

# WAYPOINTS



*News and stories from Alaska's public lands*



John Hopkins Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Photo Credit: Joseph Siros

## 100 Years of Glacier Bay

Nearly 800,000 people visit [Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve](#) each year, with more than 95 percent experiencing the marine park from the deck of a cruise ship.

Thanks to a formal partnership with cruise lines like Holland America Princess, park rangers and Alaska Geographic staff can board each ship that enters the bay, giving visitors from around the world an extraordinary opportunity to experience Glacier Bay through immersive interpretation and education.

Rangers provide engaging, firsthand interpretation of the park's glaciers, wildlife, and cultural history, helping visitors understand the dynamic forces that shaped this landscape and the importance of protecting it for future generations.

Alongside them, Alaska Geographic sets up a small interpretive retail store during the brief visit, offering thoughtfully curated educational products that reflect the park's natural and cultural heritage. These items give visitors

meaningful ways to remember their experience and maintain a deeper connection to Glacier Bay long after they return home.

As the official nonprofit partner to Alaska's federal public land agencies, Alaska Geographic relies on the support of partners like Holland America Princess to make this vital work possible. Not only do visitors benefit from the exceptional onboard educational programs and products, but a portion of sales proceeds goes directly to Glacier Bay to support interpretation, education, and science in the park.

It's an honor to support Glacier Bay in its centennial year—a milestone marking 100 years of scientific discovery, the protection of 3.3 million acres of lands and waters, meaningful engagement with generations of visitors, and strong relationships with tribal partners, the original stewards of Homeland.

With Gratitude,

Andy Hall  
Executive Director

**Watch the video to see how National Park Rangers and the AK Geo team disembark a cruise ship as it exits Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve**



## RECENT AID TO PARTNER

Your support in the form of in-store purchases, donations, and membership allows us to give back to our public land partners. Read on to learn more about recent projects funded by Alaska Geographic.



McMurdo Station, Antarctica, Photo by/of Tiger Montross

## Puppies & Tiger & Donations, oh my!

Earlier this month, our education director received a phone call from one of the viewers of the puppy cam in Denali (as mentioned in our last newsletter). This person was calling Alaska Geographic to express that they loved the puppy cam and were watching it from all the way down in Antarctica! They went on to explain how, through learning that AK Geo funded the puppy cam, they looked at our website and found our youth education programs. From there, this lovely person donated to our upcoming [Arctic Travelers](#) trip above the Arctic Circle! As a reminder, many of our youth education programs are free to the student, so donations like these help a young Alaskan connect with their public lands and learn how they can become stewards of those lands.

We want to thank Tiger Montross for donating to our programs and for giving us insight into how funding our public lands has a significant ripple effect that can go from one side of the planet to the other. AK Geo's funding support to our public land partners covers many unique projects, but it's not often that we hear stories about how that funding impact reaches the farthest corners of the earth. Thank you again, Tiger, for supporting us. We greatly appreciate your thoughtful donation and for being part of the AK Geo community! We look forward to our Arctic Travelers trip and are happy that, from the North Pole to the South Pole, people are working together to make trips like these happen.

**Want to be as cool as Tiger? Donate today!**

**Donate  
Now!**



### **Weekly Speaker Series at the Murie Science and Learning Center**

Every Tuesday this summer, visitors and locals alike can learn about the latest research taking place in [Denali National Park and Preserve](#) and throughout the state. This summer's series kicked off with a visit from five Karelain Bear Dogs and wildlife biologist Nils Pedersen. Nils spoke about the [Wind River Bear Institute's](#) mission to reduce human-wildlife conflict, including their work in Denali "shepherding" a grizzly bear away from a popular campground and rest stop.

The speaker series continued with "Denali A-track-tions" – the latest research on dinosaur footprints – and "A Spruce Beetle Roundup" to learn more about the beetles and the current state of the outbreak in interior Alaska. As the summer continues, we will hear from scientists about their current studies on Dall's sheep, glaciers, permafrost, snow ecology, hibernation, and more. There will also be a visit from a live great horned owl on July 8!

If you happen to be in Denali on a Tuesday evening this summer, come by the [Murie Science and Learning Center](#) at 7 p.m. for one of these great presentations.



All events are free!

## July Events



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# EVENING SPEAKER SERIES

Deepen your Denali knowledge alongside park and partner scientists and researchers.



Tuesdays, June 3 - August 26



7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Murie Science and Learning Center



1<sup>st</sup>

Dall's Sheep: A Partnership Study Across Mountain Ranges

8<sup>th</sup>

Whooo's There: Owls of Alaska

15<sup>th</sup>

Why a Changing Arctic Matters to Climate and You

22<sup>nd</sup>

Permafrost Can Move Mountains

29<sup>th</sup>

Denali's Wild Ecosystems: Past Present and Future

## The Lupine Report

By Liz Munns

One of my favorite hobbies is viewing the wildflowers in the summertime. One of my favorite wildflowers is lupine. Right now, the lupine report for Turnagain Arm, [Chugach State Park](#), [Chugach National Forest](#), and down into Seward is almost at "peak bloom". It's breathtaking, and I consider myself lucky that I get to frequent this road for both work and recreational

purposes. There is one field in between Moose Pass and Seward that is particularly stunning, but that is as specific as I will get. If you know, you know!

For those who love wildflowers as much as I do, Alaska Geographic offers a variety of items celebrating these seasonal treasures. Among them is a wildflower pin set featuring lupine, forget-me-not, and fireweed. You'll also find wildflower-themed playing cards, magnet sets, apparel, stickers, folding guides, and books available on-site at Park and Refuge stores or on our Web Store.

Our sites offer a variety of guides tailored to specific regions of the state, including Wildflowers and Other Plant Life of the Kodiak Archipelago, Mac's Field Guides: Denali National Park, Wildflowers Along the Alaska Highway, and Field Guide to Alaskan Wildflowers. Although I am gatekeeping my favorite lupine field, these guides are perfect for discovering your own hidden gem!



Check out our Wildflower Pin Collection by clicking the image!



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## Educators Return from Teacher's Course in Prince William Sound

Seven educators from across Alaska recently completed Alaska Geographic's six-day teacher's expedition in Prince William Sound, offered in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and [Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council](#).



Led by Chugach National Forest Wilderness Manager Tim Lydon, the group explored the heart of the Sound, camped on a remote beach for the week, and learned from the landscape while building curriculum and community with fellow teachers.

"This trip will help me empathize with my students and get them out for place-based learning lessons," said one participant. Another shared, "I am so enthusiastic about PWS now! I will pass on that zeal to anyone I talk about it with."

The course centered on our relationship with nature, especially through the lens of public lands and wilderness. Throughout the week, teachers explored Alaska Native history, early Euro-American activity, the development of the Chugach National Forest, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and the ways climate change is affecting the region today. They also spent time learning about local plants, animals, and glaciers, bringing these experiences back to their classrooms in meaningful, place-based ways.

**Want to learn more about what this course was like? [Click the link below!](#)**

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