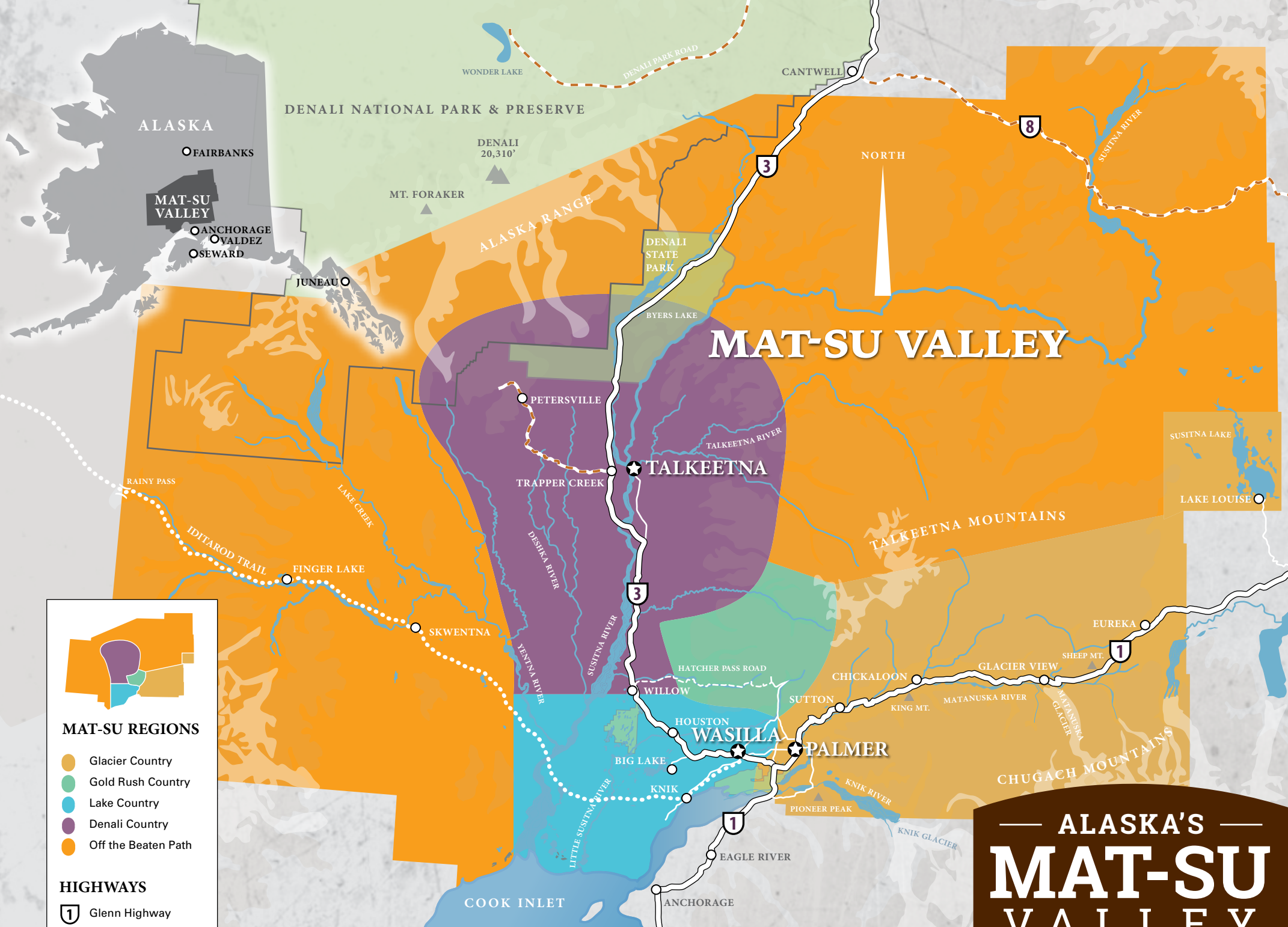


Just North of Anchorage

all the way to Denali Park

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VALLEY





- MAT-SU REGIONS**
- Glacier Country
 - Gold Rush Country
 - Lake Country
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 - Off the Beaten Path

- HIGHWAYS**
- 1 Glenn Highway
 - 3 Parks Highway
 - 8 Denali Highway

- LEGEND**
- ★ Regional Center
 - Mat-Su townsite
 - Primary Highway
 - Paved Road
 - Unpaved Road
 - Iditarod Trail
 - Nat'l/State Park

Road Distances mi/km	Anchorage	Wasilla	Palmer	Hatcher Pass **	Lake Louise	Talkeetna	Denali	Fairbanks	Valdez
Anchorage	0	42/68	42/68	60/97	160/260	113/182	237/381	362/583	304/489
Wasilla	42/68	0	10/16*	24/39	131/211	71/114	195/314	320/515	272/438
Palmer	42/68	10/16*	0	20/32	118/190	85/136	208/355	323/520	262/422
Hatcher Pass **	60/97	24/39	20/32	0	136/219	96/153	219/352	334/538	282/454
Lake Louise	160/260	131/211	118/190	136/219	0	203/326	326/525^	481/774^	163/262
Talkeetna	113/182	71/114	85/136	96/153	203/326	0	153/245	278/447	417/670
Denali	237/381	195/314	208/335	219/352	326/525^	153/245	0	125/201	470/756^
Fairbanks	362/583	320/515	323/520	334/538	481/774^	278/447	125/201	0	585/422^
Valdez	304/489	272/438	262/422	282/454	163/262	417/670	470/756^	585/422^	0

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The **Mat-Su Valley** is centrally located just **35 miles north of Anchorage**, south of Denali National Park and at the **convergence of Alaska's major highways**, truly making "the Valley" **the Heart of Alaska**.

Each region in this guide is identified by a corresponding **color**. Use this map to chart your course to **adventure** and guide you to **exciting activities** throughout the **Mat-Su Valley**.

NOTE: Distance figures have been rounded to the nearest m/km. Mileage has been taken from the "2013 Milepost"™
^Via Glenn to Parks Highway *Via Palmer-Wasilla Highway
**Distance to Independence Mine State Historical Park

Explore "The Valley"



Must Do in the Mat-Su


-  **Explore Denali**
North America's tallest peak
-  **Trek**
on timeless glacial ice
-  **See wildlife**
-  **Enjoy**
hundreds of miles of wilderness trails



The Matanuska-Susitna Valley encompasses 23,000 square miles of mountains, glaciers, rivers and lakes, and bursts with adventures at every turn in the road. Wide open spaces and the great outdoors make this area an ideal destination to relax and recharge. Locals call this region several names – “the Mat-Su Valley” or simply “The Valley” for short. Mat-Su actually is a shortened version of the proper name of the region – Matanuska-Susitna, which represents the two major rivers and valleys that form the region. The Matanuska Valley stretches along the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway (Highway 1) all the way to Lake Louise. The Parks Highway (Highway 3) takes you north to Denali State Park in the heart of the Susitna Valley. The Valley begins just 35 miles north of Anchorage, making it a convenient destination for a day trip. Better yet, use the Mat-Su as your hub for a Southcentral Alaska adventure. Plan to stay awhile and discover all there is to see and do – you’ll definitely say “Yahoo, Mat-Su!”

Passport to Adventure

While the Mat-Su Valley isn't labeled on many state maps, you can't miss it. The region is large, diverse and boasts remote wilderness and classic Alaska communities such as Palmer, Wasilla, Big Lake, Houston, Willow, Talkeetna and Glacier View. Each town anchors a distinct region or “country” within the Mat-Su Valley, worth your visit. This guide is organized by those regions, each highlighting a unique geographic draw:

-  **GLACIER COUNTRY** – Lake Louise and Matanuska Glacier south to Palmer along the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway (Hwy. 1), including Chickaloon and Sutton
-  **GOLD RUSH COUNTRY** – Includes Hatcher Pass and Independence Mine State Historical Park
-  **LAKE COUNTRY** – Wasilla north to Big Lake and Houston along the Parks Highway (Hwy. 3)
-  **DENALI COUNTRY** – Including Willow, Talkeetna and Denali State Park
-  **OFF THE BEATEN PATH and THE REST OF ALASKA** – Begin planning your visit to each of these regions to fill your passport with adventure



Hatcher Pass

Plan Ahead

In addition to this guide, start your planning at www.AlaskaVisit.com to discover what awaits. The site is packed with information, a calendar of events, an informative blog as well as beautiful images of the area. Check out the suggested itineraries section for ideas ranging from day trips from Anchorage to multi-day adventures. When you start planning the details, use our database of member businesses to find the perfect fit for your vacation. Make sure to sign up for the e-newsletter to stay up to date.

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Visitor Information in Every Direction

The Mat-Su Valley, much like Alaska in general, is a big area and can seem overwhelming to first-time visitors. Friendly and helpful resources in every community will help make your trip a success. Stop in and talk with the locals – they can steer you in the right direction.

In Palmer, the **Palmer Visitor Center** and Palmer Museum of History and Art are open year-round. They have a wealth of knowledge about the Colony project and the agricultural history of Palmer. Check out their amazing garden in the summer, featuring Alaska wildflowers and vegetables. There's even a replica of a world-famous giant cabbage.

Location: 723 S. Valley Way, Palmer
Phone: (907) 746-7668

Hours:
 Oct. 1-April 30, open
 Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 May 1-Sept. 30, open daily
 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce operates a visitor center in the historic train depot, where the Alaska Railroad stops daily in the summer. Stop in even if you aren't on the train for more information about the Wasilla area.

Location: 1155 E. Depot Road, Wasilla
Phone: (907) 376-1299

Hours:
 Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also in Wasilla, the **Wasilla Museum**, formerly known as the Dorothy Page Museum, doubles as a visitor information center. You can learn about Wasilla's rich history, including touring the actual old townsite, and also get information for your next adventure.

Location: 391 N. Main St., Wasilla
Phone: (907) 373-9071

Hours:
 Open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Along the Glenn Highway, **Alpine Historical Park** at Mile 61.6 has information about the area's rich history, as well as visitor information for the Matanuska Valley. The open-air museum and historical park focuses on the early settlers and the Athabaskan cultures in the Sutton and Chickaloon areas.

Location: Mile 61.6 Glenn Highway, Sutton
Phone: (907) 745-7000

Hours:
 Open daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
 mid-May through mid-September

In the small community of Talkeetna, there isn't a visitor information center, but an unmanned kiosk at the corner of Spur Road and Main Street (the main intersection) has a wealth of information about area attractions and lodging opportunities. Also, visit talkeetnachamber.org for informative trip planning information.

Glacier View has an informational kiosk located at Mile 99 Glenn Hwy., with information about the region near Matanuska Glacier. Find out information on rafting, glacier trekking and helicopter tours, as well as lodging information.

Find Your Next Adventure

Alaska is the only state where there are no interstate highways. Three state highways frame the Mat-Su Valley, however: the Glenn (Highway 1), Parks (Highway 3) and Denali (Highway 8) highways. The Denali Highway is not paved, but the Glenn and Parks are major highways. If you're a do-it-yourself traveler, fly to Anchorage, rent a car or motorhome and drive to the Mat-Su Valley and let the area be your hub for your adventure. Or, if you prefer more guidance, let tour professionals arrange one-day and multi-day tours with transportation included. Find a list on www.alaskavisit.com.



Travel Safely

The safety of our visitors, and our communities, is paramount. Be reassured, Mat-Su businesses are going above and beyond with safety and sanitization protocols, and we are encouraging our visitors to do the same. Providing visitors a safe and memorable experience is the top priority for everyone.



Knik Glacier

Step Off The Ship And Into Adventure

Choose Mat-Su When You Cruise

The Mat-Su Valley may be miles from the nearest cruise port of call, but it can be a major part of your Alaska cruise vacation. Don't limit yourself to just the coastline when visiting Alaska via a cruise, and add on a land portion – you'll see a whole other side of Alaska! Set aside time before or after your ocean journey to explore Alaska beyond its coastlines. Many companies offer inclusive land tour options to add to your trip, either before you embark or after your cruise. It's also easy to do it yourself with some planning. The Mat-Su Valley's location is ideal to add a day trip (complete with round-trip transportation), a three-day or even week-long excursion either before or after your Alaska cruise. Take some time and explore Southcentral Alaska, including spectacular views of Denali.

Step off the ship, and in just three days, you can:

- 1. Experience Denali** – stay in Talkeetna and marvel at the view. The town has a vibe all its own. From Talkeetna, you can flightsee around Denali, take a jet boat trip up the many rivers, raft and hike. The quaint town may be hundreds of miles from the nearest cruise port, but it's a destination you don't want to miss on your land portion.
- 2. Walk on a glacier** – you can drive to Matanuska Glacier and trek on it yourself, or hire a guide for an even better experience. If you are short on time, consider a helicopter tour to Knik Glacier.
- 3. Experience our culture** – in the core area of Wasilla and Palmer, visit museums, the Musk Ox Farm and the Iditarod headquarters to find out about the regions history and culture.

Need More Ideas?

Go to www.alaskavisit.com to see suggested itineraries, a complete calendar of events, blog posts and listings for businesses that can assist your planning. Or call the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau at (907) 746-5000. We look forward to seeing you in our neck of the woods.

Share Your Experiences

Share your experiences in the Mat-Su Valley with us, long after you've returned home. Stay connected to the places and people you discover during your visit on social media. Tweet at us on Twitter ([@visitmatsu](https://twitter.com/visitmatsu)) or "like" us on Facebook (Visit Alaska's Mat-Su Valley). Follow us on Instagram at [@matsuvallyak](https://www.instagram.com/matsuvallyak) and don't forget to hashtag your photos [#yahoomatsu](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/yahoomatsu). Get excited about your visit by watching our videos on YouTube (yahoomatsu). Finally, check out www.alaskavisit.com/blog to keep up with what's happening in the Mat-Su Valley.



Local Tips

Drive over Hatcher Pass

One of the most gorgeous drives in all of Alaska connects the Wasilla/Palmer side of Hatcher Pass to Willow. This road is unpaved, and opens for traffic around the Fourth of July. In late summer, take this drive and stop to pick fresh blueberries while enjoying amazing views. Willow Creek runs alongside the road for part of the trip.



Denali

Do It Yourself

Trail Mix— run, bike or hike

The Mat-Su Valley has more than 2,000 miles of trails, making it a hiker's paradise, regardless of your skill level. Take advantage of our wide open spaces by getting back to nature. Pick a destination, distance and degree of difficulty – the possibilities are limitless in all regions of the Mat-Su Valley. Take the family on a gentle, historic railroad trail near Palmer, or hike a ridge surrounding the mining region of Hatcher Pass, with views of the Matanuska Valley below. Explore the alpine wilderness of the Talkeetna Mountains on foot or ATV, or by professional guide service for even more adventure. For amazing views in just an hour, try the Butte just outside of Palmer. Denali State Park has many trails with views of the Alaska Range, including an ADA-accessible trail at Kesugi Ken Campground. You can find trail maps at www.alaskavisit.com/trails.

Hit the water

The Mat-Su Valley is home to countless rivers, lakes, creeks and streams, so the Mat-Su has something for every water enthusiast. You can rent a canoe or kayak for a serene afternoon on a lake, or help paddle a raft down a river with an expert guide. The Lynx Lake Canoe Trail in Nancy Lake State Recreation Area off the Parks Highway in Willow offers easy portages between lakes, campgrounds and cabins for rent. Farther north in Denali State Park, you can rent canoes at Byers Lake. Lake Louise (off the Glenn Highway) is also a premier destination for water activities. Lake fishing is one of the Mat-Su Valley's best-kept secrets.

Learn about the Locals

The Mat-Su Valley's history is diverse, from a rich Native Alaskan Athabascan culture to gold mining and agriculture. Find out about this diverse history at one of the many museums.

- The Wasilla Museum (formerly known as the Dorothy Page Museum) is a great place to start. Wander through historic buildings and see exhibits that tell stories of the area's past.
- The Museum of Transportation and Industry is filled with relics from Alaska's past, including air planes, railroad cars and vintage automobiles.
- Palmer's agricultural Colony roots are on display at the Palmer Museum of History and Art and the Colony House Museum.
- Take Talkeetna's 16-site historic town walking tour and learn for yourself how the miners and trappers lived. Don't forget the Talkeetna Historical Society Museum or the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station to learn about Alaska's mountain climbing legends.
- On the Glenn Highway, stop in at the Alpine Historical Park to learn about the Native Alaskan history of the region.

Marvel at North America's Highest Peak

20,310 ft. Denali is a spectacular sight to behold! Heading north on the Parks Highway (Hwy. 3), you'll get your first glimpse of the mountain in Willow. Farther north in Talkeetna, there are many activities focused on Denali. Walk the lakeside trail around Byers Lake or climb to K'esugi or Curry Ridge in Denali State Park for undisturbed vistas of the "High One." Parks Highway pullouts at mileposts 135 and 147 provide safe areas to capture Denali's grandeur. The Kesugi Ken Campground at Mile 135.4 offers amazing views of Denali as well with easy walking trails to viewpoints. Dramatic aerial views of Denali's lofty summit, flanking glaciers and granite canyons highlight flightseeing trips from Talkeetna. The southern views of Denali are widely considered the best in Alaska.

Scenic Drives

Leave the crowds in the city and head out on a scenic drive - the Mat-Su Valley is filled with gorgeous scenery and sweeping vistas in every region.

Trip 1: Head north on the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway (Hwy. 1)

and enjoy the views of the Chugach and Talkeetna mountains, while the Matanuska River frames your drive. Trek on Matanuska Glacier or try an exciting raft trip through Lion's Head rapids, and stop at a local roadhouse for a tasty lunch or cozy overnight stay.

Trip 2: Drive over Hatcher Pass Road to Willow -

opens to traffic around the Fourth of July and stays open until mid-September, weather permitting. Check with Alaska State Parks to confirm the road is open if you are traveling in early summer or late fall. Visit Independence Mine and Willow Creek for a scenic loop of the Susitna Valley. Keep an eye out for the abundant wildlife in the area, including moose and bear.

Trip 3: Petersville Road runs through the rugged mining backcountry of Trapper Creek in Denali Country -

watch for wildlife and have your camera ready! This is a rugged drive, so be sure your vehicle is capable of the drive.

Day Trips from Anchorage

Less than an hour's drive north from Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley is perfectly situated for day trips. Enjoy our parks and trails as you get away from the crowds – you'll feel recharged after a day exploring in the great outdoors.

Trip 1: Strike it rich – head to Hatcher Pass, Independence Mine and the Willow area to see mining's historical influence on the area. Don't forget your gold pan. There are many hiking trails in the area, and the views are spectacular as well.

Trip 2: Get cultured - visit Wasilla and Palmer in an afternoon – you'll see the Iditarod Headquarters, a variety of museums, the Palmer Musk Ox Farm and the Reindeer Farm. Take a farm tour to see Palmer's historical roots, and stop at a local restaurant for an Alaska Grown lunch.

Trip 3: Go big – as in Denali. North of Wasilla on the Parks Highway, you can visit Talkeetna for an afternoon spent flightseeing, dining, shopping, rafting or just photographing Denali. It's a great way to spend a leisurely afternoon.

Family Vacations

Bring the whole family to the Mat-Su Valley for an exciting, and educational, experience.

Trip 1: Go fossil hunting along the Glenn Highway, gold panning in Hatcher Pass, bird viewing on the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge, camping and more.

Trip 2: There are endless hiking opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, or rent a canoe and take advantage of Nancy Lake State Recreation Area for exciting outdoor fun. Try Hatcher Pass for a great day trip with lots of views.

Trip 3: Fun for all ages, Friday Flings, Colony Days or the Alaska State Fair are fantastic community celebrations in downtown Palmer. Don't forget about Wasilla's annual Fourth of July parade and picnic.



Wildlife and Parks

Part of Our Nature

Alaskans flock to the Mat-Su Valley for its many outdoor recreation opportunities. State parks, from Palmer to Denali, allow you to escape the crowds and enjoy the outdoors. The Mat-Su Valley is where Alaskans come to play! Keep an eye out for wildlife and the scores of migrating birds that come here to nest and raise their young. Be safe, and remember to respect the wildlife.



Moose

Winter and spring are good times to spot these large creatures on the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. Keep an eye out along the highway, especially near rivers and ponds. Enjoy them from afar – don't try to feed the moose. They are also prominent along the Glenn Highway north to the Sheep Mountain area. Knik River Road off the Old Glenn Highway is another popular spot to view moose.



Caribou

Related to moose and elk, caribou live in the northern and eastern reaches of the Mat-Su Borough. Herds are frequently spotted along the Denali Highway and near Lake Louise, along Hwy. 1.

Bear

Both brown and black bears are found throughout the Mat-Su Valley. Spotting bears is easiest on a flightseeing tour or by hiking off the main road system. They're also found along creeks and streams when the salmon are spawning. Be "bear aware" and carry bear spray. When traveling in the backcountry, be sure to make noise to avoid any potential confrontations.



Birds

From Bald Eagles and Red-tailed Hawks to songbirds and swans, a wide variety of birds travel through or spend the year in the Mat-Su. Identify them by their calls or keep an eye to the sky. The Palmer Hay Flats and Rabbit Slough, as well as the University of Alaska agriculture fields on Trunk Road, attract many migratory birds such as cranes and geese in spring. Along the Glenn Highway north, watch for migrating hawks, falcons or other raptors. Download an Alaska Birders Checklist at www.alaskavisit.com.

Denali State Park

(2.5 hours north of Anchorage)

The best views of Denali in all of Alaska can be found in Denali State Park, the smaller and less-crowded area south of the national park entrance. The views from Denali State Park are actually better than in the national park! Stop at the Denali Overlook (MP135.2 Parks Hwy) or hike the trail to Kesugi Ridge for incredible views. The newest campground in Alaska, K'esugi Ken, opened in 2017 and is located at Mile 135.4 Parks Hwy. It features easy hiking trails – some are ADA compliant - that have overlooks with panoramic views of Denali and the Alaska Range. Guided or self-guided nature hikes are available around Byers Lake. There are numerous opportunities for tent and RV camping, as well as kayak rentals.

Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge

(35 minutes north of Anchorage)

The gateway to the Mat-Su Valley from Anchorage, this refuge has endless photography and recreation possibilities, including kayaking, canoeing and hiking. Birders, wildflower lovers and outdoor enthusiasts flock to the area. Access hiking trails from the Knik River exit (Reflections Lake) or Cottonwood Creek in Wasilla (Scout Ridge Trail). Reflections Lake also has fantastic recreational opportunities in the winter, with ice skating and cross-country skiing trails.

Nancy Lake State Recreation Area

(1.5 hours north of Anchorage)

Near Willow, this network of 130 lakes features camping areas, canoe rentals, and hiking and ski trails. Fish for rainbow trout, arctic char and northern pike. Reserve public-use cabins, available for rent on a nightly basis. Plan ahead and rent your cabin up to six months in advance through the Alaska State Parks' website.

What to pack

Binoculars | Bird Guidebook | Camera

Other State Recreation Areas include:

- Big Lake (north and south)
- Finger Lake
- Independence Mine and Hatcher Pass
- Matanuska Lakes
- King Mountain
- Lake Louise
- Matanuska Glacier
- Willow Creek
- Summit Lake

The Mat-Su Valley encompasses an area roughly the size of West Virginia, so plan ahead and spend some time exploring. Take a couple days to explore everything there is to offer.



Hatcher Pass

Knee Deep in Winter Seasonal Celebrations!

Talkeetna Winterfest

A month-long celebration that features various activities, including the internationally recognized Talkeetna Bachelor Society Auction & Ball and Wilderness Woman Competition, which is held the first Saturday of December. Community activities held throughout December. (907) 315-8012. www.talkeetnachamber.org

Colony Christmas in Palmer

A "Norman Rockwell"-style Christmas celebration, featuring a tree lighting ceremony, horse-drawn carriage rides, fireworks, a parade of lights and of course, Santa Claus. Held the second weekend in December. (907) 745-2880. www.palmerchamber.org

Willow Winter Carnival

A celebration of winter includes dog sled races, snowmobile racing, arts and crafts, and even outhouse races. Last weekend in January and first weekend in February. (907) 495-6800. www.waco-ak.org

Iron Dog

The world's longest snowmobile race begins on Big Lake in mid-February. Racers travel all the way to Nome, before turning around and heading back to the finish line on Big Lake, a race of more than 2,200 miles. www.irondog.org

Iditarod Trail Invitational

One of the most grueling events in the world, racers depart Knik Lake in early March and head out in the remote wilderness. Snowshoes, bikes or cross-country skis are their only modes of transportation, and the finish line is 350 miles away in McGrath, or 1,000 miles away in Nome.

www.iditarodtrailinvitational.com

World Famous Iditarod Sled Dog Race

Known around the world, the Iditarod begins on Willow Lake the first Sunday in March. Racers and their teams of dogs traverse their way to Nome. The restart is family-friendly and a great chance to meet a famous musher. (907) 376-5155. www.iditarod.com

Keep an eye out for business listings that are open year round 🌞❄️, summer only 🌞 and winter only ❄️. You'll be amazed by the number of things to see and do throughout the year.

Looking For Snow?

See a whole new side of Alaska by visiting in the winter. The Mat-Su Valley is an ideal winter destination. An exciting new development is the Mat-Su Valley's first-ever lift access ski area, Skeetawk, located in beautiful Hatcher Pass. The ski area opened in December 2020 and operates Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. It features a triple chair lift based at Mile 10.6 Palmer Fishhook Road, on the way up Hatcher Pass. Visit www.skeetawk.com for current conditions, hours and more. The Hatcher Pass area gets some of Southcentral Alaska's best snow and has world-class Nordic skiing trails at Government Peak. Whether you prefer first tracks in fresh powder or groomed trails, the Mat-Su is the place to be.

Removed from city lights, our starry darkness sets the stage for the brilliant colors of the northern lights. From alpenglow sunsets on Denali to the fresh, deep snow covering our lakes and peaks, you'll find yourself inspired and invigorated by a winter visit. A guided snowmobile trip to a local glacier is an unforgettable experience. Plan a trip before it melts.

Where to go; What to do

Escape the city lights and crowds of Anchorage for a view of our spectacular **northern lights** in Hatcher Pass, Knik River Valley or Denali State Park. Clear nights, January through April, are best. Dress warm!

Follow the Iditarod - watch the restart on Willow Lake or plan a day trip to an official checkpoint such as Skwentna or Rainy Pass. Cheer on your favorite mushers and their dog teams. Packaged Iditarod tours are available.

Visit a working **sled dog kennel** and find out what it takes to lead a team of huskies. Several Iditarod mushers offer sled tours throughout the year. Enjoy an exhilarating ride in the basket of the sled of an Iditarod champion, or try your hand at leading a team.

Explore our endless fields of snow by renting a snowmobile and picking up a trail map, or for a grand adventure, take a guided snowmobile excursion into Alaska's backcountry. No experience necessary. Several guided tours go right up to glaciers.

Glide on the rails of the **Alaska Railroad** and stop in Talkeetna to see Denali's towering alpenglow peak. Rail service is available northbound on Saturdays and southbound on Sundays only during the winter, with some mid-week trains available later in the winter.

Ice-fish for land-locked salmon, rainbow trout, arctic char and northern pike. Many Mat-Su Valley lakes are stocked throughout the year. Guides have all the gear and the knowledge you need to get started.

Cruise the skies on a flightseeing adventure of Knik Glacier and Chugach State Park, or Denali and the Alaska Range. Many say winter is the best time to see these peaks.

Cross-country ski at Government Peak or ski and snowboard virgin powder at Skeetawk in **Hatcher Pass**. Government Peak has a warming chalet to complement the five kilometers of **world-class groomed Nordic trails**.



Winter at Your Fingertips!

For more ideas or updates on the latest trail conditions, check out our website: www.alaskavisit.com/winter. There is a whole section devoted to winter ideas.



Glacier Country

“Colony-era agriculture roots, towering mountains and accessible glaciers make Glacier Country a ‘must visit’ in the Mat-Su.”

Matanuska Glacier

Glaciers & Giant Veggies

The Matanuska Valley was carved by glaciers thousands of years ago, and their impact remains today. The fine, fertile silt left behind by these receding glaciers, combined with long daylight hours in the summer, makes the area perfect for growing lush hayfields and world-record veggies. The Palmer area is the agricultural hub of Alaska - look for Alaska Grown vegetables! You'll be able to taste the difference - carrots are typically sweeter than those grown in the “Lower 48,” for example.

- In Sutton and Chickaloon, learn about the region's rich Athabascan culture at the Alpine Historical Park.
- In the Glacier View area, explore Matanuska Glacier on a trek or ice climb. Easy to get to, it's Alaska's largest road-accessible glacier. You can do it on your own, or go out with one of the many companies who guide on the glacier - they know the best spots. Take a rafting trip down the Matanuska for a grand adventure.
- Explore the northern region of Glacier Country by visiting Lake Louise, located halfway between Anchorage and Valdez, just 19 miles off the scenic Glenn Highway. The peaceful lake is a hub of recreational opportunities in both summer and winter. The Nelchina caribou herd migrates through this area each year. Lodges, campgrounds and a public boat launch are available.
- Closer to Palmer, boat, helicopter or take an ATV tour to Knik Glacier. This is only an hour north of Anchorage. Stop at a roadside stand or farmers market for fresh organic vegetables, wild honey or dairy products.

Palmer

Just 45 minutes north of Anchorage, this small town takes pride in its agricultural roots while nurturing a contemporary, Alaska “chic.” The downtown area is very walkable and features locally-owned shops and cafes. In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sanctioned a relocation program that brought 202 farming families to Palmer from the Midwest. Parcels of land were distributed to the “colonists” by lottery to farm and raise dairy cattle. Celebrate the anniversary of this historic event in June at Colony Days.

Start your stay at the Palmer Visitor Information Center, which has an amazing garden and replicas of those giant vegetables. Pick up a downtown walking map while you're there and tour the original Matanuska Colony. You can rent a headset for a narrated self-guided historical walking tour of the town, or take the guided tour every day at 1 p.m. On Fridays, an open-air market, featuring local artisans and growers, opens

across from the center. Just up the street, tour a restored Colony home (circa 1935). And don't forget Palmer's most celebrated attraction, the Alaska State Fair, which takes place for 12 days in late August and early September, ending on Labor Day.



Where to go; what to do

Interested in agriculture? Tour Palmer's backcountry roads to see working farms or sample locally grown products at one of Palmer's restaurants. Guided farm tours are also available. The downtown area has a feel all its own, and you can spend an afternoon visiting the quaint shops and restaurants, many of which serve Alaska Grown products on their menus. With three microbreweries, downtown Palmer is also a great place for brewery tours.

Get into the swing of things at the Palmer Golf Course, offering stunning views of the Chugach Mountains, Matanuska River and Knik Glacier.

Hike, bike or ATV one of the many trails that begin just off the Glenn Highway; loop through miles of wilderness.

Farms & Flowers

Nine Times Warmer than Wool

Learn about the prehistoric Musk Ox at the Musk Ox Farm near Palmer. Native artists use the precious underwool (qiviut) to make beautiful knitted garments with superior warmth.

A Rich Athabascan Culture

The Chickaloon Native Village is a rich Ahtna Athabascan tribe in Sutton, along the Matanuska River on the Glenn Highway. The tribe has occupied the area for 10,000 years, and their culture and traditional way of life has been unwavering. In the Ahtna language, Chickaloon means “the river with the two logs across it.” Stop at Alpine Historical Park to learn more about the history.

Pick Your Own

A feast for the eyes and taste buds - Alaska's freshest produce! Wasilla farmers market is held every Wednesday at the west end of the Iditapark complex. Palmer's Friday Flings market runs every Friday from late May to the end of August, across from the Palmer Visitors Center. Visit alaskavisit.com for market and u-pick farm locations and hours.



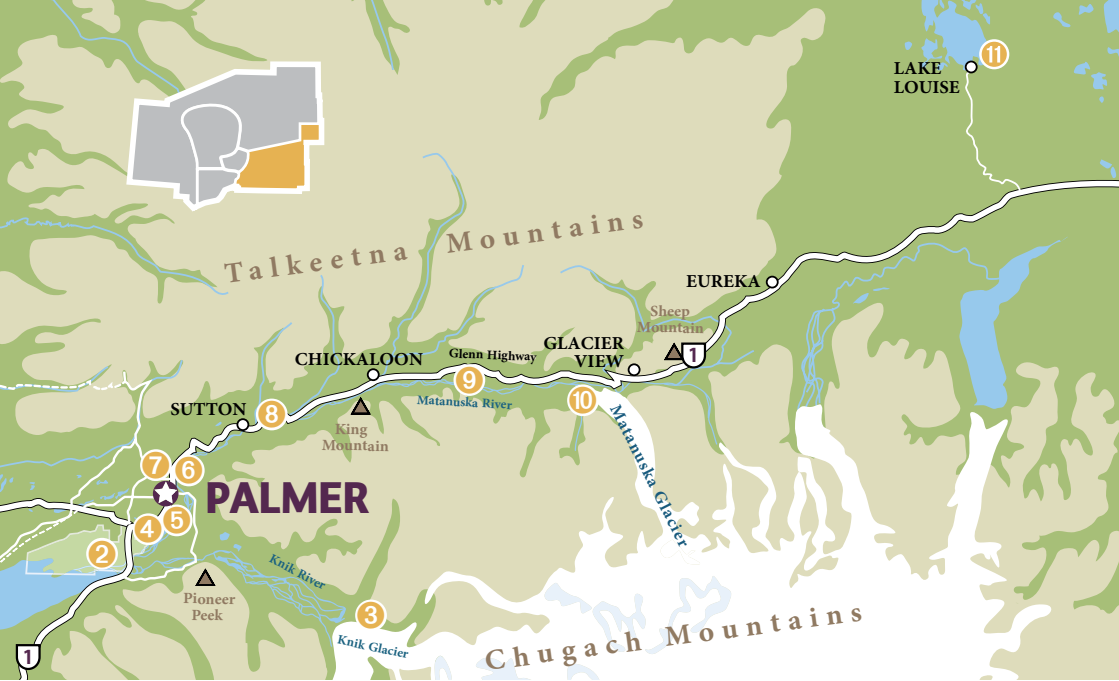
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Don't Miss the Alaska State Fair

Alaska's largest event, the Alaska State Fair, takes place in Palmer every August to early September. It's 12 days of fun, food and excitement, and there is something for every visitor.

The fair ends on Labor Day and starts 12 days prior, and is the best place to see giant vegetables for which the Palmer area is so famous. There are “weigh-off” competitions for pumpkins and cabbages at the fair, and they bring them in on giant pallets to be weighed in an arena, in front of the audience. Pumpkins weighing more than 2,000 pounds have been entered, and the world record for cabbages stands at 138-pounds.



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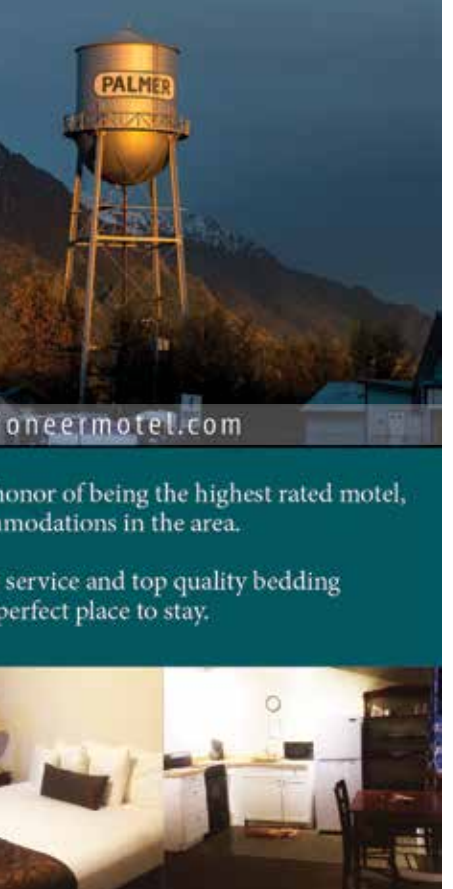
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Lake Louise

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Denali Country

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Gold Rush Country

- **Gold Mint, Gold Cord and Reed Lakes** are popular hikes in Hatcher Pass with views of the Matanuska Valley.
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Gold Rush Country

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Hatcher Pass

Hatcher Pass

Just 1.5 hours from Anchorage, Hatcher Pass is a locals’ favorite. The area is home to Independence Mine State Historical Park, but also features a wealth of year-round multi-use trails and limitless alpine terrain. Hike, bike or snowmobile. Some hot spots include Reed Lakes, Craigie Creek, Gold Mint and Gold Cord trails. The area offers world-class hiking with breathtaking views of the valley below. With the headwaters of the Little Susitna River originating here, avid kayakers will find the excitement of Class V whitewater appealing.

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✓ Local Tips

A Local Secret

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Where to go; What to do

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Gold played a pivotal role in establishing many of Alaska’s communities, including Hatcher Pass. One of the first discoveries in the Mat-Su happened in 1896 by Robert Lee Hatcher. In 1941, with 83 mining claims, the Alaska-Pacific Consolidated Mining Co. was the largest producer in the mining district, employing more than 200 workers, opening nearly a dozen miles of tunnels, and producing more than 34,000 ounces of gold. Today you can catch a glimpse of what mining was like at the Independence Mine State Historical Park located in Hatcher Pass. Grab your gold pan and see if you have the same luck.

✓ What to pack

Hiking Boots | Fishing Pole | Sense of Adventure



Gold Rush Country Adventures

Little Susitna River	1	Along Hatcher Pass Road from Mile 7-15. Watch for wildlife and pan for gold.
Archangel Valley/ Reed Lakes	2	Mile 16 Hatcher Pass Road. Hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing and winter sports.
Lodges	3	Premium meals, lodging, seasonal amenities, event venues.
Independence Mine State Historical Park	4	Gold! Mile 18 Hatcher Pass Road. Open daily June through Sept. Guided tours available in the summer.
Summit Lake Recreation Area	5	Mile 19 Hatcher Pass Road. Berry picking, ridgetop hiking. Pass road opens around July 4th until first snow.
Summer Recreation		Hiking, berry picking, recreational gold panning, mountain biking.
Winter Recreation		Cross-country and backcountry skiing, Skeetawk downhill ski area, Government Peak Nordic trails, sledding.

✓ Local Tips

Public-use cabins

There are a number of public-use cabins available for rent through the Alaska State Parks. These remote cabins are rustic but offer a true Alaska experience in the outdoors. Some are walk-in accessible, while others you can rent a canoe to access them. Don't delay, though – they rent up to six months in advance online. www.alaskastateparks.org



Hatcher Pass

Hatcher Pass Area

Attraction or Event

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Lake Country

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Lake Lucille



Wasilla

Nestled between Lake Lucille and Wasilla Lake, Wasilla is a bustling community that is home to the world-famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race headquarters.

Wasilla is the largest city in the Mat-Su Valley and is a hub of commerce, as a variety of national and local retailers can be found. Fresh produce is available weekly at a farmers market.

Wasilla was originally founded to be a supply crossroads for gold mines at Willow Creek Mining District. The Alaska Railroad built lines through the town to Fairbanks in 1917, providing an immediate “boom” to the area. Today, Wasilla remains one of the fastest-growing communities in Alaska.

✓ Local Tips

Settlers Bay Coastal Park

One of the Valley’s newest trail systems is also one of its most accessible – Settlers Bay Coastal Park. Take Knik-Goose Bay Road eight miles to Settlers Bay, then follow Settlers Bay Road to the trailhead (follow the signs). This trail system leads to the Palmer Hay Flats with amazing views of the Chugach Mountains. Keep a lookout for moose, migratory birds and salmon spawning in the streams.



Big Lake

With 67 miles of shoreline, the size of this lake is downright remarkable. Big Lake is a local favorite because of its many recreational opportunities, both in summer and winter. Boating, fishing and riding personal watercraft highlight summer activities. In the winter, the frozen lake allows for Alaska activities such as snowmobiling, dog mushing and cross-country skiing. Terrific views north, east and west toward the towering Alaska and Talkeetna ranges abound. Camp under the midnight sun or stay and dine at one of several area lodges and bed-and-breakfasts.

Houston

Located on the banks of the Little Susitna River along the Parks Highway, this colorful town offers a gentle river to float with great salmon fishing. In the winter, come back and give a snowmobile or sled dog tour a go to feel the crisp air as you zip through the countryside blanketed with pristine snow.



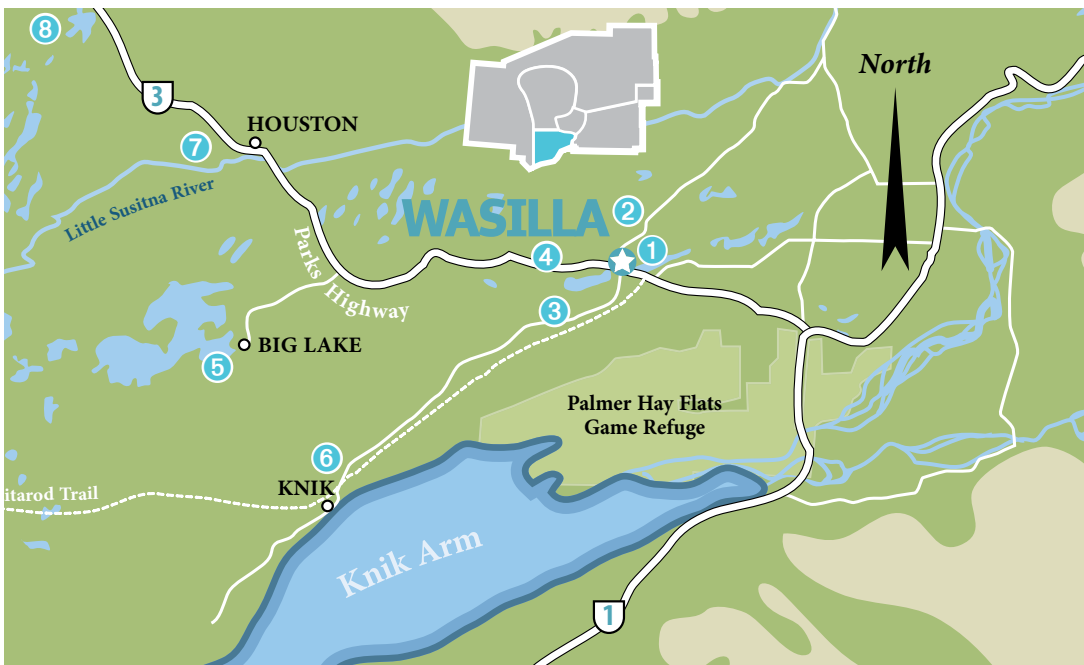
Where to go; What to do

Learn about the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and take a dog sled ride at Iditarod Trail Headquarters.

Step back in time at the Wasilla Museum, where some of the original townsite has been restored.

The Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry is filled with exhibits, planes, railroad cars and vintage automobiles.





Lake Country Adventures

Wasilla Area Lakes	1	Fish, ride personal watercraft and bird-watch at Lake Lucille, Wasilla Lake and more just off the Parks Hwy.
Wasilla Museum	2	Variety of exhibits showcasing the area's trading post history and original town buildings. Self-guided tours available.
Iditarod Headquarters	3	Mile 2.2 Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Museum, gift shop, summer dog sled rides.
Museum of Transportation & Industry	4	Home to Alaska's transportation and industrial relics. Airplanes, trains, steam engines and more.
Big Lake	5	Haven for boating and snowmobiling - year-round recreation. Campgrounds and lodging available.
Knik Museum & Townsite	6	Mile 13.9 Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Built in 1910, is now a museum and holds the Musher's Hall of Fame.
Little Su River & Lakes	7	Excellent salmon fishing in the summer and ice fishing in the winter.
Susitna River Drainage	8	Salmon and trout fishing. Guided fishing trips available. Canoeing and camping.



Peony Farm



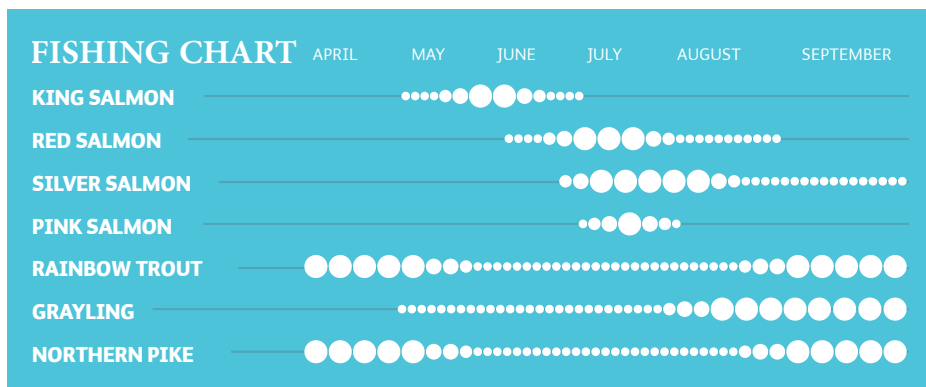
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Mat-Su: Fish-On!

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What to pack

Waders | Tackle Box | Fillet Knife | Fish Story

Wasilla

Attraction or Event

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race

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Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry

3800 W. Museum Drive, Wasilla, AK 99654
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www.museumofalaska.org

Wasilla Museum & Visitor Center

391 N. Main Street, Wasilla, AK 99654
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www.cityofwasilla.com/museum

Wasilla-Knik Historical Society

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Peony Farming

The Mat-Su Valley has always been known as the agricultural hub of Alaska, with giant cabbages, potatoes and carrots being some of the best-known products. In the last few years, however, peony farming has become a major part of the growing scene, with their giant, blooming flowers appearing on farmlands around Southcentral Alaska.

What started out small a decade ago has grown into a major crop in Alaska today. There are now more than 100 peony growers around the state, and many of them are in the Mat-Su Valley. Why are Alaska peonies in high demand? Because of the growing season, the conditions and the timing of their bloom.

Peonies typically bloom very early in the summer season in the Lower 48, ahead of "wedding season." In Alaska, they tend to bloom much later - around the Fourth of July. Our cooler growing season, combined with cool soils provide ideal conditions.

Alaska peonies tend to be bigger and brighter than Lower 48 flowers. By cultivating them right before they bloom, in the bud stage, and putting them in controlled cold storage for an additional six to eight weeks, Alaska peonies can be shipped around the world for weddings and outdoor ceremonies throughout the entire summer.



Local Tips

Birch syrup capital

With birch trees everywhere, the Mat-Su Valley is one of the world's leading producers of birch syrup. The birch syrup is used in everything from candies to soaps. It takes up to 110 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup. The sap is harvested in the spring when the snow starts to melt. In Talkeetna, you can tour a birch syrup production facility. Take home a piece of the Mat-Su Valley with a box of birch caramels.

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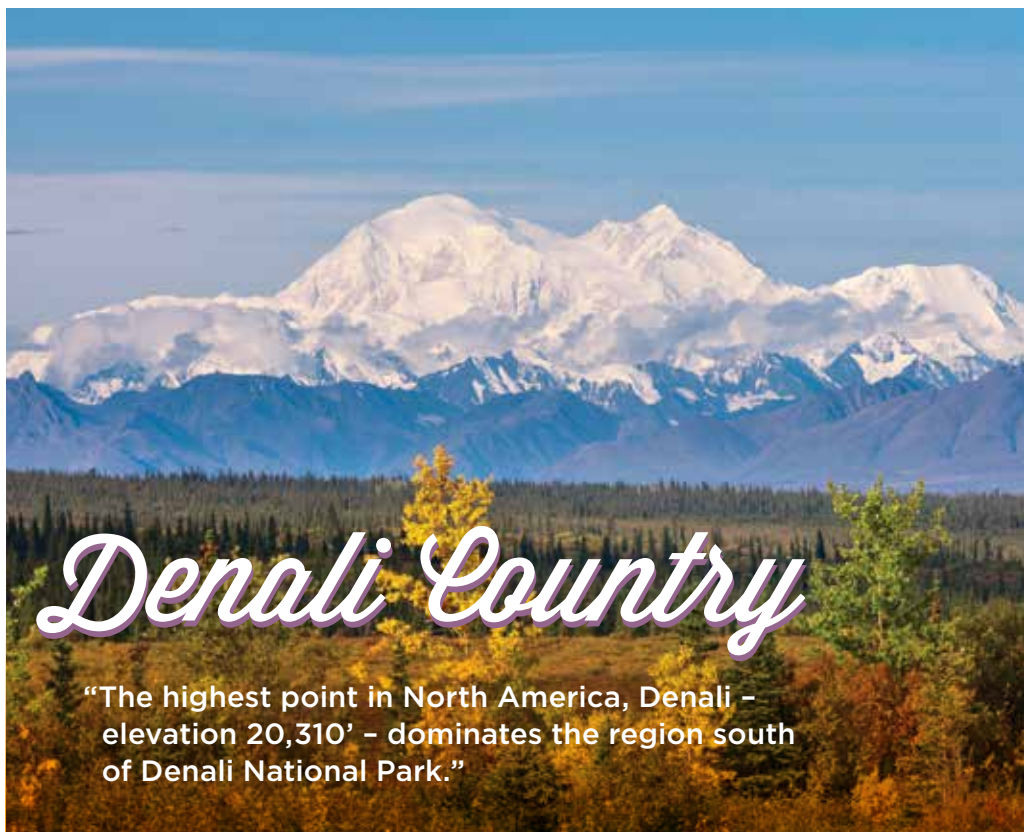
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Denali Country

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Denali State Park

Towering Peaks, Abundant Wildlife, Iconic Towns

Willow

The first grand views of Denali are along the Parks Highway (Hwy. 3) on the way to Willow. While you’re there, take advantage of the campgrounds, fishing streams, snowmobile trails and dog mushing tours (yes, even in the summer). Paddle the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area canoe trail and spend a night in a public-use cabin. This area is very popular among locals for the many outdoor recreational opportunities.



Talkeetna

Talkeetna has a unique vibe all its own. This small town is the staging area for the more than 1,000 climbers who attempt to climb Denali each spring. On average, only 50 percent of them make the summit. In May and June, you can spot climbers milling around town or having breakfast at Talkeetna Roadhouse. The first successful summit of Denali was June 7, 1913 by a party led by Hudson Stuck. Alaska Native Walter Harper became the first to reach the summit in that party, and the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station bears his name today. They ascended via the Muldrow Glacier route, which is still a popular route. Located at the confluence of three major rivers, Talkeetna keeps its mining history alive with renovated miners’ cabins used as lodging, shops and restaurants. Here you’ll find one of Alaska’s top breweries, a number of great restaurants and shops that sell goods made by local artists.

The rivers also lend to a multitude of activities such as guided river rafting, boat tours and sport fishing. The Alaska Railroad stops daily in the summer and weekly in winter. Spend a day perusing the many shops that feature local artisans. Flightseeing trips around Denali are spectacular, and depart from Talkeetna daily.

Trapper Creek/Petersville

Petersville Road extends nearly 35 miles from Trapper Creek into the Dutch Hills, offering spectacular views of Denali. The rugged, scenic gravel road is ideal for mountain biking or snowmobiling in the winter. (In the summer, 4-wheel drive vehicles are recommended after first 10 miles.)



Denali State Park

Adjacent to Denali National Park, this 325,000-acre wildland boasts stunning and accessible recreational opportunities. Whether camping here or just stopping for the view, don’t miss this gem of the Alaska State Parks system. Camp, canoe and explore amidst stunning views of Denali from the ridgeline or from Byers Lake. While Denali National Park & Preserve offers the wilderness and wildlife experience, don’t miss Denali State Park for the ultimate scenic Denali experience. Kesugi Ken Campground is located at Mile 135.4 Parks Highway (Hwy. 3) and has an easy .5-mile hike to a spectacular Denali overlook. With RV and tent sites as well an interpretive center and public-use cabins, the campground is a popular spot for those looking for peace and quiet away from the crowds.



Where to go; What to do

Rent a kayak or canoe on Byers Lake and paddle to schools of spawning red salmon. Watch for swans, loons and feeding bears.

Take a flightseeing trip around Denali, and land on a glacier high in the Alaska Range. Most visitors rank this as their most impressive Alaska experience.

Explore the rivers with a jet boat or rafting trip.

Feast on the Alaska-sized breakfast at the local roadhouse – a favorite among returning climbers.

Come back this winter for the restart of the world-famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Learn about the area’s Denali climbing history at the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station.



Local Tips

Birding

The Mat-Su Valley is a birder's paradise, with opportunities to see hundreds of species of birds throughout the year. Thousands of migratory birds come through the Mat-Su Valley each year, while countless others call the Valley home full time. Keep your eyes to the skies, as you'll undoubtedly see eagles and ravens, as well as a wide variety of other species. The Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge is one of the most popular birding spots in all of Alaska. Raptors such as the Northern Harrier, Rough-legged Hawk and Short-eared Owl can be seen regularly during migration. Additionally, warblers, sparrows, thrushes and other songbirds frequent the area. This area has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the International BirdLife and National Audubon Society. Further north on the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway, the Sheep Mountain area is popular, particularly during late April when the annual Hawkwatch takes place. Some difficult to find species that occur in the area include the Arctic Warbler, Gyrfalcon, White-winged Crossbill and the Northern Hawk Owl.



THE High One

What's in a Name

For centuries, Koyukon Athabaskans referred to the mountain as Denali or Deenaalee, which translates to "the High One." However, in 1896 a gold prospector named the mountain McKinley as a political statement in support of presidential candidate William McKinley. In 1917, the Mount McKinley National Park Act made the name official. Alaska leaders began petitioning for a name change in 1975 and in 1980 the national park surrounding the peak was given the name Denali, but federal lawmakers, particularly from McKinley's home state of Ohio, refused to budge on the name Mount McKinley. It remained until 2015, when President Barack Obama officially changed the name to Denali.



Denali Country Adventures

Nancy Lake Recreation Area	1	Mile 67.2 Parks Hwy. 130 interconnected lakes. Lynx Lake Canoe Trail. Link to canoe rental information at www.alaskavisit.com .
Dog Sledding	2	Mush your own team of huskies, ride the runners or sit in the sled.
Talkeetna Historic District	3	Historic walking tour – museum, log cabins, school, roadhouse, inn and other mining-era structures dating to 1916. Food, tours, lodging and shopping. Year-round Alaska Railroad stop.
Petersville Road	4	Mile 114.8 Parks Hwy. 35-mile road has great biking, hiking, and fishing.
Susitna, Chulitna, Talkeetna Rivers	5	Boat, camp, fish and explore these glacial rivers. Guided tours, rafting and fishing available.
Denali State Park	6	See Denali and visit the Veterans Memorial, or stay at the K'esugi Ken Campground. Camping, kayaking, fishing and nature walks. Access to Kesugi and Curry Ridge trailheads.
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Willow

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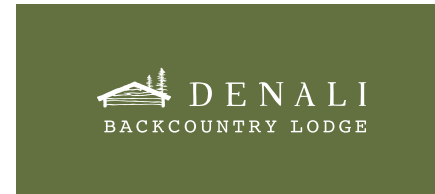
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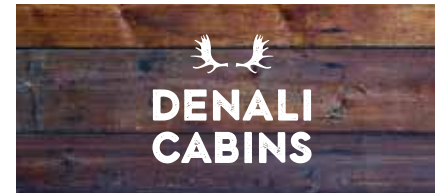


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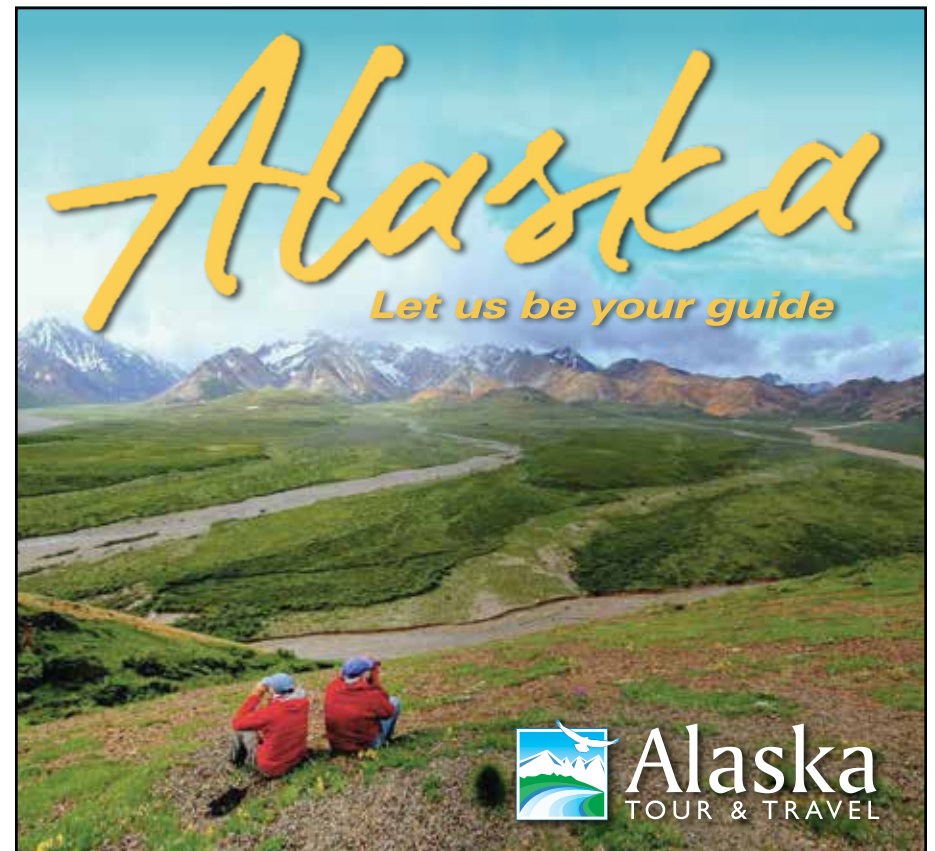


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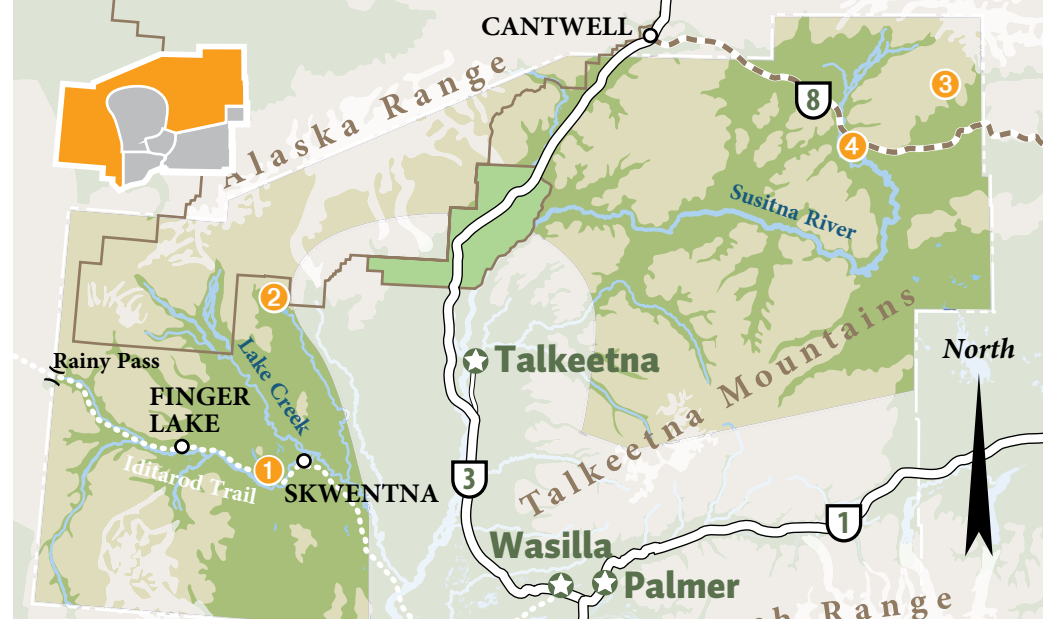


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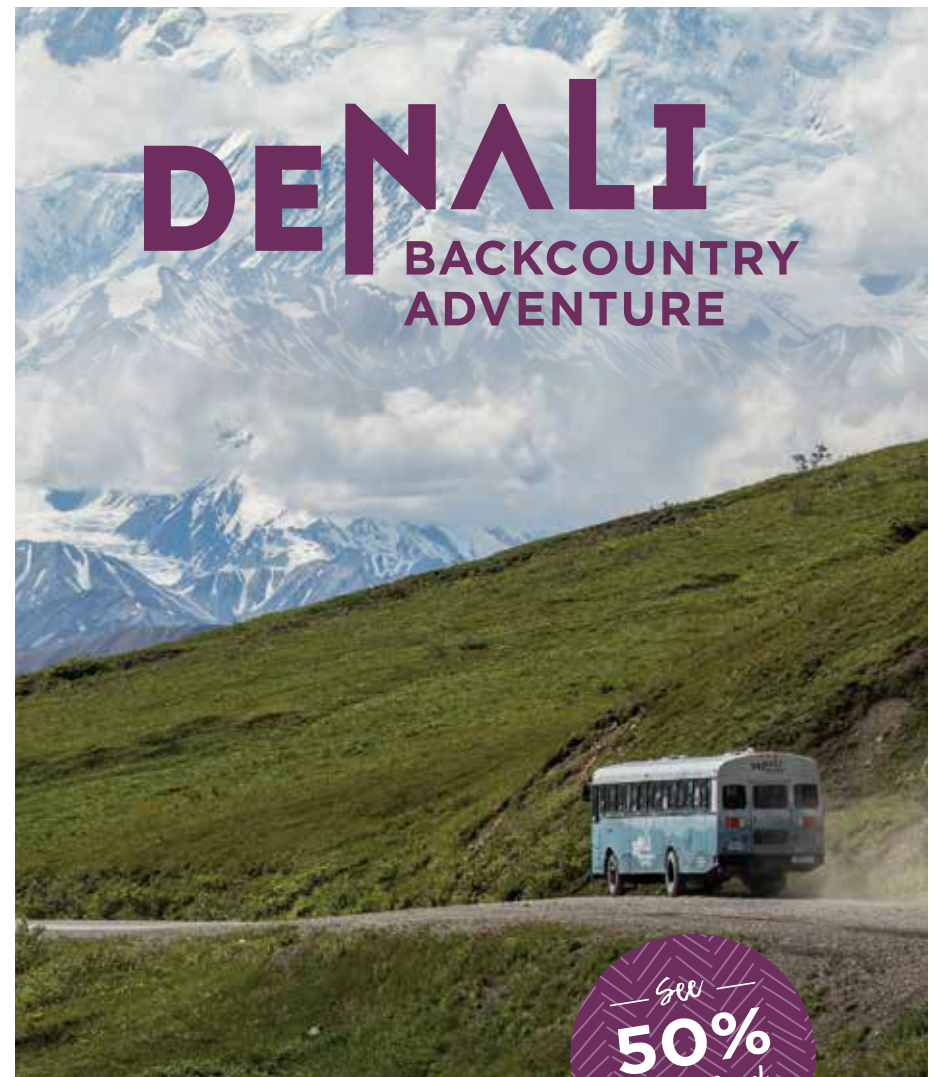
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