephones are available for outgoing calls. Our office can assist with connectivity should unforeseen needs arise.

## RETAIL PURCHASES & GRATUITIES

Books, clothing, postcards, and other items are available for purchase. An optional gratuity for Camp Denali staff may be left at the end of your stay. Please consider a separate gratuity for your Denali Air pilot(s) for good service received.

# RECOMMENDED PACKING

## ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Hiking Boots (over-the-ankle and in good condition) are recommended on all outings for comfort and safety. Low-cut running shoes are unsuitable for Denali hiking
- Waterproof rain jacket and rain pants (also available onsite to borrow)
- Hiking attire:
  - Hat and gloves (wool or fleece)
  - Warm layers (wool or synthetic pullover, vest, or lightweight jacket)
  - Shirts (short and long-sleeved)
  - Pants (lightweight, quick-drying & breathable)
  - Long underwear top & bottom (wool or synthetic)
- Casual clothes and shoes

## SUGGESTED

- Camera and extra camera batteries
- Binoculars

## PROVIDED ONSITE

- Day packs
- Waterproof rain jackets and rain pants
- Water bottles
- Head nets for insect protection
- Trekking poles
- Gaiters
- Fishing gear
- LL Bean boots (good for wet conditions; not for steep or rocky terrain)
- Mountain bikes/helmets
- Canoes/paddles/PFDs
- Pepper spray
- Insect repellent
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- Lotion, hand soap & hand sanitizer
- Bath & hand towels, washcloths

## AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

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

## SUGGESTED READING

[Alaska Geographic](#) is an excellent retail source for books and maps about Alaska and Denali. The website for Denali National Park has a wealth of information about the park's natural and cultural history. Suggested reading about Denali National Park includes:

*Rhythm of the Wild* by Kim Heacox (2015)

*Kantishna: Mushers, Miners and Mountaineers* by Tom Walker (2005)

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



# ADDITIONAL TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We **strongly** recommend travel insurance, which can cover travel disruptions and family and medical emergencies. Access to our remote location can be impacted by weather, wildfires, floods, landslides, earthquakes and even volcanic eruptions. These circumstances are impossible to predict and can impact any Alaska itinerary.

Travel insurance is available through various providers, including Travelex Insurance at 800-228-9792 and Allianz at 866-884-3556.

**Cancelled reservations due to forces beyond control are subject to our stated cancellation policy. Any costs associated with delays or unforeseen circumstances are the sole responsibility of our guests.**

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Definitive medical care is located in Fairbanks and Anchorage, over an hour's flight away. Camp Denali is only accessible by air, and as such can be cut off by fog, smoke, nightfall, or other conditions. If you have medical concerns, please talk to your health care provider about our remoteness before finalizing your travel plans.

## COVID-19

Given our remote location, weather-dependent air access, and the investment you have made to stay with us, we highly encourage you to be up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccination, as defined by the CDC. We will no longer be requiring our guests to be vaccinated against COVID-19, nor will we require proof of vaccination.

We continue to recommend you purchase travel insurance, particularly should you become ill with COVID-19, or any other highly contagious illness, and cannot join us for your stay. While Camp Denali is an ideal location for a wilderness adventure, it is less well-suited for your comfort or safety should you become severely ill.

We will remain nimble with our COVID-19 mitigation plan and will implement and require masking, social distancing, and other necessary precautions if circumstances merit doing so. We greatly appreciate your patience throughout these many shifts in federal policy and public health guidance, and look forward to welcoming you to Camp Denali.