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The *Guide*, itself is the result of the painstaking and meticulous sifting and compiling of thousands of items which was ably done by **Patrick J. Quirk** and **Thomas F. Fise**. It is their interest, energy and care which has created this book.

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**Charles Dorian Walker**

While every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the information included in this *Guide*, the National Park Foundation can assume no responsibility for any inconvenience or damages which may arise from any inaccuracies of information. Visitors should verify the accuracy of important details before beginning a trip.

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# Introduction

America's National Parks—the concept spans a vast Nation encompassing a multitude of diverse areas and a wealth of experiences. The awesomeness of the Grand Canyon, the quiet splendor of the Great Smokys and the uniqueness of Yellowstone are synonymous with National Parks for most of us. But the Statue of Liberty, Klondike—the Alaskan gold rush city of Skagway, the numerous sites of major Civil War battles, Cumberland Island off the Georgia coast, the Washington Monument—these also are integral segments of our National Park System, pointing out the variety and the expanse of this great resource, held in trust for the enjoyment, recreation and enrichment of all Americans.

## Why a Guide?

According to a recent Gallup Poll evaluating park services, 65% of persons visiting National Parks found travel information to be the most useful of all park services—to assist in planning their trips. At a time when the costs of traveling are increasing, it is even more necessary to make as many advance plans as possible, so that you can make the most of your trip, avoiding disappointment and unanticipated diversions which waste valuable vacation time—and money. Many Americans are now planning vacations closer to home. Visits to nearby areas can be less expensive and just as relaxing as extensive trips and can reduce fuel consumption and contribute to our national energy conservation effort.

That is how this book came to be. The National Park Foundation has set out to find as much as possible about all of the 353 National Park areas and affiliated sites (those areas which are not part of the National Park Service, but which draw administrative, technical or financial support from the Park Service) in the United States. This *Guide* is the only travel publication endorsed by the National Park Foundation. We have compiled all of this

information in capsulized fashion in hopes that the *Guide* can help you to answer as many questions about your trip as possible, *before* you set out from home.

## How the Guide was Compiled

Information was gathered on all National Park areas and affiliated sites. While the *Guide* contains useful visitor information on all of the major, widely recognized park areas, the book also contains information on a number of park areas with which you might be less familiar, but which nonetheless offer opportunities for recreation and for natural, historical and cultural enrichment. Information on all areas was compiled in the standardized format in which it appears here. Then, by letter and by telephone, information was verified for accuracy with appropriate officials of each site. Tremendous time and energy have been expended to assure that this book is the most extensive and reliable reference source on National Parks available to the public today.

## Before You Start Your Trip

When you are planning your trip, consult the *Guide* to find out what parks are near your primary destination. You may be close to a fascinating site that you haven't heard about and may be able to plan a side trip for a day or an afternoon.

To orient you with the locations of park sites we have included state maps marking the major roads and relative position of park areas. These maps are meant only to show you what parks are located in the immediate vicinity of your destination. In order to keep the maps simple, we have not made them to the exact scale, and have eliminated some smaller roads which might be necessary to reach the park (more explicit location information is given in the DIRECTIONS section of each park listing). So, the maps in this book cannot substitute for an atlas or detailed road maps which can aid your navigation. If you belong to a travel club, you can probably get a book of detailed maps customized for your trip.

Although we have included as much specific information as possible, such as hours, fees, holiday closings, you should verify in advance any details of importance to you. Likewise, every effort has been

made to obtain accurate information on hospital and first aid facilities. Persons traveling who are apprehensive about possible health problems, or who have been advised to restrict their activities should investigate the specific nature of the hospital and first aid facilities available in the area of travel. You should carry a first aid kit with you.

### Admission Fees

While most parks have no admission charges, some do charge entrance fees, ranging from \$1 to \$3 for visitors 16 years and older. An annual entrance permit, the Golden Eagle Passport, is issued for \$10 at all parks where entrance fees are charged. Persons 62 years of age and older are entitled to a free lifetime entrance permit, the Golden Age Passport. Admission fees are waived to the holder of both the Golden Eagle and Golden Age Passports and those accompanying the holder in a non-commercial vehicle. You can obtain more information on both passports by contacting the National Park Service headquarters (202-343-4747) in Washington, D.C. or any of its regional offices: **Mid-Atlantic**, 215-597-7067; **Midwest**, 402-864-3471; **National Capital**, 202-426-6664; **North Atlantic**, 617-223-0058; **Pacific Northwest**, 206-399-0170; **Rocky Mountain**, 303-234-3095; **Southeast**, 404-996-2520; and **Western**, 415-556-4122. Campsite fees are not waived to holders of either passports, although holders of the Golden Age Passport generally receive a reduction in fees.

As an appendix to this *Guide*, we have included information on the period of peak visitation in park areas for which these records are kept. You may wish to use this information in planning your trip.

Camping in National Parks is an excellent way to expand your park experience. Generally, no reservations are accepted for campsites in National Park areas, and therefore, to obtain a campsite you are advised to arrive early in the day (sometimes early in the morning), as the number of prospective campers may surpass the number of available campsites—especially during the peak visitation season. Your destination park can give you more specific information.

An advance reservation system was tested in Yosemite National Park, Grand

Canyon National Park and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks during 1979, and such a program may be used at these and other parks during 1980.

When you have laid out your plans for your trip, we suggest that you obtain the brochures available on the parks you will be visiting. These are generally available without charge by writing to: National Park Service, Office of Public Information, Washington, D.C. 20240. The *Guide* includes a mailing address and telephone number for each facility in case you wish to write or call to ask any questions or obtain more extensive information about activities, camping, backcountry travel, overnight accommodations, or any other aspect of your trip.

Enjoy your National Parks—they belong to you!



John L. Bryant, Jr.

*President, National Park Foundation*

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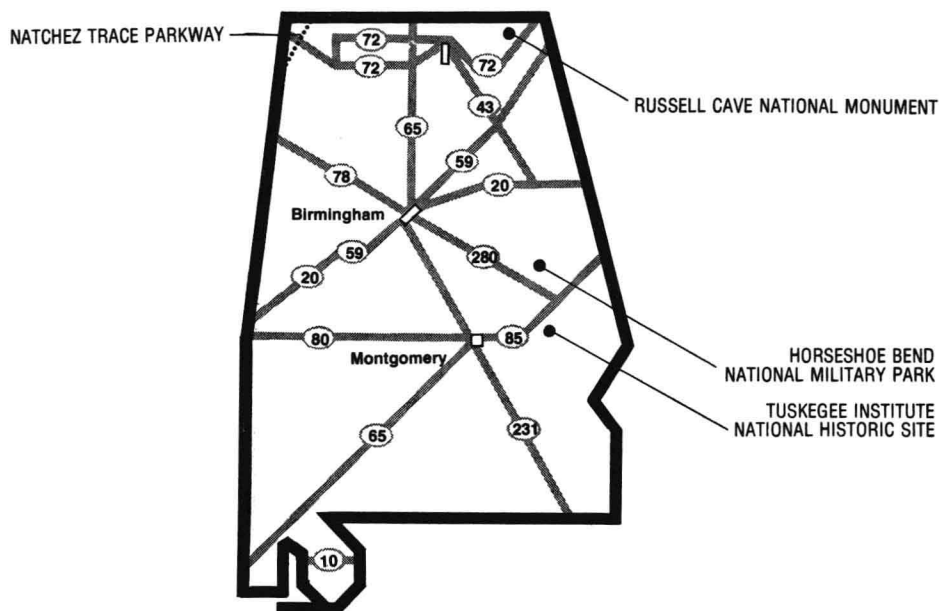
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# Alabama



## Horseshoe Bend National Military Park Daviston, Alabama

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Superintendent, Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, Route 1, Box 103, Daviston, Alabama 36256 **Telephone:** 205-234-7111

**DIRECTIONS:** The Park, on AL 49, is 19 km (12 miles) north of Dadeville and 29 km (18 miles) northeast of Alexander City via Newsite.

Gen. Andrew Jackson's forces broke the power of the Creek Indian Confederacy and opened Alabama and other parts of the Old Southwest to settlement after fierce fighting here on Mar. 27, 1814, on the "horseshoe bend" of the Tallapoosa River. Authorized for addition to the National Park System on July 25, 1956. Established Aug. 11, 1959.

**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** Interpretive and audiovisual exhibits, auto and walking tours, picnicking, boating, hiking, fishing, flintlock rifle demonstrations on Sundays and periodically throughout the week; **Permits:** No; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** Parking and restrooms at Visitor Center, museum, hiking trails, boat launching ramp, picnic area; **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** Vehicles are restricted to paved roads; **Hiking trails:** Yes, the Park contains both interpretive and nature trails which vary from 4.5 to 11 km (3 to 7 miles) in length. **Backcountry:** battlefield trail; **Camping:** No; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** No; **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** Yes; **Overnight accommodations:** Dadeville 19 km (12 miles), and Alexander City 29 km (18 miles), both on US 280; **First Aid available in park:** Yes; **Nearest Hospital:** Dadeville, 19 km (12 miles)

and Alexander City, 29 km (18 miles), both on US 280; **Days/Hours:** Museum and grounds open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; **Holiday Closings:** Dec. 25.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Be alert to hazards such as poisonous snakes, poison ivy, and biting fire ants. Exercise caution while boating and walking along the river bank.

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### Natchez Trace Parkway

For details see listing in Mississippi

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### Russell Cave National Monument

Bridgeport, Alabama

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Russell Cave National Monument, Rte. 1, Box 175, Bridgeport, Alabama 35740 **Telephone:** 205-495-2672

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**DIRECTIONS:** The Park is best approached by US 72 leading to Bridgeport, Alabama. Turn north on County Road 91 to the community of Mt. Carmel, then turn right on County Road 75 to the Park entrance. The distance from Bridgeport to the Park is about 12 km (8 miles) over paved road.

An almost continuous archaeological record of human habitation from at least 7000 B.C. to about 1650 A.D. is revealed in this cave, which was "discovered" in 1953. Created by Presidential Proclamation on May 11, 1961.

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**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** interpretive exhibits and talks, demonstrations of ancient Indian life, guided tours of the cave; **Permits:** No; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** hiking trails, restrooms; **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** No; **Hiking trails:** Yes, an .8 km (½ mile) nature trail extends to a hiking trail. **Backcountry:** No; **Camping:** No; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** No; **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** Yes, in Bridgeport, South Pittsburg, Steveson; **Overnight accommodations:** Kimball, TN, Junction of US 72 and I-24, 29 km (18 miles); **First Aid available in park:** Yes; **Nearest Hospital:** Bridgeport, County 75 to 91 to US 72, 16 km (10 miles); **Days/Hours:** Open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., until 6 p.m. in summer; **Holiday Closings:** Dec. 25; **Visitor attractions closed for seasons:** None; **Weather:** Summers are hot and humid, winters are relatively mild, with occasional near-zero temperatures and snow.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** You are advised not to run on the trails and not to wander from them or to take short cuts. The hiking trail is steep and arduous and you are urged to walk it with care.

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### Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Superintendent, Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, P.O. Box 1246, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088 **Telephone:** 205-727-6390

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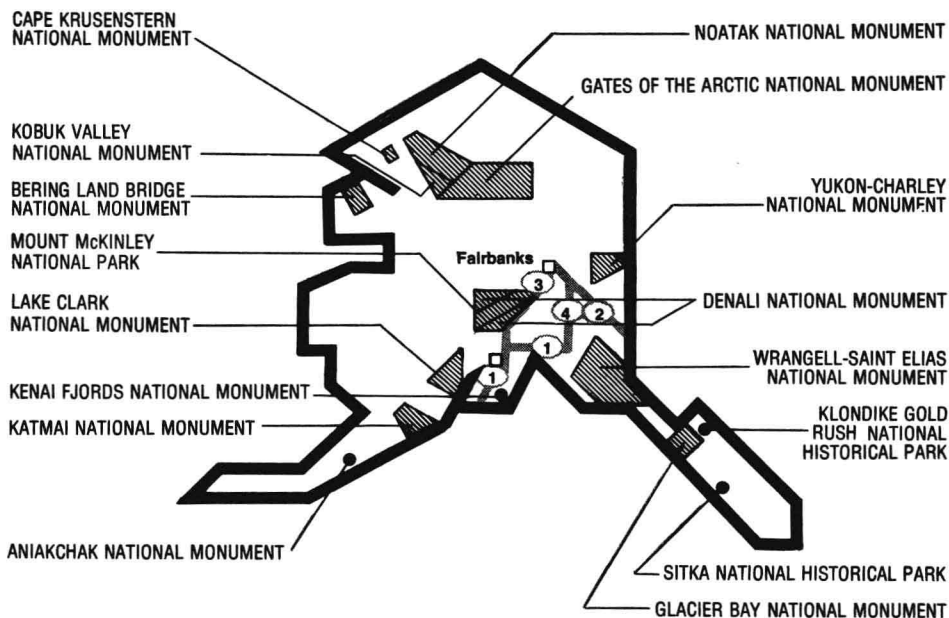
**DIRECTIONS:** The Site is located on Old Montgomery Road (126) and is adjacent to the city of Tuskegee, AL. When approaching via Interstate 85, exit onto AL 81 South. Turn right at the intersection of 81 and Old Montgomery Road. The entrance to Grey Columns (Visitor Center and Headquarters) is 2½ blocks from this turn on the left. Just beyond is the Tuskegee Institute campus.

Booker T. Washington founded this college for black Americans in 1881. Preserved here are the student-made brick buildings, Washington's home, and the George Washington Carver Museum. Authorized for addition to the National Park System on Oct. 26, 1974.

**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** informal interpretive talks at Grey Columns and Carver Museum, 10-minute audiovisual program on black education, formal tours at The Oaks, self-guiding nature trail, special activities intermittently throughout the year; **Permits:** No; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** museum, restored home, nature trail; **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** No; **Hiking trails:** Yes, a self-guiding nature trail is behind Grey Columns. **Backcountry:** No; **Camping:** No; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** Yes, for reservations at Dorothy Hall Guest House, contact Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, AL 36088, phone 205-727-3400; **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** Yes, Tuskegee Institute campus or downtown Tuskegee; **Overnight accommodations:** I-85 and Notasulga Highway, 8 km (5 miles); **First Aid available in park:** Yes; **Nearest Hospital:** John Andrew Hospital on Tuskegee Institute campus; **Days/Hours:** Open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; **Holiday Closings:** Dec. 25 & Jan. 1; **Visitor attractions closed for seasons:** No; **Weather:** Summer is humid, with high temperatures in mid-90's from July-Sept.; Winter is cold, with lows in the 20's from Dec.-Feb.; Spring and Fall have moderate rainfall, with temperatures from 75-85°.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** *For Your Safety*—Be especially careful on old walkways and steps. Natural areas have steep slopes, poisonous or spiny vegetation, and animals that sting or bite. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on campus roads.

## Alaska



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## Aniakchak National Monument

### Alaska

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Alaska Office, National Park Service, 540 W. 5th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501 **Telephone:** 907-271-4243

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**DIRECTIONS:** To visit Aniakchak is no simple task. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, Reeve Aleutian Airways, Inc. has a flight between Anchorage and Port Heiden Airfield. The cost of a round trip ticket is around \$250. From Port Heiden Airfield a person could walk to the Monument, which is a distance of about 16 km (10 miles), and quite a difficult job. The terrain is tundra meadow, interspersed with scattered thickets of willow, alder, and birch. Very few people have tried to make this walk. A person can also charter an aircraft and fly into the Monument. This cost is about \$150 per hour. Wien Air Alaska has a daily flight from Anchorage to King Salmon which costs about \$115 round trip. From King Salmon, one can charter an airplane for approximately \$150 per hour. As evidenced by the methods available, this is quite an expensive place to visit.

Thirty square-mile Aniakchak Crater, one of the world's largest, contains a lake and a river, and a volcano which erupted in 1931. Aniakchak River flows through the caldera wall to the Pacific. Created by Presidential Proclamation on Dec. 1, 1978.

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**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** wildlife-watching, float trips, primitive camping, fishing; **Permits:** Alaska fishing license, available in Anchorage, is required; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** No; **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** No roads; **Hiking trails:** No; **Backcountry trails:** Yes, information can be obtained from Alaska Area Office of the National Park Service. **Camping:** Yes, primitive camping available; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** No; **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** No, should be obtained in Anchorage; **Overnight accommodations:** King Salmon, about 240 km (150 miles); **First Aid available in park:** No; **Nearest Hospital:** Kodiak, Homer; **Days/Hours:** Monument never closes; **Holiday Closings:** No; **Visitor attractions closed for seasons:** No; **Weather:** The weather will vary a great deal. For Winter, the maximum may be in the low 30's F to -30° below zero. Summer temperatures range from the mid and upper 40's to a high of 70°. The caldera is subject to violent wind storms which can make camping inside the caldera very difficult. In June and July, 1973, an individual had his camp destroyed twice during a six-week period and his boat blown away. Local pilots who have flown into the caldera have reported bad experiences with strong turbulent winds.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Visitors in the area should have wool clothing, rubber boots and good rain gear. Bring your own food if camping and be sure that the tent can withstand bad weather conditions. One of the most experienced guide services for this area is Peninsula Airways, Inc., P.O. Box 36, King Salmon, AK 99613, phone 907-246-3372. Other charter aircraft are available in Anchorage, Port Heiden Airfield, and King Salmon.

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## Bering Land Bridge National Monument

### Alaska

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Alaska Office, National Park Service, 540 W. 5th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501 **Telephone:** 907-271-4243

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**DIRECTIONS:** The Monument is quite isolated. No roads lead to the area, and airports at Nome and Kotzebue that handle jets are rather distant from the Monument's boundaries. Nonetheless, Nome and Kotzebue are for most visitors the intermediate points from which to fly into the Monument or to Native villages in close proximity to the boundaries. Round trip air fare from Anchorage to either Kotzebue or Nome is \$182.02, and from Fairbanks to either Kotzebue or Nome is \$164.40. Scheduled round trip air flights on alternate days from Nome to Deering cost \$68.68 and from Kotzebue to Deering, \$55.34. Round trip from Nome to Shishmaref is \$111.00. It is possible to charter flights out of Nome and Kotzebue into Serpentine Hot Springs and onto beaches of the Monument. Charter fares run about \$125 per hour.

This area on the north side of Seward Peninsula 80 km (50 miles) from Siberia contains remains of land bridge once connecting Asia and North America. The promising archaeological site is also the habitat of polar bear, grizzly bear, wolves, 21 other mammals and 112 bird species. Created by Presidential Proclamation on Dec. 1, 1978..

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**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** photography, fishing, river floating, boating, canoeing, walking, wildlife- and wildflower-watching. Part of the attraction of the Monument is to see Eskimos from the neighboring villages pursue subsistence lifestyles, manage reindeer herds, and produce pieces of arts and crafts.; **Permits:** Alaska fishing license, available locally, is required; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** No; **Any limitation on vehicle usage:** No roads; **Hiking trails:** No; **Backcountry:** Yes, information available from Alaska Area Office of the National Park Service; **Camping:** Only primitive camping—no reservations; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** No; **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** Yes, certain items—food, clothing, beverages, and some gear—may be purchased from merchants in Nome and Kotzebue, but supplies in village stores are generally depleted and are, in fact, intended for local Native consumption; **Overnight accommodations:** Lodging and eating facilities are available at the intermediate points of Nome and Kotzebue. Room reservations are suggested because touring groups book much of the touring space. Rooms average about \$50 per day, and meals are proportionately as expensive. Transportation costs for goods and services in “bush” Alaska raise prices considerably in such places as Nome and Kotzebue. Visitors planning to stay in the Monument should plan to arrive self-sufficient. **First Aid available in park:** No; **Nearest Hospital:** Nome and Kotzebue; **Days/Hours:** Monument never closes; **Holiday Closings:** None; **Visitor attractions closed for seasons:** None; **Weather:** Most visitors come into the area between mid-June and mid-September when the temperatures average in the mid-40's F along the coast and mid-60's F inland. During the ice-free periods along the coasts (late May to late October), cloudy skies prevail, fog occurs, daily temperatures remain fairly constant in the long hours of daylight, and the relative humidity is high.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Visitors to the Monument must arrive self-sufficient with their food, clothing, and shelter, and in some cases with fuel. There is some driftwood along the beaches, but inland wood is scarce and should be used chiefly for cooking. You should possess skills, talents, and stamina to survive some difficult conditions. In other words, you should have hiking, backpacking, and camping experience; and be knowledgeable about food, clothing, and gear. Since visitors carry everything on their backs once they've arrived in the Monument, they bring only the *essentials*: good tents with rain flies, sleeping bags and pads, insect repellents and head nets, cooking and eating utensils, first aid items, maps, knife, food, warm clothing and rain gear, calf-high boots with waterproof lowers, fishing tackle, extra socks, and possibly some camera equipment. In parties of two or more—it is advisable to always travel with others in the Monument—many of the above items can be shared, reducing the weight one must carry.

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## Cape Krusenstern National Monument

### Alaska

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Alaska Office, National Park Service, 540 W. 5th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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**DIRECTIONS:** The Monument is in northwestern Alaska. Access is from Kotzebue via charter airplane.

The 114 beach ridges on this Chukchi Sea area, 966 km (600 miles) northwest of Anchorage, tell of successive Eskimo communities living here for 4000 years. Created by Presidential Proclamation on Dec. 1, 1978.

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**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** wildlife-watching, beach walking, fishing, primitive camping; **Permits:** Alaska fishing license, available locally, is required; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** No; **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** No roads; **Hiking trails:** No; **Backcountry:** Yes, information can be obtained from Alaska Area Office of the National Park Service; **Camping:** Yes, primitive camping only; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** No; **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** Yes, at Kotzebue; **Overnight accommodations:** Kotzebue; **First Aid available in park:** No; **Nearest Hospital:** Kotzebue; **Days/Hours:** Monument never closes; **Holiday Closings:** No; **Visitor attractions closed for seasons:** No.

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## Denali National Monument

### Alaska

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Superintendent, Mt. McKinley National Park, P.O. Box 9, McKinley Park, Alaska 99755 **Telephone:** 907-683-2294

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**DIRECTIONS:** Denali National Monument is generally accessible on the southern side from the Parks Highway; a year-round highway between Anchorage and Fairbanks. A motorist parallels the area beginning near Talkeetna, Alaska, which is about 160 km (100 miles) north of Anchorage, and continues a few miles north of McKinley Station in Mt. McKinley National Park. The total distance is about 200 km (125 miles). General visitor access is presently limited to able bodied hikers, backpackers, cross-country skiers gaining access from service roads that lead from the Parks Highway, and—where allowed—snowmachines, boats, and airplanes. Summer and winter access to the northern portion is possible by charter plane to Lake Minchumina. The Kantishna mining district can be reached by way of the 132 km (82 mile) long road through Mount McKinley National Park but is limited to summer months when the road is open to traffic. Charter air access is available from Talkeetna, Mt. McKinley Station, and from Fairbanks and Anchorage. Depending on the type of aircraft, the cost for a charter can run from \$75 to \$150 per hour. The Alaska Railroad parallels the southern portion of the National Monument but is not considered satisfactory access to the area except in the Cantwell area. However, it does provide transportation to Talkeetna and McKinley Station where air charters are available. In Summer, public shuttlebus transportation through McKinley Park to Wonder Lake would take you within 10 to 14 km (6 to 8 miles) of Kantishna.

This area, adjacent to Mt. McKinley National Park, assures protection of the entire Mt. McKinley massif, hitherto only about half under National Park Service management. Denali also protects vital wolf, grizzly bear, black bear, caribou and other wildlife habitats. Created by Presidential Proclamation on Dec. 1, 1978.

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**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** auto tours, charter aircraft tours, backpacking, wilderness camping, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, fishing; **Permits:** Alaska fishing license required, available at sporting goods stores in Fairbanks or Anchorage; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** lodging; **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** No formal roads; **Hiking trails:** No; **Backcountry:** Yes, information on backcountry use available at Riley Creek Visitor Center; **Camping:** Yes, no reservations available for primitive campsites; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** Yes, contact Camp Denali, c/o Wally Cole, McKinley Park, AK 99755 or North Face Lodge, Box 66, McKinley Park, AK 99755, Phone 907-683-2265; **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** Yes, limited food and supplies available along the Parks Highway, but you should stock up in Anchorage or Fairbanks; **Overnight accommodations:** Mount McKinley National Park, McKinley Village, Carlo Creek; **First Aid available in park:** Yes, there is also a clinic in Healy; **Nearest Hospital:** Fairbanks; **Days/Hours:** Park never closes; **Holiday Closings:** None; **Visitor attractions closed for seasons:** None; **Weather:** Alaska Summers are generally cool, wet and windy. A light coat is necessary during Summer particularly in the higher elevations. Winter weather can become very severe with temperatures dropping to 50°F below zero with blowing snow. During moderate weather the winter temperature can be pleasant with sunny skies.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Summer clothing should include rain gear and a light coat in preparation for a sudden storm or cold weather. A sturdy, insect proof tent is necessary and a stove is recommended for backpacking because firewood is scarce. Do not bury or leave trash behind. Insects are troublesome in Alaska from about June until colder weather arrives in the latter part of August. Mosquitoes, no-see-ems and other biting insects abound in wet areas and in the tundra. Bring insect repellent. Keep your distance from bears, moose, and other wild animals. Make noise when you hike to announce your presence. Bears will not be present during the winter months, however, moose are present in their natural habitat year-round. Always keep a clean campsite with your food sealed in containers so odors will not attract animals.

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## Gates of the Arctic National Monument

### Alaska

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Alaska Office, National Park Service, 540 W. 5th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501 **Telephone:** 907-271-4243

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**DIRECTIONS:** Most visitors to the central Brooks Range fly via scheduled flights from Fairbanks to Bettles (about \$52 one-way), and then charter small aircraft in Bettles for flights into the Monument (\$125-\$185 per hour). Charter flights into the Brooks Range can also begin in Fairbanks (air-time is generally paid to and from the destination). Additionally, scheduled flights from Bettles to Anaktuvuk Pass (in the center of the Monument) are available several times a week, at a cost of about \$45 per passenger.

This vast tundra wilderness contains seven proposed wild rivers and many lakes and rivers yet unnamed. Broad valleys contrast with razor-like Arrigetch Peaks and turreted Mt. Igipak, high point of the central and western Brooks Range. Here, 324 km (200 miles) northwest of Fairbanks, is habitat vital to the arctic caribou, grizzly bear, sheep, moose, wolf and raptors. Authorized by Presidential Proclamation on Dec. 1, 1978.

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**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** hiking, backcountry, rock and mountain climbing, fishing, wildlife-watching, canoeing; **Permits:** Alaska fishing license, available in Fairbanks, is required; **Fees:** No; **Visitor facilities:** No; **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** No roads;

**Hiking trails:** No; **Backcountry:** Yes, information can be obtained from Alaska Area Office of the National Park Service; **Camping:** No; **Other overnight accommodations on site:** Yes, excellent camping sites are available throughout the area. A few private lodges are located within the Monument. **Meals served in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable in the park:** No; **Food and supplies obtainable nearby:** Yes, Bettles, Fairbanks; **Overnight accommodations:** Bettles, 32 km (20 miles) south; **First Aid available in park:** No; **Nearest Hospital:** Fairbanks; **Days/Hours:** Monument never closes; **Holiday Closings:** None; **Visitor attractions closed for seasons:** None; **Weather:** Long, cold Winters and short, mild Summers are the rule. Along the south slopes of the Brooks Range, particularly in the lowlands, mid-summer temperatures may occasionally rise into the 80's and rarely into the 90's. Temperatures in the highlands are generally cooler, and on the northern slopes temperatures range from 30°F to 60°F. In the highlands and on the north slopes freezing temperatures may occur in mid-August and definitely occur in early September. August is often a rainy month.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Because nearly all visitors to the Monument will be backpacking for extended periods, it is essential that clothing, camping gear and food are of good quality and are light in weight. Clothing should include enough "layers", even during the summer months, to provide warmth in sub-freezing temperatures; and rain gear is essential. Tents should be strong, light and have a rainfly. Food will have to consist primarily of dried and freeze-dried items, and should be in greater quantities than what is expected to be consumed during the planned trip. Visitors should be well familiar with their gear before starting a backpacking trip in this area, and should additionally be competent at hiking, camping, and survival skills. Winter travel requires special skills and hardiness, and should only be undertaken after careful planning.

Mosquitoes usually come out in mid-June and begin to disappear in early or mid-August. Gnats and whitesocks hatch in August. Insects are most bothersome in wet lowlands and areas of heavy vegetation, and are not as numerous on dry highlands where breezes are frequent. Carry good mosquito repellent and a headnet as backup.

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## Glacier Bay National Monument

### Gustavus, Alaska

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**MAILING ADDRESS:** Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Monument, P.O. Box 1089, Juneau, Alaska 99801 **Telephone:** 907-586-7127

**DIRECTIONS:** The Monument is located at the northwest end of the Alexander Archipelago in southeastern Alaska. There are no roads to the Monument, and access is by various types of commercial transport, including regularly scheduled and charter air services, cruise ships and charter boats, private boats, and tours via kayak. By boat, the distance from Juneau is about 160 km (100 miles). Flying time from Juneau is about 30 minutes. An airfield is at Gustavus, just outside the Park.

Great tidewater glaciers, a dramatic range of plant communities, and rare species of wildlife can be found in this unit of the National Park System. Created by Presidential Proclamation on Feb. 26, 1925.

**VISITOR ACTIVITIES:** glacier-viewing, boating, camping, hiking, fishing, wildlife and bird-watching, campfire programs; **Permits:** required for fishing; **Fees:** only for concession-operated and commercial transportation to tidewater glaciers; **Visitor facilities:** restrooms, lodge, interpretive programs and hikes, hiking trails, food service, campground. Boaters may obtain gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and limited moorage space at Bartlett Cove. No other public facilities for boats are available at the Park. **Any limitations on vehicle usage:** No; **Hiking trails:** Yes, the Monument's several hundred