

Words About Wilderness

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1. You are likely to see abundant wildlife, including moose, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, and herds of caribou. Many small creatures live in the grasses of the tundra, including ground squirrels and shrews. So keep your binoculars and your camera handy.
2. Please remember that grizzly bears make this land their home. When hiking in bear territory, be careful. A certain amount of wariness will help prevent unpleasant encounters with grizzlies. If you see a bear cub, stay away! Mother grizzlies become aggressive when their cubs are approached. If you see a bear eating the dead carcass of an animal, steer clear! Bears are very protective of their food.
3. You might be lucky enough to see an encounter between two wild animals. Such encounters can be violent and frightening. Often when wild animals meet, they fight for dominance. Fortunately, these battles are usually short, and they seldom result in serious injury. The loser shows subservience by leaving the area. If you see such an encounter, keep your distance. Don't make any sudden moves. Just stand back and observe nature in action.

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