

## DOORWAY TO DENALI

### GETTING THERE

**By car or coach:** 2.5 hrs, drive the Glenn Hwy to the Parks Hwy to the Talkeetna Spur Rd (at mile 99). **By rail:** 3 hrs 10 mins, depart Anchorage 8:15am, arrive Talkeetna 11:25am. (See page 2)

**A popular day trip:** take the morning train up, return on the 4:40pm train. **Going to Denali?** Overnight in Talkeetna en route.

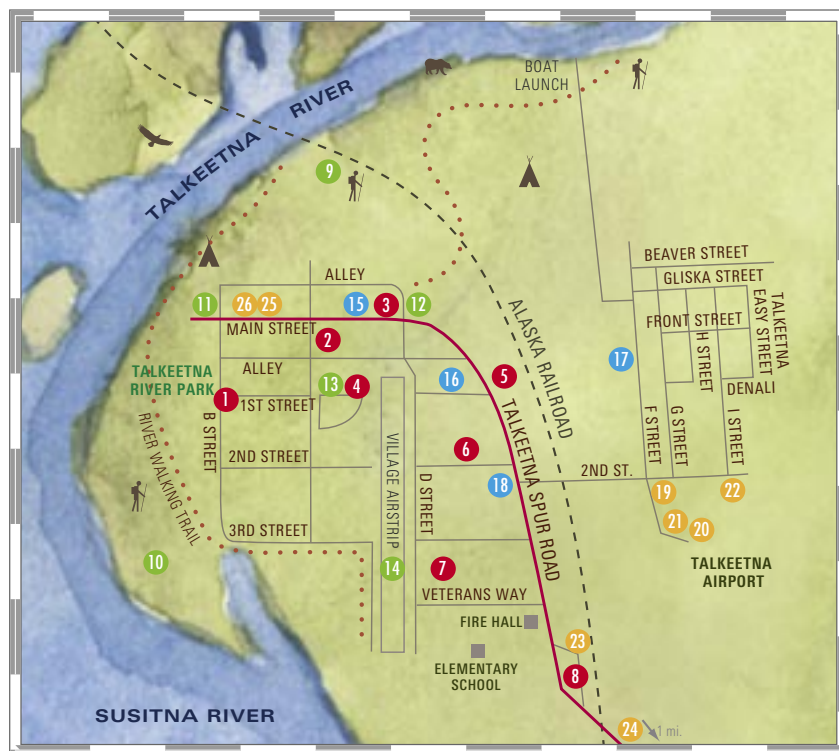


### THE TOWN

Talkeetna began at the turn of the century as a supply station for miners and trappers. This pioneer town has maintained its rustic spirit. Historic buildings line the one-block main street, and many locals still live in log cabins. Miners and trappers who live in the bush without running water or electricity come into the village for supplies and messages.

Talkeetna is the nearest town to Denali and is the staging area for many climbing expeditions. In summer, the town swells with a colorful cast of international adventurers who come to test themselves against the high peaks of the Alaska Range.

Talkeetna offers an ideal combination: it has all the outdoor recreation services you'll need, yet offers the relaxation of a small town that keeps civilization at arm's length: The little red schoolhouse still stands, and you'll find only one stop sign and one parking meter... and it's broken.



**Left** - Take a walk down Main Street in Talkeetna. **Right** - Flightsee McKinley from Talkeetna and walk on a mile-thick glacier. **Below** - Denali looms over the riverfront.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Park Service Ranger Station 733-2231
- 2 Talkeetna Roadhouse 733-1351
- 3 Fairview Inn 733-2423
- 4 Talkeetna Hist. Museum 733-2487
- 5 Museum North. Adventure 733-3999
- 6 KTNA 88.5 FM Radio Station 733-1700
- 7 VFW Post 3836 733-3836
- 8 Library 733-2359

#### PARKS & TRAILS

- 9 Chase Trail
- 10 River Trail
- 11 Talkeetna River Park
- 12 Village Park
- 13 Ball Park
- 14 Village Airstrip

#### SERVICES

- 15 Three Rivers Tesoro 733-2621
- 16 Post Office 733-2275
- 17 St. Bernard's Church 733-2442
- 18 Talkeetna Christian Center 733-2360

#### SPONSORS

- 19 K2 Aviation 800-764-2291
- 20 Hudson Air 733-2321
- 21 Talkeetna Aero Services 800-660-2688
- 22 Talkeetna Air Taxi 800-533-2210
- 23 AK Railroad Summer Depot 265-2494
- 24 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge 888-959-9590
- 25 Talkeetna River Guides 800-353-2677
- 26 Talkeetna Sun Dog Kennel 733-3355



#### WHAT TO DO

##### Flightseeing

Talkeetna is Alaska's flightseeing capital. Some of the most highly trained glacier pilots in the world can take you so close to the mountains you can imagine touching them. And sometimes you can touch; ski planes actually land on the glaciers! **K2 Aviation** <sup>19</sup> (733-2291), **Hudson Air** <sup>20</sup> (733-2321), **Talkeetna Air Taxi** <sup>22</sup> (800-533-2219), and **Talkeetna Aero Services** <sup>21</sup>

(800-660-2688) are the area's finest, with planes equipped for pilot narration and window seats for all; 1-2 hour tours are offered throughout the day.

##### Off the Beaten Path...

Climb behind the wheel of your own 4WD with **McKinley Jeep™** **Backcountry Safari** (800-791-2673). Following the guide's Jeep, you'll get off paved roads as you steer and splash your way through mining country in the shadow of Mt. McKinley.

For a taste of the Iditarod, hop on a sled pulled by 12 race dogs at **Talkeetna Sun Dog Kennels** <sup>26</sup> (907-733-3355). You'll get insight from a real racer, then hang on as the championship canines pull you into the wilderness.

