



Access Highlights

“Access” includes how people arrive at the park and travel within the park. Although there are many means of accessing Denali, the Denali Park Road is one of the most important considerations regarding winter and shoulder season access. The topics below introduce some of the ideas discussed in the Winter and Shoulder Season Plan that could affect access to the Denali Park Road.

Fall Road Vehicle Access

Ideas discussed in the plan include:

- Continuing with fall road vehicle access as at present
- Allowing the Park Road to reopen to the Teklanika Rest Area after winter weather events, if conditions allow
- Keeping the Park Road open as far as Teklanika Rest Area until a certain date (e.g., October 15 or 31)

Winter Road Plowing

Ideas discussed in the plan include:

- Not plowing past Headquarters in the winter
- Plowing to Mountain Vista beginning in mid-February

Spring Road Vehicle Access

Decisions about spring road vehicle access impact the amount of visitation the park will receive during this time of year, and the services and facilities necessary to support that degree of visitation. These decisions must be made in concert with decisions about shoulder season visitor facilities and in recognition of the impact that spring vehicle traffic has on park wildlife.

Ideas discussed in the plan include:

- Continuing with spring road vehicle access as at present
- Limiting bus tours to the summer season and allowing for other commercial operations on the Park Road in the spring
- Allowing bus tours to Primrose with concurrent shuttle service and private vehicle access to Teklanika

