

## DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE COMPENDIUM

National Park Service (NPS) regulations applicable to the protection and equitable public use of units of the National Park System grant specified authorities to a park superintendent to allow or restrict certain activities. NPS regulations are found in Titles 36 and 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and created under authority and responsibility granted the Secretary of Interior in Titles 16 and 54 of the United States Code. The following compendium comprises a listing of NPS regulations that provide the Superintendent with discretionary authority to make designations or impose public use restrictions or conditions in park areas. The applicability and scope of the compendium is articulated in 36 CFR Sections 1.2 and 13.2, and 43 CFR Section 36.1.

The larger body of NPS regulations that do not provide discretionary authority to the Superintendent is not cited in this compendium. A complete and accurate picture of regulations governing use and protection of the unit can only be gained by viewing this compendium in context with the full body of applicable regulations found in Titles 36 and 43 CFR. *Please contact Denali National Park and Preserve, Denali Park, Alaska at (907) 683-2294, for questions relating to information provided in this compendium.*

### **TITLE 36 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **1.6(f) Compilation of activities requiring a permit**

- Collecting research specimens, 36 CFR 2.5
- Camping, 36 CFR 2.10(a), 13.904, 13.972, 13.974
- Operating a power saw in developed areas, 36 CFR 2.12(a)(2)
- Operating a portable motor or engine in undeveloped areas, 36 CFR 2.12(a)(3)
- Operating a public address system, 36 CFR 2.12(a)(4)
- Air delivery, 36 CFR 2.17(a)(3)
- Noncommercial soliciting, 36 CFR 2.37
- Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents, or explosive materials, 36 CFR 2.38(a)
- Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers, 36 CFR 2.38(b)
- Special events, 36 CFR 2.50(a)
- Demonstrations involving 26 or more persons, 2.51
- Sale and distribution of printed matter for First Amendment purposes by groups of 26 or more persons, 2.52
- Grazing, 36 CFR 2.60(a)(1)-(3)
- Residing on federal lands, 36 CFR 2.61(a)
- Installing a monument or other commemorative installation, 36 CFR 2.62(a)
- Towing a person using a parasail, hang glider, or other airborne device, 36 CFR 3.12(b)
- Removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels, 36 CFR 3.14(a)
- Operating a submersible, 36 CFR 3.19
- Commercial notices or advertisements, 36 CFR 5.1
- Commercial operations, 36 CFR 5.3
- Commercial filming, still photography, and audio recording 36 CFR 5.5

- Construction or repair of any building, structure, facility, road, trail, or airstrip on federal lands, 36 CFR 5.7
- Mining operations (9.9(a)) or an approved Plan of Operations (in lieu of permit))
- Scientific research, 36 CFR 1.5
- Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft, 13.50
- Cabins on federal lands, 36 CFR 13.100-13.188
- Subsistence use in the Park by person who does not live within the Park boundary or a resident zone community, 36 CFR 13.440(a)
- Using aircraft access for subsistence activities in the Park, 36 CFR 13.450(a), 13.450(b)(1)
- Cutting of standing timber greater than 3 inches in diameter for non-commercial subsistence uses, 36 CFR 13.485(a)(1)
- Travel on the Denali Park Road beyond Mile 14.8, 36 CFR 13.930
- Climbing Denali or Mt. Foraker, 36 CFR 13.910
- Access to inholdings where access is not made by aircraft, snowmachine, motorboat or non-motorized surface transportation, 43 CFR 36.10(b)
- Salvaging, removing, possessing aircraft, 43 CFR 36.11 (f)(3)(ii)
- Helicopter use, 43 CFR 36.11(f)(4)
- Off-road vehicle (ORV) use, 43 CFR 36.11(g)(2)
- Temporary access across federal land for survey, geophysical or exploratory work, 43 CFR 36.12(c)
- Long term aircraft parking, McKinley Airstrip, PL 101-512 and Policy Circular A-25

## **PART 2. RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION**

### **2.1(a)(4) Designated areas for collection of dead wood on the ground for firewood**

Visitors may gather dead wood on the ground for use as fuel for campfires within Denali National Park and Preserve unless prohibited by on-site signs or specific permit restrictions. Federally qualified subsistence users should refer to section 13.485.

See also, section 2.13 which restricts campfires in the former Mt McKinley National Park.

### **2.1(a)(5) Designated areas and conditions for walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, or traversing an archeological or cultural resource, monument, or statue**

No designated areas or conditions.

### **2.1(b) Designated trails**

No restrictions on walking or hiking.

### **2.1(c)(1)-(3) Designated fruits, nuts, berries, and unoccupied seashells to harvest by hand and collection restrictions**

All edible fruits, berries, mushrooms, and nuts within the former Mt. McKinley National Park may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption.

*This designation serves to provide the broadest use and enjoyment of the park in the least*

*restrictive manner so long as there is no adverse effect to park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species or otherwise adverse effect of park resources.*

Superseded in part by 13.35(c) and 13.485(b).

**2.2(d) Established conditions and procedures for transporting lawfully taken wildlife through park areas**

All legally taken game from Kantishna transported on the park road by motor vehicle must be transported out of the park without unnecessary delay. Meat and other animal parts must be secured and out of public view.

*This requirement is intended to allow transport of legally taken game across park lands that avoids undesirable encounters with bears or other scavengers, protects public safety, and avoids unwarranted public accusations that an illegal hunt may have taken place in the park.*

See also 13.42(e).

**2.2(e) Designated areas for wildlife viewing with artificial light**

No areas designated for closure.

**2.3(d)(8) Designated areas open for fishing from motor road bridges and public boat docks**

All areas, except the Savage River Bridge, are designated as open for fishing from motor road bridges and boat docks.

**2.4(a)(2)(i), (h) Carrying, using, or possessing weapons at designated locations and times**

Individuals are authorized to possess firearms in NPS areas in accordance with applicable state and federal law. With the exception of public use cabins, possession of firearms is prohibited in Federally-owned or leased buildings. The laws regarding discharge of firearms remain unchanged.

See also 13.30(b)-(f).

**2.10(a) Camping: conditions and permits**

Generators may be operated in the Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika River Campgrounds between the hours of 8am and 10am and from 4pm to 8pm when the campgrounds are open to public use. Operation of a generator or idling of a parked vehicle for the purpose of electricity generation outside of these hours is prohibited.

*Given the proximity of campsites to each other, noise from generators and idling vehicles can be clearly heard in adjacent campsites and beyond. Many users object to the noise associated with generators and idling vehicles, especially if used for protracted periods of time. This generator use/idling vehicle restriction is intended to enhance the camping experience for all visitors and protect the natural quiet of the campgrounds while preserving the opportunity for users with recreational vehicles to charge vehicle batteries and have ready access to power during key times of the day.*

Superseded in part by 13.25(a), 13.904, 13.972-13.974.

## 2.10(d) Food storage: designated areas and methods

### 1. Definitions:

A *bear resistant container* (BRC) means an item constructed to prevent access by a bear. BRC's include—

- Items approved by the Department of Interior and Agriculture's Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee:  
[http://www.igbconline.org/images/pdf/160226\\_Certified\\_Products\\_List.pdf](http://www.igbconline.org/images/pdf/160226_Certified_Products_List.pdf)
- Additional items listed by the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation:  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=livingwithbears.bearcontainers>, with the concurrence of the Superintendent;
- Items or methods approved by the Superintendent.

### 2. Frontcountry Developed Area (FDA)

Unattended food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage, harvested fish, and all other unattended scented items must be stored in a bear resistant container (BRC) or secured—

- Within an NPS provided food storage locker
- Within a hard sided building; or
- Within a lockable and hard sided section of a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft

### 3. All areas outside the Frontcountry Developed Area (backcountry)

- a. Food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage, harvested fish, and all other scented items must be stored in a bear resistant container at least 100 feet from camp in the following backcountry units from April 15 through September 30. BRCs are recommended for all other dates and backcountry units not listed below.

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Triple Lakes
2	Riley Creek
3	Jenny Creek
4	Upper Savage
5	Upper Sanctuary
6	Upper Teklanika
7	Upper East Fork
8	Polychrome Glaciers
9	East Branch Upper Toklat
10	West Branch Upper Toklat
11	Stony Dome
12	Sunset /Sunrise Glaciers
13	Mount Eielson
14	McKinley Bar East
15	McKinley Bar West
16	Windy Creek
17	Foggy and Easy Pass
18	Upper Glacier Creek
19	Pirate Creek
20	McGonagall Pass
21	Muddy River
23	West Fork Glacier

24	Mount Healy
25	Healy Ridge
26	Primrose Ridge
27	Mount Wright
28	Sushana River
29	Igloo Mountain
30	Tributary Creek
31	Polychrome Mountain
32	Middle Toklat
33	Stony Hill
34	Mount Galen
35	Moose Creek
36	Jumbo Creek
37	Lower East Fork
38	Lower Toklat
39	Stony Creek
40	Clearwater Fork
41	Spruce Peak
42	Eureka Creek
43	Eldorado Creek

- b. In treeless areas where BRCs are not required, at a minimum food shall be stored in double wrapped plastic at least 100 feet downwind from campsite.
- c. In forested areas where BRC's are not required, at a minimum food shall be suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and four feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object, and at least 100 feet down-wind from tent sites. Backcountry parties that have special needs due to size of their party, length of stay, mountaineering logistics, etc., must obtain permission of the Chief Ranger or his/her designee to travel without BRC's where otherwise required.
- d. BRCs are available for loan from the Backcountry Information Center free of charge. BRCs borrowed from the NPS must be returned within 48 hours of returning from a backcountry trip.

**4. This provision does not apply to:**

- Clean dishes and cooking equipment that are free of food odors.
- Food that is being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption.
- Bait which is being lawfully used for trapping or hunting in accordance with applicable state or federal law is not considered food subject to the provisions in this section.

*The intent of these designations is to prevent bears and other wildlife from obtaining and habituating to food and garbage, thus protecting wildlife and park visitors alike. We strongly recommend that dishes and cooking equipment be securely stored; but clean and odor free items are not required to be stored in secure containers. Ice chests and coolers, tents, dry bags or stuff sacks, plastic packing boxes (Totes, Action Packers, etc) and unmodified kayaks are not generally approved as BRC. The park offers bear resistant containers for temporary use to the public.*

## **2.11 Picnicking: designated areas**

Superseded by 13.26.

## **2.13(a)(1) Fires: designated areas and conditions**

State or local fire burn bans are automatically adopted under this section unless the Superintendent determines the ban is not necessary in park areas.

Campfires are prohibited in the former Mount McKinley National Park except 1) as provided in 13.976 in the Frontcountry Developed Area, 2) in areas outside the Frontcountry Developed Area from October 1 through April 14, 3) in emergency situations.

Campfires are authorized in the 1980 Park and Preserve Additions, except at the Kantishna Airstrip, from April 15 through September 30. Any rocks used for fire-pits must be replaced in their original location after the fire is extinguished.

All trash (tinfoil, burnt food, glass, cans, etc.) must be removed from the fire site after use.

*These requirements are intended to ensure that wood sources are not depleted, visual and ecological impacts of campfires and cooking fires are limited in high use areas, and the risk of human caused wildfire is minimized. Fire rings attract trash and food residue as campers attempt to burn trash before leaving the area. High temperature impacts soils and impairs plant growth. Trampling and soil compaction occurs around fires rings as well. A written determination of need is attached.*

## **2.14(a)(2) Sanitation and refuse: conditions using government receptacles**

No conditions established at present. Dumping commercial, household, or industrial refuse, brought in from private or municipal property, in government receptacles is prohibited.

## **2.14(a)(5) Sanitation: designated areas for bathing and washing**

Unless otherwise allowed by the Superintendent, bathing and washing of cooking utensils, food and other property at all public water outlets, fixtures, or pools is prohibited.

## **2.14(a)(7) Sanitation: designated areas for disposal of fish remains**

There are no designated areas.

*Fish remains may not be disposed of on either land or water within 200 feet of public boat docks or designated swimming beaches, or within developed areas for reasons of public health and safety.*

## **2.14(a)(9), (b) Sanitation: disposal, carrying out of human waste**

1. Persons engaged in any travel (such as skiing, snowshoeing, aircraft landings) or activities (such as mountaineering, climbing, flight seeing, camping) in a glacier environment such as Denali and other peaks and glaciers within the Park & Preserve are required to properly dispose of solid human waste as follows:
  - Below the traditional Camp 4 (14,200ft) on the West Buttress of Denali – Solid human waste must be collected in a Clean Mountain Can, removed from the mountain and deposited at designated locations.
  - Above the traditional Camp 4 (14,200ft) on the West Buttress of Denali – Solid human waste must be collected in a Clean Mountain Can and deposited at designated locations.
  - Within one half mile radius of glacial landing sites used by aircraft – Solid human waste must be collected in a Clean Mountain Can, removed from the glacier, and deposited at designated locations.
  - On technical climbing routes within the park and preserve, not including the West Buttress, solid human waste must be tossed or shoveled away from the route.
  - In all other glaciated areas of the park covered by snow and ice, solid human waste must be bagged and carried out in a personal receptacle or deposited in a deep crevasse.
  - Where required, a Clean Mountain Can must be used in accordance with current use instructions provided by the NPS during in person permit registration at the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station.
2. When the ground is not frozen, human feces must be either packed out or deposited in a “cathole” dug 6-8 inches deep in soil at least 100 feet from any water source, shoreline, campsite or trail. When the ground is frozen, human feces must be disposed over at least 100 feet from any water source and covered with snow or packed out. Tissue paper and sanitary items should be packed out or burned when fire hazard is low.
3. In non-glacier environments, toilet paper must be burned or removed as trash.

*These requirements are intended to ensure that proper disposal of human waste occurs in the backcountry to protect water quality and visitor safety.*

## **2.15(a)(1) Areas designated as closed to pets**

For the Frontcountry Developed Area, see 13.978. Pets are prohibited in all other areas of the park. This prohibition does not apply to—

- dogs used for legal hunting in the park and preserve additions;
- emergency search and rescue missions;
- qualified service animals accompanying persons with disabilities per the ADA; or
- dogs used by the NPS for wildlife management.

In addition to the above exceptions, working dogs are allowed from October 1 through April 14. Working dogs are in a harness and pull a person or a sled, as in skijoring, dogsledding, or freight hauling. When not actively pulling a load, dogs must be on a leash no longer than six feet or otherwise physically confined per 2.15(a)(2).

*This restriction serves to protect wildlife, park visitors, and NPS sled dogs from conflicts.*

**2.15(a)(3) Conditions for leaving pets unattended and tied to an object**

- Leaving pets unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.
- Pets will not be left unattended in areas or in circumstances that they will create a nuisance to other visitors or cause a conflict with wildlife.
- Pets will not be left in areas where food, water, shade, ventilation and other basic needs are inadequate.

*This requirement is intended to ensure pets do not harass wildlife or disturb park visitors and also to ensure pets are properly cared for in the park.*

**2.15(a)(5) Pet excrement disposal conditions**

Pet feces must be removed from areas around buildings, parking areas, campgrounds, trails where dogs are allowed, and the train depot.

*This requirement is intended to keep commonly visited areas sanitary.*

**2.15(e) Pets of park residents**

Permanent park residents may keep pets in accordance with the Denali National Park Housing Management Plan.

**2.16 (a)-(c) Horses and pack animals**

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(e).

Access for subsistence purposes under 36 CFR 13.460(a) supersedes this section.

**2.17(a)(1) Aircraft operation**

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(f)(1).

Use of aircraft in the Park for subsistence purposes is prohibited under 36 CFR 13.450.

**2.17(a)(2) Aircraft operation near docks, piers, swimming beaches and other designated areas**

No areas prohibited.

**2.17(c)(1) Conditions for removing downed aircraft**

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(f)(3)(ii).

**2.18(c) Snowmobiles: designated areas for use**

No areas designated for snowmachine use.

The former Mt. McKinley National Park (old park) is closed to all snowmachine use under 36 CFR section 13.952.

See also, 43 CFR 36.11(c), 36 CFR 13.460(a), and 36 CFR 13.960 for the preserve and the 1980 park additions.



**2.19(a) Winter activities on roads and in parking areas: designated areas**

No special designations. Winter activities as listed in this section remain prohibited on all park roads and parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic.

*Winter sports activities are not allowed on open roads and parking areas in order to separate such uses from motor vehicle traffic for reasons of public safety.*

**2.19(b) The towing of persons on skis, sleds, or other sliding devices by motor vehicle or snowmobile is prohibited, except in designated areas or routes**

No designated areas or routes.

**2.20 Skating and skateboards**

See also 13.916.

**2.21 Smoking**

All public buildings are closed to smoking unless specifically permitted and signed as a designated smoking area. Smoking is prohibited within 100 feet of the park fuel, aviation gas storage facilities, and propane tanks or within 25 feet of entrances to visitor facilities and other park buildings.

*These restrictions are intended to protect public health and public safety from fire or explosion around fuel storage facilities. Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigs, are included in the above restrictions.*

**2.22 Property: leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours**

Superseded by 13.45, 13.906.

**2.35(a)(3)(i) Alcoholic beverages: areas designated as closed to consumption**

Consuming or possessing opened alcoholic beverages on shuttle or concession tour buses is prohibited. See also 4.14(b).

*This requirement is intended to ensure park visitors have a quality experience and also protect visitor safety.*

**2.38(b) Fireworks: permits, designated areas, and conditions**

No areas designated for use of fireworks.

**2.51 First Amendment Demonstrations**

All outdoor areas in the Frontcountry Developed Area—excluding campgrounds, the NPS kennels, and the NPS dog yard—are designated as open to public demonstrations that involve 25 or fewer persons without a permit. Demonstrations must not block ingress or egress to buildings or roadways. Demonstrations involving 26 or more individuals must have a permit issued by the Superintendent.

**2.52 Designated areas for sale and distribution of printed matter and other message-bearing items for First Amendment purposes**

All outdoor areas in the Frontcountry Developed Area—excluding campgrounds, the kennels, and the dog yard—are open to sale or distribution of printed matter and other message-bearing items without a permit as defined by 36 CFR 2.52(a) when conducted by 25 or fewer persons. Activities must not block ingress or egress to buildings or roadways. Sale or distribution of printed matter and other message-bearing items conducted by 26 or more individuals must have a permit issued by the Superintendent.

**2.62(b) Areas designated for the scattering of human ashes and established conditions**

All areas are open to scattering of ashes without a permit with the exception of developed areas, campgrounds, and park facilities. The excepted areas require a permit.

**3.14(a) Conditions for removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels**

A permit is required from the Superintendent before sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels may be removed from waters within NPS administered areas except when the operator is able to remove or repair the vessel on site safely and without potential for damage to resources.

*This requirement allows the Superintendent to establish terms and conditions for salvage operations as necessary to protect resources and provide for public safety.*

**3.16 Swimming and wading: areas designated as closed**

All areas are open to swimming and wading.

**3.17(a) Designated swimming areas and beaches**

No designated areas.

**3.17(c) Use or possession of flotation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible activities in swimming areas or beaches**

No restrictions at present.

**3.18(a) SCUBA and underwater diving: closures and restrictions**

No closures or restrictions at present.

**PART 4. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**4.10 Routes or areas designated for off-road motor vehicle use in Preserves**

No routes or areas designated for non-subsistence users.  
See also 43 CFR 36.11(g) and 36 CFR 13.903.

**4.11(a) Load weight and size limits: permit requirements and restrictive conditions**

Vehicles over 12 feet high, or 8 feet wide that use the restricted section of the Denali Park Road west of the Teklanika Bridge are subject to restricted hours of travel unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent. RVs or trailers must not exceed 40 feet combined length and may be subject to additional restrictions, including hours of travel.

#### **4.13 Obstructing Traffic (parking and stopping on the restricted section of the Denali Park Road during the operating season)**

The following applies to the restricted section of the Denali Park Road during the operating season—

Definition of parking: A vehicle is considered parked when passengers and/or driver have disembarked for an off-vehicle activity other than a temporary stop or wildlife viewing stop; typically this is for a walk or hike lasting for a few minutes to several hours. Unless specifically permitted, vehicles which receive authorization to park may not be parked for more than 12 consecutive hours.

Definition of a temporary stop: A vehicle is considered temporarily stopped if it is in a designated rest stop (Teklanika, Polychrome, Toklat, Eielson) or if stopped in a designated pull out with the passengers and driver remaining in or in close enough proximity to the vehicle such that the driver and all passengers are capable of quickly entering the vehicle. Temporary stops are for breaks while transiting the Park Road and for drop-off/pick-up of passengers accessing the park. Temporary stops are not for parking while hiking, engaging in extended wildlife photography, etc.

Definition of a wildlife viewing stop: A brief stop for wildlife viewing, photo opportunity or other reasons; however, all occupants must remain in the vehicle and be able to depart quickly.

Who can park: National Park Service (NPS) vehicles and other vehicles specifically authorized by the Superintendent.

Where parking is allowed: Parking is prohibited on the Denali Park Road, except as specifically authorized by the Superintendent. Authorized parking locations will be designated via the specific authorizations (permits, contracts, etc.) that allow road use.

Where temporary stops are allowed: All road users may make temporary stops in designated locations. Online maps, including an interactive map, identify the location of designated rest stops and pull-outs. These maps are available at:  
<https://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/photosmultimedia/denali-road-rules-video.htm>.

Where wildlife viewing stops are allowed: Wildlife viewing stops may occur anywhere along the Park Road provided that the driver exercises due caution and observes other applicable traffic rules.

#### **4.21(b)-(c) Speed limits: designation of a different speed limit**

Except where other speed limits are posted by sign, the speed limit along the Denali Park Road will not exceed 35 miles per hour.

The speed limit along Alaska Highway 3 will be established and posted by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities according to Alaska Statute and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Policy and Resources. The

Superintendent hereby designates speed limits as posted by the State pursuant to 4.21(b) for Alaska Highway 3 where it passes through the park.

**4.30(a) Routes designated as open to bicycles**

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(e).

See also 13.914.

**4.30(d)(1) Wilderness closed to bicycle use**

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(e).

See also 13.914.

**4.30(i)(1) Designated roads, parking areas, and trails open to electric bicycles, or specific classes of electric bicycles**

- The Denali Park Road
- Parks Highway
- The 2.3 mile long multi-purpose trail between the Nenana River Canyon Bridge and the Denali Visitor Center as well as the Roadside Bike Trail spur to the Riley Creek Day Use Area are designated as open for bicycle use. No other areas or trails within the Frontcountry Developed Area are designated as open to bicycle use.

**4.30(i)(7) Electric bicycle use restrictions/conditions**

No additional restrictions or conditions in areas designated as open to electric bicycle use.

See 36 CFR 4.30(i) for more information.

**4.31 Hitchhiking: designated areas**

Hitchhiking is allowed along the Denali Park Road and Alaska Highway 3 as defined by State Law.

All Vehicle and Traffic Safety requirements are intended to ensure park visitors have a safe and quality experience on the park road, consistent with law and practices adopted for the park road, available at

<https://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/photosmultimedia/denali-road-rules-video.htm>.

## **PART 5. COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS**

### **5.7 Construction of buildings, roads, trails, airstrips, or other facilities**

Maintenance of established landing strips utilizing non-motorized hand tools is not considered construction or repair and no permit is required.

## **PART 13. ALASKA REGULATIONS**

### **13.25(a) Closures and restrictions to camping**

See also 2.10, 13.904, 13.972, 13.974.

**13.25(b) Site time limits: authorization to exceed 14 day limit at one location**

No general exceptions at present.

**13.25(c) Designated campgrounds: restrictions, terms, and conditions**

See also 13.972, 13.974.

- Camping is permitted in the following designated campgrounds pursuant to a permit: Riley Creek, Savage River, Sanctuary River, Teklanika River, Igloo, and Wonder Lake. Igloo, Sanctuary River and Wonder Lake Campgrounds, and the Savage River Group campsites are designated for tent camping only. Igloo, Sanctuary and Wonder Lake are accessible via shuttle bus only. Teklanika, Savage River and Riley Creek Campgrounds are designated for use by tents, trailers and/or other camper units.
- Except as outlined below, occupancy of one campsite at all designated campgrounds except Wonder Lake is limited to a maximum of eight people. Wonder Lake Campground is limited to four persons per campsite. A maximum of three tents are allowed per site.
- There are three campsites available for groups of nine or more in the Savage River campground and one campsite for groups of nine or more in the Riley Creek campground. These sites are available for tents only on an advanced reservation basis under procedures established by the Superintendent.
- Campers wishing to drive a private motor vehicle to Teklanika River Campground must register for a minimum of three nights. The three night minimum does not apply to Teklanika campers without vehicles.
- Teklanika River Campground permits allow for one private motor vehicle trip to the campground, but not beyond, and return. Additional motorized travel must be by shuttle bus. Additional use of the private motor vehicle under the terms of the camping permit is not authorized.
- Vehicles and trailers may only be parked on designated paved or gravel surfaces.
- Campers driving a motor vehicle to Teklanika River Campground may not bring any towed motor vehicle, trailer, or other apparatus past the Savage River check station unless essential to the camping experience (i.e., tent trailers). Such vehicles and trailers must be left at the Riley Creek Long Term Parking Area.
- Generators or engines are not permitted to operate in Wonder Lake, Igloo, or Sanctuary River Campgrounds.
- Following the last night of paid occupancy, campers must vacate designated campgrounds by 11:00 am.
- Obtaining a campground permit for the purpose of avoiding the road restrictions is prohibited.
- There is a mandatory nightly fee for all campsites when a permit is required.

**13.26 Picnicking-areas where prohibited or otherwise restricted**

No restrictions at present.

**13.35(d) Collection of dead standing wood: areas designated as open and conditions for collection**

No designated areas. For the former Mt. McKinley National Park, see 2.1(a)(4).

**13.35(f)(1) Natural features: size and quantity restrictions for collection**

No restrictions at present. For the former Mt. McKinley National Park, see 2.1(c)(1)-(3).

**13.35(f)(2) Natural features: closures or restrictions due to adverse impacts**

No restrictions at present. For the former Mt. McKinley National Park, see 2.1(c)(1)-(3).

**13.45(b)(1)-(6) Exceptions to unattended or abandoned property**

Superintendent authorizations for exceptions for unattended or abandoned property are made on a case by case basis. Contact park headquarters for more information.

**13.45(c) Designated areas where personal property may not be left unattended for any time period, limits on amounts and types, manner in which property is stored**

Frontcountry Developed Area: Personal property may not be left unattended for longer than 24 hours or may not be left unattended for any time period in such a manner as to interfere with visitor safety, orderly management of the park area, or present a threat to park resources. The following exceptions apply:

- Campers and backpackers are authorized to leave motor vehicles unattended in the Riley Creek auxiliary parking area for the period authorized on their camping or backcountry permit.
- Personal property may be left unattended at a campsite in developed campgrounds only by permission of the Superintendent, or his representative, and only if camping fees have been paid in advance for the period during which the site will be unattended.
- Campers and backpackers are authorized to store food and related items in established food storage lockers for the duration of their stay / backcountry trip. Items must be labeled with name and expected date of retrieval.
- Bicycles may be parked at established bike racks along the park road for up to 24 hours or throughout the duration of an overnight backcountry trip conducted under the terms and conditions of a camping permit. Bicycles may also be left in non-developed areas along the park road under the same conditions. Bicycles left in non-developed areas must be cached a minimum of 25 yards from the road edge and must not be visible from the road. See also 13.906.

**13.50 Closures and restrictions****McKinley Park and Kantishna Airstrips**

The maintained aircraft landing surfaces of the McKinley Park and Kantishna airstrips are closed to pedestrian use unless otherwise directed by an authorized person directing aircraft, vehicle, or pedestrian traffic.

*Pedestrian travel on or pedestrian use of the aircraft landing surfaces at the McKinley Park and Kantishna airstrips constitutes a clear and present hazard to public safety, endangering both people and aircraft. FAA charts even warn pilots to watch out for pedestrians on the McKinley Park strip. The park has posted signs at conspicuous locations restricting airstrip access to authorized users only but lacks an appropriate regulation to enforce the restriction.*

### Unmanned Aircraft

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

In Park areas where use of model aircraft for hobbyist or recreational use has been previously authorized, such use may continue under a permit issued by the Superintendent.

This restriction does not affect the primary jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration over the National Airspace System.

### Mask Wearing to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **LOW** or **MEDIUM** in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals are not required to wear masks.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **HIGH** in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, all individuals over the age of two must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, in all common areas and shared workspaces in buildings owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops and restaurants.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **HIGH** in one or more, but not all, of the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, the superintendent will determine whether individuals are required to wear masks. The requirement, if any, will apply to all facilities within the park.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals may wear masks if they choose to do so. Where a state, local, tribal, or territorial government where the park is located imposes more protective mask-wearing requirements than those indicated by the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals must follow those more protective requirements within the park. More protective state, local, tribal, or territorial mask-wearing requirements are hereby adopted as federal requirements in all units of the National Park System located within that state, locality, area subject to a federally

recognized Indian tribe's regulatory jurisdiction, or territory, regardless of a particular park's jurisdictional status.

Additionally, all individuals must wear masks in or on public transportation conveyances and transportation hubs/facilities, to the extent required by current orders or directives issued by the CDC, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), or other federal agencies with jurisdiction over those conveyances or areas. As of March 4, 2022, CDC and TSA orders or directives require all individuals regardless of vaccination status to wear masks in indoor areas of all forms of public transportation conveyances, including busses, trains, and boats/ferries, and in the indoor premises of transportation hubs/facilities. Individuals are not required to wear masks while outdoors on conveyances or while outdoors on the premises of transportation hubs/facilities.

#### E-bikes

The term "e-bike" means a two- or three-wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 h.p.).

E-bikes are allowed in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR Part 4. E-bikes are allowed on park roads, parking areas, and trails that are open to traditional bicycles.

E-bikes are prohibited where traditional bicycles are prohibited under 36 CFR 4.30. Except where use of motor vehicles by the public is allowed, using the electric motor to move an e-bike without pedaling is prohibited.

A person operating an e-bike is subject to the following sections of 36 CFR Part 4 that apply to the use of traditional bicycles: sections 4.12, 4.13, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, and 4.30(h)(2)-(5).

Except as specified in this Compendium, the use of an e-bike is governed by state law, which is adopted and made part of this Compendium. Any violation of state law adopted by this paragraph is prohibited.

This provision is approved and will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.

#### Domestic Goats and Sheep

Use or possession of domestic goats or sheep within NPS administered areas is prohibited.

#### Llamas, Alpacas, and other Members of the Camelidae or Bovidae Family

Use or possession of llamas, alpacas, or any other domestic animal of the Camelidae or Bovidae Family within NPS administered areas is prohibited except as pack animals in accordance with written authorization from the Superintendent.

### **13.122 Established conditions for removal of cabin for which a cabin permit has been denied, expired, or revoked**

No conditions established at present (may require access permit).



**13.160 Designated existing cabins, shelters or temporary facilities that may be shared for subsistence uses without a permit**

DENA 20 Castle Rocks Lake  
DENA 76 Slippery Creek  
DENA 95 Birch Creek  
DENA 074 12 Mile Slough (Slippery Creek)

**13.166 Established conditions and standards governing the use and construction of temporary structures and facilities for subsistence purposes, published annually**

No conditions or standards established at present.

**13.170 Designated cabins or other structures for general public use**

No cabins or structures designated for public use.

**13.172 Established conditions and allocation system to manage the use of designated public use cabins**

Not applicable.

**13.188(b) Established conditions for removal of temporary facility used in excess of 14 days**

Individuals must remove facility, all personal property, and return the site to its natural condition.

*These conditions are intended to protect the park from impacts to vegetation and soil and to ensure that personal items are not left in the park.*

**13.460 Closures or restrictions to the use of snowmobiles, motorboats, dog teams, and other means of surface transportation traditionally employed by local rural residents engaged in subsistence uses**

See also 36 CFR 2.16, 2.17, 2.18, 3.6, 4.10, 4.30, 13.50, 13.903, 13.950-13.962; 43 CFR 36.11(c)-(e).

**13.485(a)(1) Permit specifications for harvesting standing timber greater than 3" diameter for subsistence purposes (house logs & firewood)**

The superintendent may allow noncommercial subsistence harvest of trees greater than 3" subject to the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the Superintendent.

*The above restriction serves to minimize impact to park resources and protect against overharvest.*

**13.485(a)(2) Restrictions on cutting of timber less than 3" in diameter for subsistence purposes**

Stumps shall be flush cut as close to ground level as possible.

*The above restriction is intended to make cut stumps visually blend in with the surroundings and minimize safety hazards to wildlife and people.*

## **DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

### **13.902 Subsistence Resident Zones**

- The Cantwell Residence Zone is described by the area encompassed by a circle of which the center is at the location of the Cantwell Post Office as of December 2, 1980, and whose radius is the distance from that location to the nearest boundary of Denali National Park and Preserve. That linear distance is approximately three miles.
- The Minchumina Resident Zone is described by the area encompassed within one mile perpendicular from the Lake Minchumina shoreline as shown on the D-5 Mt. McKinley 1:63,360 topographical map, 1953 edition.

### **13.903(b) – Subsistence Use of Off-Road Vehicles**

No trail(s) or areas designated at present in the Bull River drainage.

### **13.904 Backcountry camping**

- The term "backcountry" means all areas of the Park and Preserve outside the boundaries of the Backcountry Day Use Zone shown on the management subzone maps of the 1996 Final Entrance Area and Road Corridor Development Concept Plan and the Frontcountry Developed Area as defined at 13.970. Between October 1 and April 14, the closed portion of the Denali Park Road is considered backcountry (see 13.974). Closed portions of the Park Road are incorporated into the adjacent backcountry units for permit administration purposes.
- A backcountry permit is required for all backcountry camping in units 1-48, 86, and 87. Maps describing the units are available at the park visitor center and the Backcountry Information Center. Permits are available at the Backcountry Information Center during the summer months and at the winter visitor center during the remainder of the year.
- Backcountry camping is prohibited within one-half mile of, and within sight of the open portions of the Park Road.
- Camping in designated backcountry units is limited to 30 days total between April 15 and September 30, with no more than 7 days in one unit per trip.

### **13.905 Group Size**

- East side of the park: Group sizes may not exceed 12 individuals including guides in backcountry units 1-21, 23-47, 61-64, 70-79, 81, 86, 87.
- West side of the park: Group sizes may not exceed 6 individuals including guides in backcountry units 22, 48, 65-69, 80, 82-85.
- A map showing the backcountry units is available at the Backcountry Information Center and on the park website.
- The Superintendent may authorize larger groups on a case-by-case basis.

### **13.910(a) – Mountain Climbing on Denali and Mt. Foraker**

1. A climbing permit application provided by the Superintendent must be completed by each private expedition member and received by the park at least sixty (60) days prior to the

start date of the climb. A non-refundable and non-transferable fee must be included with the application.

2. Persons who have physically climbed on Denali or Mt. Foraker since 1995 may apply for a climbing permit up to seven (7) days prior to the start of a planned climb. To qualify, the name of the climber(s) must be documented in the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station Climber Database. All expedition members must meet this requirement in order to qualify for the 7-day exception.
3. Expedition leaders may add one person to their team prior to the start of the climb if the required permit application and fee is received at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the climb.
4. In addition to the permit application, solo climbers must complete and submit the Supplemental Solo Form provided by the Superintendent.
5. All members of an expedition must check in together at the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station and attend a mandatory safety and resource protection orientation. Appointments for the orientation are required.
6. Expeditions are required to check back in at the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station at the conclusion of the climb.

*These requirements were first adopted in 1995 when a new regulation requiring 60 day advance registration for climbs of Denali and Mt. Foraker was promulgated. The intent of these requirements is to reduce the incidence of death and serious injury on the mountains and to protect park resources and the climbing experience through public education. A written determination of need is attached.*

#### **13.914(b) Trails and areas designated for bicycle use in the Frontcountry Developed Area**

The 2.3 mile long multi-purpose trail between the Nenana River Canyon Bridge and the Denali Visitor Center as well as the Roadside Bike Trail spur to the Riley Creek Day Use Area are designated as open for bicycle use. No other areas or trails within the Frontcountry Developed Area are designated as open to bicycle use.

#### **13.916(b) Trails and areas designated for the use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis in line skates, and similar devices**

No designated trails or areas.

#### **13.930 Do I need a permit to operate a motor vehicle on the Denali Park Road west of the Savage River?**

A permit is not required for non-commercial use of the Park Road between Savage River and Teklanika Rest Area (1) from the conclusion of Road Lottery and closure of the road for the season due to weather or safety conditions, or (2) in spring when conditions allow for driving until initiation of the transit service.

#### **13.934(b) Denali Park Road permits**

The annual date for evaluating motor vehicle permits for the restricted portion of the Denali Park Road is April 1. The annual apportionment of permits is listed below.

Denali Backcountry Lodge: 315

Kantishna Roadhouse: 420

Northface Lodge/Camp Denali: 315

Kantishna Air Taxi: 10  
Hank Swan: 15  
Gene Desjarlais: 15  
Romany Wood: 10  
Greg LaHaie: 70  
Michael Conlin: 35  
Rusty Lachelt: 2  
Ray Krieg: 50  
Paul Shearer: 35  
Rainy Creek LLC: 9

**13.952 Snowmachine operation in Denali designated wilderness (the former Mt. McKinley National Park)**

Snowmachine use is not allowed in the former Mt. McKinley National Park. The Old Park remains closed to snowmachine use in accordance with this section and 36 CFR 2.18.

**13.972(a) Frontcountry Developed Area (FDA): permit conditions for camping in the FDA from April 15 through September 30**

See also 13.25(c).

**13.974 Frontcountry Developed Area: camping in the FDA from October 1 through April 14**

Camping is prohibited in the Frontcountry Developed Area except in the open loop(s) of the Riley Creek Campground and that area west of where the park road is closed to motor vehicle use in winter (typically Mile 3 of the park road).

*These requirements serve to ensure equitable use of NPS designated campgrounds and manage traffic on the Denali Park Road in accordance with limits established by special regulation 36 CFR section 13.932-13.934.*

**13.976(a) Designated campgrounds for lighting or maintaining fires**

The following campgrounds are designated for the lighting or maintaining of fires in established receptacles: Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika River Campgrounds.

**13.976(c) FDA conditions for lighting or maintaining fires**

- NPS employees may build an open fire at the designated site located within the C- Camp Housing Area.
- NPS employees may build an open fire at the designated site located adjacent to the playground in the Headquarters Housing Area.
- NPS employees may build an open fire at the designated site located within the Toklat Road Camp.

**13.980 Frontcountry Developed Area closures and restrictions**

The following National Park Service administrative areas are closed to all public entry unless permission is granted by the Superintendent or their representative:

- Dog Kennels when not designated as open to the public. Public visitation hours will be posted.

- Employee Housing Areas
  - Concession Housing Areas
  - Maintenance and Facilities Storage areas
  - Park Buildings not otherwise open to the public
- All closed areas will be signed to this effect.

#### **43 CFR, PART 36 TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY SYSTEMS (Access Regulations)**

##### **36.11(c) Temporary closures to the use of snowmachines for traditional activities**

No closures at present.

See also 2.18, 13.950-13.962.

##### **36.11(d) Temporary closures to the use of motorboats**

No closures at present.

See also 3.3, 3.6.

##### **36.11(e) Temporary closures to the use of non-motorized surface transportation**

No closures at present.

See also 2.16, 3.3, 3.6, 13.914-13.916.

##### **36.11(f)(1) Temporary closures to landing fixed-wing aircraft**

No closures at present.

##### **36.11(f)(3)(ii) Established procedure for salvaging and removing downed aircraft**

A permit is required from the Superintendent before downed aircraft may be salvaged and removed from the park; violation of the terms and conditions of the permit is prohibited.

*This requirement allows the Superintendent to establish terms and conditions for salvage operations as necessary to protect resources, provide for public safety, and minimize impacts on visitors.*

##### **36.11(g)(2) Use of off-road vehicles (ORV) on existing trails**

No designated trails.

See also 4.10.