



2008 Fact Sheet

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Established February 26, 1917 (as Mount McKinley National Park)
December 2, 1980 (increased in size and name changed to Denali National Park and Preserve)
Denali is the Athabaskan name for Mount McKinley, and means "The High One." Although McKinley is the mountain's official name, "Denali" is the name favored by most Alaskans.

Size

Park	4,740,911.72 acres	7,407.68 sq. miles	
Preserve	<u>1,334,117.87 acres</u>	<u>2,084.56 sq. miles</u>	
	6,075,029.59 acres	9,492.24 sq. miles	24,584.90 sq. kilometers

(For comparison: State of New Hampshire = 9,351 sq. miles,
Vermont = 9,615 sq. miles and Massachusetts = 10,555 sq. miles)

Wilderness designation (most of original Mount McKinley National Park):
2,126,101 acres; 3,321.4 sq. miles; 8,604.4 sq. kilometers

Perimeter (boundary, including new park and preserve): 605 miles or 974 kilometers

Visitation
2007: 458,307 visitors
2006: 415,935
2005: 403,520

Base Budget \$11,910,000 (approximate), not including non-recurring research and construction projects

NPS Staffing

Permanent	101
Term	23
Seasonal	150
Volunteers (2007)	261 (contributed 41,290 hours of work)

Campgrounds

RVs and/or tents:	3 campgrounds (232 sites)
Tents only:	3 campgrounds (42 sites)

Park Road

Total length:	92.0 miles	148.0 kilometers
Paved section:	14.8 miles	23.8 kilometers

Landmarks and Elevations	<u>Elevations above sea level</u>	
	feet	meters
Denali Visitor Center	1,746	532
Highway Pass (highest point on road)	3,980	1213
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Wonder Lake Campground	2,090	637
Mt. Foraker	17,400	5303.5
Mt. McKinley--South Peak (highest point in North America)	20,320	6193.5
-- North Peak	19,470	5934
Lowest point (Yentna River at boundary)	200	61

Wildlife Species

Amphibians	1 (wood frog)
Mammals	39
Birds	168 species recorded; 116 documented as breeding and 15 recorded as accidental
Fish	14 (including 3 salmon species)
Reptiles	0

Flora	<p>Vascular plants: 754 species documented Tree species: 8 Approximately 600 species of mosses, lichens and liverworts currently listed</p>
Lakes and Streams	<p>Largest is Chilchukabena Lake: 2.6 miles long, 2 miles wide, 2079 acres Wonder Lake: 2.6 miles long, 1/2 mile wide, 649 acres, 280 feet maximum depth Approximately 12,130 lakes and ponds in the park and preserve Miles of streams: 18,679</p>
Glaciers	<p>17% of park's land area is covered with glaciers. Largest glaciers are on south side of Alaska Range: Kahiltna, Ruth, Eldridge, Tokositna and Yentna (35-40 miles in length). Largest glacier on north side of Alaska Range is the Muldrow Glacier (34 miles long). Deepest measured glacier: Ruth Glacier, 3805 feet or 1160 meters. The surface ice of the Ruth Glacier moves about 0.95m (3.1 ft) per day.</p>
Earthquakes	<p>Number per year: about 700 Average magnitude: 2.0. The 7.9 quake on November 3, 2002 was largest interior Alaska earthquake in state history. Depth: Over 50% between 0-15 km, but 32% between 90-130 km Location: most events occur within the Kantishna seismic cluster, in the northern foothills of the Denali range.</p>
Weather	<p>Average annual precipitation = 15 inches (park headquarters) Wettest months are June, July and August. Average annual snowfall = 80 inches (park headquarters) Coldest temperature recorded at headquarters: -54° F, February 5, 1999 Coldest year on record: 1956 Highest temperature recorded at headquarters: 91° F, June 22, 1991 Warmest year on record: 1926 Average January temperature = 2°F (-1.9°F change in average Jan. temps from 1926-2007) Average July temperature = 55°F (+1.4°F change in average July temps from 1926-2007) Shortest day (December 21) = 4 hours, 21 minutes of daylight Longest day (June 21) = 20 hours, 49 minutes of daylight Number of years in cooperation with the National Weather Service: 83</p>
Sled Dog Kennels	<p>Kennels building constructed in 1929 Number of adult dogs: 31 (15 females and 16 males) Miles patrolled by sled per winter (average): 3,000 Sled dog demonstrations inaugurated in 1939 2007 dog demonstration attendees: 42,046</p>
Mt. McKinley Mountaineering Statistics (2007)	<p>Number of climbers: 1,218 (record was 1,340 in 2005) Number of climbers who reached top or "summit": 573 Summit percentage: 47% (Average summit percentage: 52%) Rescues: 19 Fatalities: 2 (Total number of fatalities since 1932: 98)</p>
Notable Ascents	<p>First summit of South Peak (true summit): June 7, 1913; Harper, Karstens, Stuck, Tatum First summit of North Peak: April 3, 1910; Anderson, Taylor First woman to summit: June 6, 1947; Barbara Polk Washburn First solo ascent: August 26, 1970; Naomi Uemura First winter ascent: February 28, 1967; Johnston, Davidson, Genet First solo winter ascent: February 12, 1984; Uemura (died on descent) First successful winter solo ascent completed: March 7, 1988; Tejas Oldest person to summit: June 29, 2007; Michio Kumamoto, 76 Youngest person to summit: June 17, 2001; Galen Johnston, 11 years old</p>