



Alaska Geographic

Arrival and Logistics

Arrival

Beginning at noon, the Alaska Geographic guide will greet you at the Murie Science and Learning Center (MSLC) for check-in. Your course begins at 12:30pm. The first day will not include lunch.

Directions, Parking Area and Meeting Location

The entrance to Denali National Park is located at Mile 237 of the George Parks Highway. Follow the Park Road for approximately 1 mile to a roundabout. The first turn off the roundabout leads to the MSLC; **however**, because you will be parking overnight, **we ask that you park in the overnight parking section at the Visitor Center parking lot**. To get to this lot, take the second turn off the roundabout toward the "Visitor Center Campus". You will see a sign for parking that points RVs to the left and automobiles to the right. **Turn left toward the RV lot**. Overnight parking is available around the perimeter of this lot.

Please leave your bags and packs in your vehicle. We will load directly into provided transportation in the parking lot after our initial meeting in the MSLC. To get to the MSLC from this lot, walk toward the Visitor Center (back toward the automobile parking section). Just before the automobile parking area, you will see a crosswalk. Follow the dinosaur footprints to the MSLC. It is about a five minute walk. A map is enclosed.

Note to Parents

When preparing for this adventure, we ask that you carefully read through the gear list and have extra sets of clothing for each child. Outfitting each child with their own daypack, binoculars, water bottle, small journal with pencil, and their favorite snacks (if needed) will also help them enjoy the course. Some additional items of interest to children are waterproof/disposable cameras and some drawing supplies. Please keep electronic games at home to help your family make the most out of your immersion experience in Denali.

Tentative Daily Schedule

This course is designed to offer you one day of guided activities and one to two days to explore the park on your own. The group will be split according to age and/or interests. The course will end after breakfast on Sunday, however a bag lunch will be available for each participant that day. Participants are encouraged to continue to explore Denali via the shuttle bus system and then return to the park entrance later in the day. A shuttle bus ticket is included in the cost of the course for each participant. This ticket can be used throughout the course.

Thursday	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Check in at the Murie Science and Learning Center
	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Introduction, orientation & overview
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Travel to Field Camp
	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Field Camp activities and dinner



Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Group 1: Guided Activities; Group 2: Self-Guided Day Dinner and optional evening activities
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Group 1: Self-Guided Day; Group 2: Guided Activities Dinner and optional evening activities
Sunday	9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Closing activities Continued adventures in the park on your own

Please note: There are many buses heading farther into the park each morning, however **there is only one bus that returns to the park entrance in the morning and space is very limited.** Please plan to stay in the park until Sunday afternoon when there are many more buses returning to the Park entrance. More information about the bus system can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/shuttles.htm>. To make adventures on your last day easier, Alaska Geographic staff will transport your bags back to the Murie Science and Learning Center where they will be available for pick-up until 4:30 pm Sunday evening.

Your Denali Visit & Your Expectations

Alaska Geographic field courses are designed to immerse participants in a particular subject area. Course activities and destinations in the park are chosen to enhance the course content rather than to focus on sightseeing. **If you are interested in seeing more of the park, please add extra time into your itinerary either before or after the course. Exploration farther out the park road is available through the shuttle bus system.** We particularly encourage first time visitors to plan for extra time, especially if this is a “once in a lifetime” trip. Please contact us for advice or visit www.nps.gov/dena for more information.

Insurance and Liability

Participants should have their own health and accident insurance. Also please consider travel insurance in case you have to cancel your trip due to illness or injury. **All participants need to read and sign Alaska Geographic’s risk form and complete the emergency contact and medical form.** These forms can be found on the website by clicking the “required paperwork” button. Please bring these forms with you to the check-in on the first day of the course. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Important Phone Numbers

General Course Information: 907-683-6432 or courses@alaskageographic.org

Emergency Contact: Program Director 907-683-6438 (or 907-699-6044)

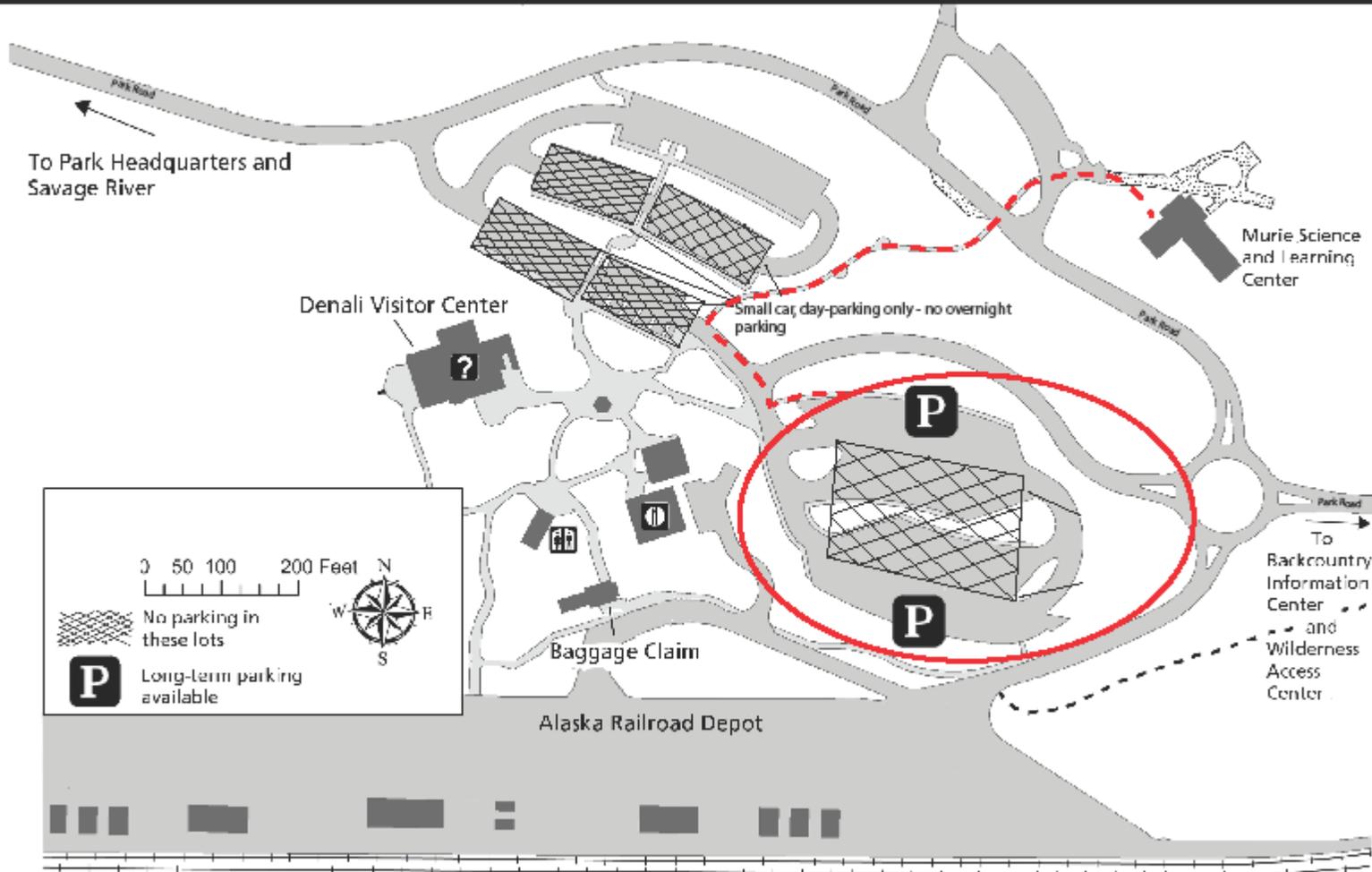
Note: During the course **participants will not have cell phone coverage or phone access.**



Long-Term Parking

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska



Please note, overnight camping is prohibited in the long-term parking areas. You may only camp overnight in an established campground, or in the backcountry with a valid backcountry permit. Visit the Wilderness Access Center and Backcountry Information Center for camping information.

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