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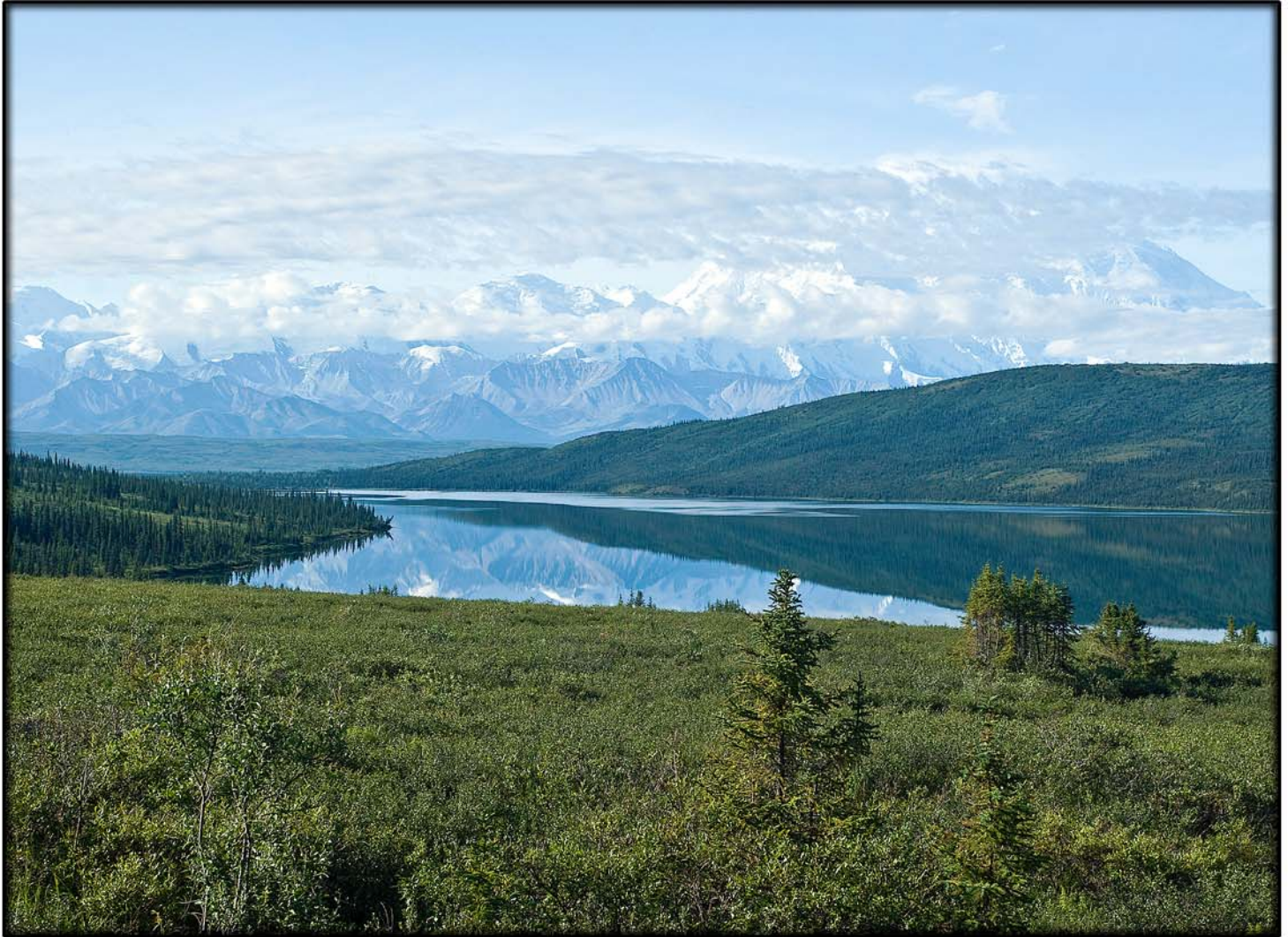
BALD EAGLE

Bald Eagle, Alaska Raptor Center

Until 1952, there was a bounty on bald eagles that ranged from \$.50 to \$2.00 per bird. After being on the Endangered Species List for 20 years, the bald eagle population is estimated to be about 100,000, with half of those found in Alaska.

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W O N D E R L A K E , D E N A L I N A T I O N A L P A R K

The Alaskan Mountain Range with Mount McKinley in the clouds reflects in Wonder Lake.

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M O O S E

The moose is the world's largest member of the deer family. The Alaska race is the largest of all the moose with males weigh from 1,200 to 1,600 pounds.

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STELLER SEA LION—POSING BULL

The Steller (or northern) sea lion inhabits the North Pacific Ocean and is the largest member of the family of "eared seals." Sea lions differ from seals in that sea lions have external ears and rear flippers which turn forward allowing them to "walk" with a gait similar to land mammals.

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BALD EAGLE
 Catching Salmon, Sitka Harbor, Alaska

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DIVING HUMPBACK WHALE

South Arm Kelp Bay, Alaska

The Humpback population worldwide is estimated at less than twenty thousand.

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JACOB'S LADDER, WILD GERANIUM

During our hikes through Alaska's temperate rain forest and meadows, we encountered beautiful wildflowers, such as the Jacob's Ladder, Shootingstar, Buttercup and Columbine.

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B E A V E R

A large beaver can weigh as much as 100 pounds. It is designed to work under water, closing its nose and ears with valves. A beaver can cut wood under water without getting water in its mouth by drawing its lips behind the protruding front teeth.

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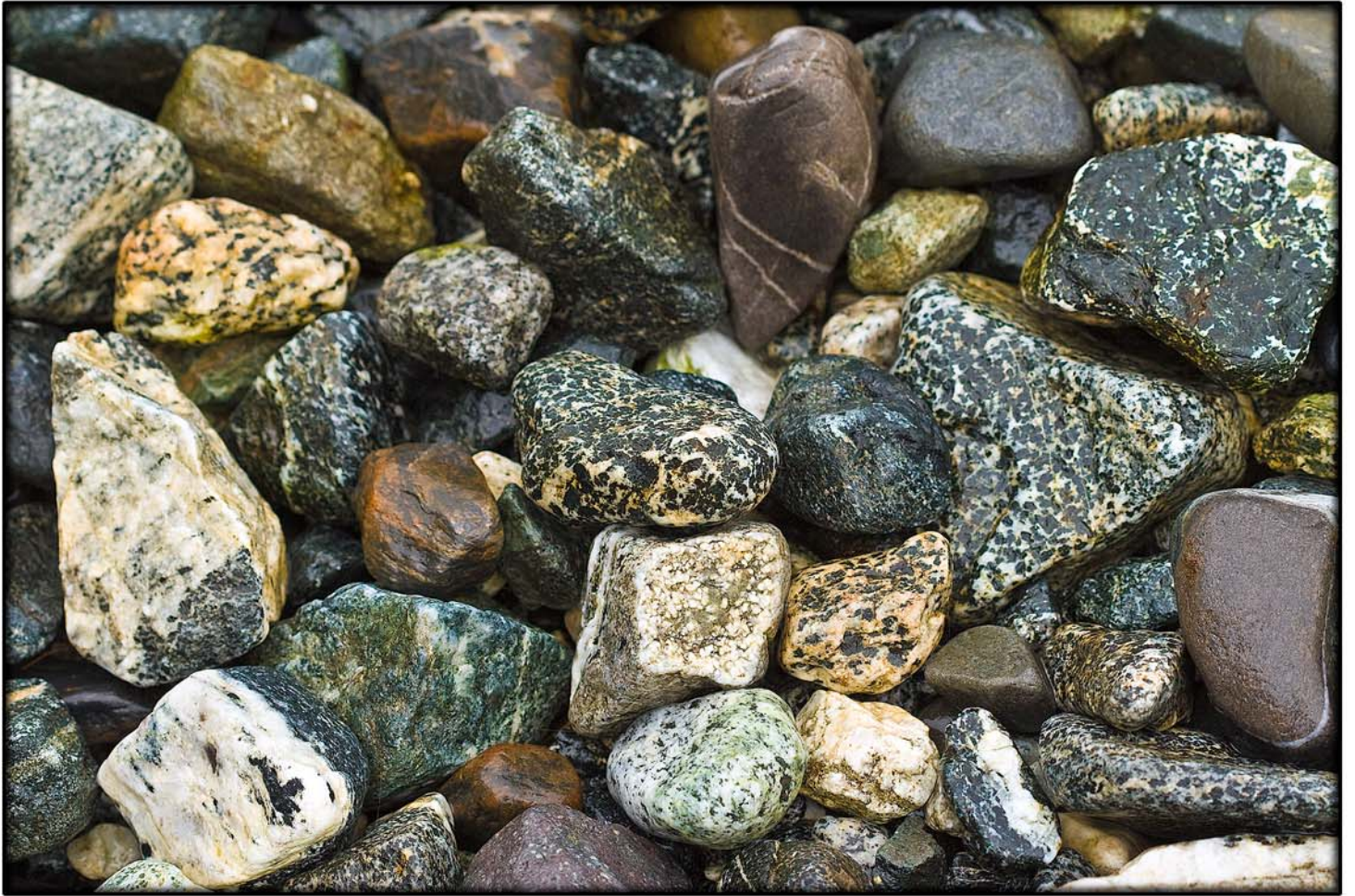


DENALI NATIONAL PARK

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Denali is truly a park on an Alaskan scale: six million acres—a plot of magnificent land larger than the state of Massachusetts. Across the park’s largely treeless expanse, rivers rush wide and milky white with rock pulverized by glaciers. Flower-studded tundra spills away in all directions.

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COLORFUL ROCKS AT THE FOX CREEK SHORE

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HARBOR SEALS RESTING ON FLOATING ICEBERG

The young Harbor seals rest on icebergs that have calved off of the Dawes glacier earlier that day. The young animals hide in the fjords from predators, such as the Killer Whale.

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