

# An Extensive Naturalists', Guides' and Interpreters' Reading List for Denali National Park & Preserve

## Some Great Places to Start

Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild .....	William E. Brown .....	A park history to the 1990's
Snapshots from the Past .....	Jane Bryant .....	Fantastic history and photos of the entire park road
Mammals of Denali .....	Adolph Murie .....	Concise intros to our charismatic micro- and megafauna
Wildlife Notebook Series .....	Alaska Dept. Fish & Game .....	online at <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=educators.notebookseries">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=educators.notebookseries</a>
Birds of Denali .....	McIntyre, Eagleson, Siegert .....	Not a field guide, but intro to species and where to seek them
Wildflowers of Denali National Park .....	Verna Pratt & Frank Pratt .....	As close to an authoritative local field guide as we'll see
Tundra & Taiga (two books) .....	April Pulley Sayre .....	A general intro to each ecosystem in children's book form
Geology Road Guide to Denali .....	Denny Capps et al. ....	online at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/nature/upload/Denali-Geology-Road-Guide.pdf">https://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/nature/upload/Denali-Geology-Road-Guide.pdf</a>
Denali Road Guide & Denali Walks .....	Kris Capps .....	Basic orientations to park road and to entrance area trails
Interior & Northern Alaska: A Natural History ....	Ronald L. Smith .....	An unofficial local natural history textbook by a retired UAF biology professor

## Denali National Park

### General:

In Denali .....	Kim Heacox
Denali National Park & Preserve .....	Andromeda Romano-Lax
Crown Jewel of the North: an Administrative History of Denali (vols. 1 & 2) .....	Frank Norris
Denali Wilderness (video) .....	National Park Service
Heartbeats of Denali (video) .....	National Park Service
Alaska's Wild Denali (video) .....	Alaska Video Postcards
For Denali's management documents, see <a href="http://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/management/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/management/index.htm</a>	

## Plant Life

### Taiga:

Taiga .....	April Pulley Sayre
Alaska's Forests & Wildlife .....	Alaska Department of Fish & Game

### Tundra:

Land Above the Trees: A Guide to American Alpine Tundra .....	Ann Zwinger & Beatrice Willard
Tundra .....	April Pulley Sayre
One Small Square: Arctic Tundra .....	Donald M. Silver
Arctic & Alpine Environments .....	Jack D. Ives & Roger G. Barry
Alaska's Tundra & Wildlife .....	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Arctic Adaptations in Plants .....	D.B.O. Savile

### Medicinal & Edible Plants:

Alaska's Wilderness Medicines .....	Eleanor Viereck
Discovering Wild Plants .....	Janice Schofield
Tanaina Plantlore .....	Priscilla Russell Kari
Wild Edible & Poisonous Plants of Alaska .....	Christine Heller

### Guidebooks:

Wildflowers of Denali National Park .....	Verna Pratt & Frank Pratt
Plants of the Western Forest: AK to MN, Boreal & Aspen Parkland .....	Johnson, Kershaw, MacKinnon & Pojar
Alpine Plants of the Northwest: Wyoming to Alaska .....	Jim Pojar & Andy MacKinnon
Flora of Alaska .....	Eric Hultén

### Miscellaneous:

Alaska Trees & Shrubs .....	Leslie A. Viereck
Alaska's Mushrooms .....	Harriette Parker
The World of Northern Evergreens .....	E.C. Pielou

# Wildlife

## General:

Animals of the North .....	William O. Pruitt
Wildlife of the North .....	Steven Kazlowski
Animals of the Arctic: Ecology of the Far North.....	Bernard Stonehouse
Mammals of Denali .....	Adolph Murie
Alaska's Wildlife .....	Tom Walker
Portrait of Alaska's Wildlife.....	Tom Walker

## Tracking:

Animal Tracks of Alaska .....	Chris Stall
Tracking and the Art of Seeing .....	Paul Rezendes
Animal Tracks of Alaska .....	Ian Sheldon
Peterson's Field Guides: Animal Tracks.....	Olaus J. Murie
A Field Guide to Mammal Tracking in N. America .....	James Halfpenny
Mammal Tracks and Sign .....	Mark Elbroch

## Bears:

No Room for Bears.....	Frank Dufresne
The Grizzlies of Mt. McKinley.....	Adolph Murie
Field Guide to the Grizzly Bear .....	Lance Olsen
Bear Attacks: Their Causes and Avoidance.....	Stephen Herrero
The Great Bear Almanac .....	Gary Brown
Alaska's Grizzlies (video).....	Alaska Video Postcards
Backcountry Bear Basics .....	Dave Smith
Where the Grizzly Walks .....	Bill Schneider
Alaska's Bears of the North.....	Steven Kazlowski
Bears of Alaska.....	Erwin & Peggy Bauer
Alaska's Bears, Pocket Guide.....	Bill Sherwonit

## Wolves:

Wolves: Behavior, Ecology and Conservation .....	Mech and Boitani, eds.
Ecology and Conservation of Wolves in a Changing World .....	Carbyn et al., eds.
Wolves, Bears and Their Prey in Alaska.....	National Research Council
Of Wolves and Men.....	Barry Lopez
The Wolves of Mt. McKinley.....	Adolph Murie
The Wolves of Denali .....	L. David Mech, et al.
The Wolf: Ecology & Behavior of an Endangered Species.....	L. David Mech
A Society of Wolves: National Parks & the Battle Over the Wolf .....	Rick McIntyre
The Company of Wolves .....	Peter Steinhart
Wolves.....	Candace Savage
North to Wolf Country.....	James W. Brooks

## Fox:

The World of the Fox.....	Rebecca Grambo
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## Beavers:

Beaver Behavior: Architect of Fame & Bane .....	Morrell Allred
In Beaver World.....	Enos A. Mills
The World of the Beaver .....	Leonard Lee Rue III
Beavers: Where Waters Run.....	Paul Strong

## Porcupines:

The World of the Porcupine.....	David E. Costello
The North American Porcupine .....	Uldis Rose

## Birds:

The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of (Western) North America.....	David Allen Sibley
The Sibley Guide to Bird Life & Behavior .....	David Allen Sibley
Sibley's Birding Basics.....	David Allen Sibley
Birds of Denali.....	McIntyre/Eagleson/Seegert
The Birders' Handbook .....	Ehrlich, Dobkin & Wheye
Field Guide to the Birds of North America.....	National Geographic
Guide to the Birds of Alaska .....	Robert H. Armstrong

Songs & Calls of AK Birds (CD) .....	AK Bird Observatory
The Migrations of Birds.....	Jean Dorst
Life Histories of North American Birds .....	Arthur Cleveland Bent
Bird Brains: The Intelligence of Crows, Ravens, Magpies & Jays .....	Candace Savage
Ravens in Winter .....	Bernd Heinrich
The Mind of the Raven .....	Bernd Heinrich
The Cry of the Sandhill Crane .....	Steve Grooms
Loon Magic.....	Tom Klein
Living on the Wind.....	Scott Weidensaul
The Wind Masters: The Lives of North American Birds of Prey.....	Pete Dunne
Hawks in Flight.....	Pete Dunne
Raptors: Birds of Prey.....	John Hendrickson
Alaska Owlmanac .....	AK Dept of Fish & Game

**Caribou:**

Caribou and the Barren Lands .....	George Calef
Moose, Caribou & Muskox .....	Alaska Geographic
Caribou, Wanderer of the Tundra .....	Tom Walker

**Moose:**

Moose, Caribou & Muskox .....	Alaska Geographic
Wild Moose Country .....	Paul Strong
In the Company of Moose .....	Victor VanBallenberghe

**Sheep:**

Mountain Sheep of North America.....	Raul Valdez
The Wolves of Mount McKinley.....	Adolph Murie
Dall Sheep. Alaska Notebook Series .....	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

## Climate Change

The Melting Edge: Alaska at the Frontier of Climate Change.....	Michael Collier
Break Through.....	Ted Nordhaus & Michael Shellenberger
Storms Of My Grandchildren .....	James Hansen
The Great Warming .....	Brian Fagan
What's The Worst That Could Happen? .....	Greg Craven
Global Warming, Looking Beyond Kyoto.....	edited by Ernesto Zedillo
Global Warming: Understanding the Forecast.....	David Archer
Consumer Guide To Home Energy Savings .....	J. Amann, A. Wilson & K. Ackerly

## Earth Sciences

**Geology:**

Geology Road Guide to Denali.....	Denny Capps et al.
The Geology of Denali National Park.....	Michael Collier
A Geologic Guide to Mt. McKinley National Park.....	Wyatt G. Gilbert
The Geology and Glacial History of Denali N.P. & Vicinity.....	Phil Brease & Alison Till
Geology of National Parks.....	Ann Harris & Esther Tuttle
The Geology of North America: Vol. G-1, The Geology of Alaska .....	The Geological Society of America
Roadside Geology of Alaska .....	Cathy Connor & Daniel O'Hare
Parks and Plates: The Geology of our National Parks .....	Robert J. Lillie

**Glaciers:**

Living Ice.....	Robert P. Sharp
Glaciers .....	Robert P. Sharp
Blue Ice in Motion .....	Sally Wiley
The Geology and Glacial History of Denali N.P. & Vicinity.....	Phil Brease & Alison Till
Glaciers .....	Michael Hambrey & Jürg Alean
Glaciers of North America: A Field Guide .....	Sue A. Ferguson
Alaska's Glaciers .....	Alaska Geographic

**Earth Sciences: Glaciers, continued**

Glacier Ice.....	Austin Post
Sculpted by Ice: Glaciers and the Alaska Landscape.....	Michael Collier
Glaciers: Alaska's Rivers of Ice (video) .....	USGS

**Northern Lights/Aurora Borealis:**

The Aurora Watcher's Handbook .....	Neil Davis
Understanding the Aurora.....	UAF Geophysical Institute
Aurora Borealis: The Amazing Northern Lights.....	Alaska Geographic
Aurora: Mysterious Northern Lights.....	Candace Savage
Northern Lights: The Science, Myth & Wonder of Aurora Borealis .....	George Bryson
Aurora: A Celebration of the Northern Lights.....	Cary Anderson & Dave Parkhurst
Alaska's Spectacular Aurora.....	Todd Salat
The Aurora Explained (video) .....	University of Alaska
Aurora: Rivers of Light in the Sky (video) .....	Alaska Video Postcards

## Ecology

### Alaska Natural History, General:

Interior & Northern Alaska: A Natural History .....	Ronald L. Smith
After the Ice Age:	
The Return of Life to Glaciated N. America.....	E.C. Pielou
Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic .....	E.C. Pielou
The Ice Age History of Alaska National Parks .....	Scott A. Elias
The Great Alaska Nature Factbook.....	Susan Ewing
Alaska Science Nuggets.....	Neil Davis
Alaska Park Science (Volume 5, Issues 1 and 2).....	NPS / Denali Resource Mgmt
Northern Ethnographic Landscapes:	
Perspectives from Circumpolar Nations .....	Krupnik, Mason & Horton

### Fire:

Effects of Fire in Alaska and Adjacent Canada .....	Leslie Viereck
A Test of Adversity and Strength: Wildland Fire in the NPS .....	Hal K. Rothman

### Arctic & Subarctic/Winter:

Winter: An Ecological Guide.....	Halfpenny & Ozanne
A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic .....	E.C. Pielou
Alaska's Ecology .....	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Boreal Ecology .....	William O. Pruitt
Animals of the Arctic: Ecology of the Far North.....	Bernard Stonehouse
Life in the Cold.....	Peter Marchand
Winter World: The Ingenuity of Animal Survival .....	Bernd Heinrich
Snow Sense.....	Jill Fredston

### Why Do We Need...Intact Ecosystems, Biodiversity, Wilderness, National Parks?

The Sinking Ark: A New Look at the Problem of Disappearing Species .....	Norman Myers
Why Big, Fierce Animals are Rare .....	Paul Colinvaux
Deep Ecology: Living as If Nature Mattered .....	Bill Devall & George Sessions
Preserving Nature in the National Parks .....	Richard West Sellars
The Idea of Wilderness .....	Max Oelschlaeger
Wilderness & the American Mind .....	Roderick Nash
Large Carnivores and the Conservation of Biodiversity .....	Ray et al., eds.
Monster of God.....	David Quammen
Where Mountains are Nameless .....	Jonathan Waterman
This Last Treasure: Alaska National Parklands .....	William E. Brown
Northern Landscapes: The Struggle for Wilderness Alaska .....	Daniel Nelson
Visions of a Wild America .....	Kim Heacox
An American Idea: The Making of the National Parks.....	Kim Heacox
National Parks: America's Best Idea, A History.....	Dayton Duncan & Ken Burns
Uncertain Paths: A Search for the Future of National Parks.....	William Tweed
Sold American .....	Donald Craig Mitchell
Take My Land, Take My Life .....	Donald Craig Mitchell
National Parks: The American Experience .....	Alfred Runte
Seeking Awareness in American Nature Writing .....	Scott Slovic
Geography of Childhood .....	Gary Nabhan
Last Child in the Woods .....	Richard Louv
The Practice of the Wild .....	Gary Snyder
Another Turn of the Crank.....	Wendell Berry
The Enduring Wilderness .....	Doug Scott

## Human History

**Check [http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/park\\_histories/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/park_histories/index.htm) for the following books:**

- A History of Mount McKinley National Park (Denali National Park & Preserve) (1953)
- A History of the Denali-Mount McKinley Region (1991)
- Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of Denali National Park and Preserve, Volume I (2006)
- Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of Denali National Park and Preserve, Volume II (2008)
- Cultural Landscape Report for Park Headquarters: Denali National Park and Preserve (2008)
- Fauna of the National Parks of the United States: Birds and Mammals of Mount McKinley National Park (1938)
- Fauna of the National Parks of the United States: The Wolves of Mount McKinley (1944)
- The Grizzlies of Mount McKinley (1981)

**Denali Park - 20th Century:**

- Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild ..... William E. Brown
- Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of  
Denali National Park & Preserve, Volume 1, 2006 ..... Frank Norris, NPS
- Crown Jewel of the North: An Administrative History of  
Denali National Park & Preserve, Volume 2, 2008 ..... Frank Norris, NPS
- Kantishna: Musers, Miners, Mountaineers, the Story  
Behind Mt. McKinley National Park, 2005 ..... Tom Walker
- McKinley Station: People of the Pioneer Park, 2009..... Tom Walker
- The Seventy Mile Kid: the Lost Legacy of Harry Karstens and the First Ascent..... Tom Walker
- In the Shadow of Mt. McKinley ..... William N. Beach
- Changing Tracks: Predators and Politics in  
Mt. McKinley National Park, 2001 ..... Timothy Rawson
- My Life of High Adventure ..... Grant Pearson
- A History of Mt. McKinley N.P..... Grant Pearson
- The Wilderness of Denali ..... Charles Sheldon
- The Wilderness of the Southwest (has great bio. of Sheldon) ..... Charles Sheldon
- Searching for Fanny Quigley ..... Jane Haigh
- A Naturalist in Alaska..... Adolph Murie
- From Myth to Reality..... Gail Evans
- Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P:  
An Historical Perspective ..... Schneider, Gudgel-Holmes & Dalle-Molle
- Mt. McKinley: The Pioneer Climbs (Short bio. of Karstens in back)..... Terris Moore
- Mt. McKinley: Icy Crown of North America..... Fred Becky
- Alaska's Wolf Man, Frank Glaser ..... Jim Rearden

**Alaska:**

- Two in the Far North ..... Margaret Murie
- Interior Alaska ..... Robert Thorson
- ALASKA: Saga of a Bold Land ..... Walter R. Borneman
- Alaska's History, Pocket guide ..... Harry Ritter
- Gold Rush Women ..... Claire Rudolf Murphy

**Dog Mushing:**

- Ten Thousand Miles With a Dog Sled..... Hudson Stuck
- A Dog Team Runs Through It (video)..... NPS
- Winter Patrol: Denali by Dog Sled (video)..... NPS
- The True Heart of Winter (2017 video)..... NPS
- The Sled Dogs of Denali National Park..... Karen Fortier

**Alaska Native History/Culture/Anthropology:**

- Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild ..... William E. Brown
- Dichinane'k' Hwt'ana: A History of the People of the Upper Kuskokwim Who  
Live in Nikolai and Telida, Alaska ..... Raymond L. Collins
- Make Prayers to the Raven ..... Richard K. Nelson
- The Athabaskans: People of the Boreal Forest ..... Richard K. Nelson
- Hunters of the Northern Forest ..... Richard K. Nelson
- Tracks in the Wildland..... Nelson, Mautner & Bane
- Athapaskan Adaptations ..... James W. Van Stone
- Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P: An Historical Perspective..... Schneider, Gudgel-Holmes & Dalle-Molle
- Shadows on the Koyukuk ..... Sidney Huntington as told to Jim Reardon
- The Native People of Alaska ..... Steve J. Langdon
- Inhabited Wilderness:  
Indians, Eskimos, and National Parks in Alaska..... Theodore Catton
- Arctic Village..... Robert Marshall

Native People and Languages of Alaska (map) .....	Todd Communications
American Beginnings .....	Ed. Frederick West
Quest for the Origins of the First Americans .....	E. Jane Dixon
Growing Up Native in Alaska .....	Alexandra J. McClanahan
Cold River Spirits .....	Jan Harper-Haines
Raising Ourselves .....	Velma Wallis
Alaska Native Ways .....	Roy Corral
Another Culture/Another World .....	Father Michael Oleksa
Howard Luke: My Own Trail .....	Luke & Steinbright Jackson

**Mountaineering:**

The Conquest of Mount McKinley .....	Belmore Browne
Mt. McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Becky
Climbing Mt. McKinley (video – shown at Eielson VC and Talkeetna RS) .....	Denali NP/AK Geographic
The Ascent of Denali .....	Hudson Stuck
Climbing Denali.....	Bill Sherwonit
Surviving Denali .....	Jonathan Waterman
In the Shadow of Denali .....	Jonathan Waterman
Mt. McKinley: The Pioneer Climbs.....	Terris Moore
Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild .....	William E. Brown
To the Top of Denali.....	Bill Sherwonit
Alaska Ascents.....	Bill Sherwonit
Climbing Alaska .....	Alaska Geographic
Minus 148° .....	Art Davidson
Mount McKinley: The Conquest of Denali .....	Bradford Washburn
Mount McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Beckey
17 Days, A Denali Diary (video) .....	KAKM Videos
Ways to the Sky: A Historical Guide to North American Mountaineering.....	Andy Selters
Mt. McKinley’s West Buttress.....	Bradford Washburn
Climb Denali.....	Laurent Dick
Alaska: A Climbing Guide .....	Mike Wood, Colby Coombs
The Dishonorable Dr. Cook.....	Washburn and Chericci
Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain.....	Bruce Tremper
Denali’s Howl: the Deadliest Climbing Disaster on America’s Wildest Peak.....	Andy Hall

**Transportation:**

Across Time & Tundra (video ) .....	Jane Bryant & Jane Ahern
From Myth to Reality.....	Gail Evans
Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild .....	William E. Brown
Transportation in Alaska’s Past .....	Alaska Historical Society

**Subsistence:**

Subsistence Resource Use in the Proposed North Additions to Mt. McKinley N.P. ....	Richard H. Bishop
Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P: An Historical Perspective.....	National Park Service
Alaska Subsistence: A National Park Service Management History .....	Frank Norris (NPS)
Dichinaneq’ Hwt’ana: A History of the People of the Upper Kuskokwim Who Live in Nikolai and Telida, Alaska .....	Raymond L. Collins (ask Amy Craver)

## Miscellaneous

**Native Alaskan Tales:**

The Raven and the Totem .....	John E. Smelcer
Raven Tales .....	Peter Goodchild
Two Old Women .....	Velma Wallis
Tales from the Dena.....	Frederica De Laguna & Dale DeArmond
Bird Girl.....	Velma Wallis
K’etetaalkkaabee: The One Who Paddled Among the People .....	Catherine Attla
As My Grandfather Told It .....	Catherine Attla
Tanaina Tales from Alaska .....	Bill Vaudrin
In the Shadows of Mountains .....	John E. Smelcer

**Quotable Quotes/Arctic Anecdotes:**

Things Precious and Wild: A Book of Nature Quotations.....	John K. Terres
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The Earth Speaks .....	Steve Van Matre & Bill Weiler
The Collected Poems of Robert Service .....	Robert Service
Minus 31° and the Wind Blowing .....	9 different authors
New and Selected Poems of Mary Oliver .....	Mary Oliver

**A Feel For Alaska:**

Trapline Twins.....	Julie & Miki Collins
Riding the Wild Side of Denali.....	Miki & Julie Collins
The Way Winter Comes.....	Sherry Simpson
The Wilderness of Denali .....	Charles Sheldon
Two in the Far North .....	Margaret Murie
Journeys to the Far North.....	Olaus Murie
A Naturalist in Alaska.....	Adolph Murie
The Life I've Been Living .....	Moses Cruikshank
My Life of High Adventure .....	Grant Pearson
Denali Journal.....	Tom Walker
Old Yukon .....	James Wickersham
Last New Land: Stories of Alaska .....	Wayne Mergler, editor
Readers Companion to Alaska.....	Ed. Alan Ryan
Winterdance.....	Gary Paulson
Arctic Dreams .....	Barry Lopez
Shadows on the Koyukuk .....	Sidney Huntington
Arctic Dance: The Mardy Murie Story .....	Charles Craighead
Our Alaska .....	Ed. Mike Doogan
Denali: A Literary Anthology .....	Ed. Bill Sherwonit
The Stars, the Snow, the Fire .....	John Haines
Coming Into the Country .....	John McPhee
Travels in Alaska .....	John Muir
Exploring the Unknown.....	Bradford Washburn
The Accidental Adventurer.....	Barbara Washburn
A Schoolteacher in Old Alaska.....	Jane Jacobs

**Art:**

Sydney Laurence: Painter of the North.....	Kesler E. Woodward
Alaskan Field Sketches .....	Ed. Elizabeth Berry
Hands on Alaska (children's crafts).....	Yvonne Y. Merrill
A Special Gift: The Kutchin Beadwork Tradition .....	Duncan & Carney

**Backcountry Ethics:**

Backcountry Companion .....	Jon Nierenberg
Leave No Trace: Alaska Tundra Outdoor Skills & Ethics .....	NOLS
Leave No Trace: Guide to the New Wilderness Ethic .....	Annette McGivney
NOLS Wilderness Guide .....	Mark Harvey

**Other:**

John Muir: Nature's Visionary .....	Gretel Ehrlich
Earth in Mind: On Education, Environment, and the Human Prospect .....	David Orr