

# WAYPOINTS



*News and stories from Alaska's public lands*



Wickersham Creek Trail, BLM. Photo by Craig McCaa.

## From Snow to Sun: Welcoming Another Season in Alaska

As I look out the window, winter seems unwilling to loosen its grip on Alaska. Still, summer is fast approaching—and with it, another season of record-breaking visitation to our state's spectacular public lands. Whether you're an Alaskan or visiting from afar, we hope you'll spend part of our brief northern summer exploring the iconic landscapes preserved within Alaska's national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges.

As you travel, be sure to stop by an Alaska Geographic store—located in national parks and wildlife refuges across the state and at our sole **Bureau of Land Management** location in the **Arctic Interagency Visitor Center at Coldfoot**, just north of the Arctic Circle. Our retail staff has spent the winter carefully curating new and exceptional products designed to enrich your visit and help you take a piece of Alaska home with you.

We look forward to welcoming you—and we promise the snow will have melted by the time you arrive... at least below our tallest peaks.

With Gratitude,



## Join Us for Yoga!

While many of Alaska Geographic's field courses connect participants to a specific aspect of [Denali National Park and Preserve](#), such as its wildflowers or wolves, Yoga in Denali will help forge a connection between you and the grand landscape of Denali and everything within it.

Through breathing practices, sequences of asanas (physical postures), and meditation, you can build a deeper understanding and connection to yourself, which in turn will allow you to connect more genuinely with the land and people around you.

Join local Denali yoga instructor May Huntley this August to strengthen body, spirit, and community through yoga practice. Come away inspired to incorporate stewardship of natural places into your daily life and the knowledge to share this connection with others. All levels are welcome!

[For More Information or to Register](#)

## Supporting our State Parks

We're excited to announce a growing partnership between Alaska Geographic and REI Anchorage!

Over the past year, we've worked with the store to offer a unique collection of custom merchandise celebrating [Alaska State Parks](#) and [Chugach State Park](#).

Shoppers can now find four cozy beanie styles, three eye-catching stickers, two handcrafted pottery mugs, and a full lineup of T-shirts—perfect for anyone who loves Alaska's wild spaces.

Next time you're in the neighborhood, stop by REI at 500 E. Northern Lights Blvd and



explore the collection! Not in town? No worries. You can also find Alaska State Park merchandise on our [website](#).

Proceeds from AK Geo Alaska State Park item purchases go back to supporting the parks.

## 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.



Photo by Aaron Maizlish

### Birds of a Feather, Geolocate Together

Alaska Geographic recently supported the [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge](#) through an Aid-to-Partner request for geolocator tags. With funding provided, 28 geolocators will help track the winter movements of fork-tailed and

Leach's storm-petrels—small, elusive seabirds that nest in Alaska. This marks the first study to investigate where Alaska's storm-petrels go after the breeding season, a critical gap in our understanding of their survival and breeding success.

The two-year project, led by refuge biologists, launched in 2024 with 50 geolocators deployed at St. Lazaria and East Amatuli islands. In 2025, researchers will recapture birds to collect the data and deploy a new round of tags to compare year-to-year patterns. Check out the video below to watch the biologists in action and learn more about the research.

Visitor Services Manager Adrienne McGill notes that this effort will provide vital insights into food availability, migration routes, and conservation threats during the non-breeding season.

Your purchases at the AK Geo Refuge Store at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Homer, AK, directly support these efforts!

**Learn more about the seabird monitoring program**



## FAIRBANKS OUTDOOR DAYS

*Every Kid Outdoors*



Alaska Geographic is teaming up with the Bureau of Land Management this spring to bring back a longtime favorite: Outdoor Days!

For the first time, Alaska Geographic is helping coordinate this beloved event. In May, 400 Fairbanks North Star Borough School District 4th graders will take a full-day

field trip to [Tanana Lakes Recreation Area](#).

Students will explore a wide range of public land careers through fun, hands-on activities led by professionals from local, state, and federal agencies. Topics include everything from telemetry and trail work to earth science, archaeology, wildlife safety, fire prevention, and even gold panning, giving students a real-world look at the many ways people care for and work on Alaska's public lands.

Outdoor Days has long been a highlight for local students and educators, and we're excited to help carry that tradition forward. This is a brand-new role and an exciting partnership for Alaska Geographic, and we're excited to jump in and bring Outdoor Days to life this May.



## Denali Merchandise

Denali's been in the spotlight lately, and it's showing in our Web Store—sales of Denali-themed merchandise are way up! While **Denali National Park & Preserve** gear is leading the pack, we're also seeing a surge of interest in items from our **Denali State Park** and **Denali Rescue Volunteers** selections.

What are our current top picks? Our best-selling [short and long sleeve tees](#) with the iconic Denali logo on the back, plus the always-popular [Deneen pottery mugs](#).

From hats and magnets to pins, stickers, and books, there's something for every Denali fan. Whether you're looking for the perfect gift or a souvenir to remember your Denali adventure, now's the time to explore our collection—these favorites are going fast!

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