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### **Three New Guided Hikes Unveiled Around Denali National Park for Summer Season**

*Guided tours led by Explore Denali Hiking take guests into the Alaska wilderness*

Anchorage, Alaska. –March 14, 2011– Visitors to Denali National Park will have more ways to explore its six-million acres with the three new guided hikes being offered by Denali Park Resorts. Approved by the National Park Service, two of these new hikes will allow visitors to see the park up close while benefiting from the knowledge of trained interpretive guides. The third hike offers the serious enthusiast an opportunity for a challenging ascent up a locally-known peak.

“These three new hikes will allow us to meet the high demand for more advanced guided activities in and around the Denali National Park entrance area,” said Carol Fraser, regional director of sales and marketing. “Our guided hikes immerse guests in the stunning scenery of the park, allowing visitors to learn interactively while getting a good workout.”

The Triple Lakes Trail is a four-mile hike with one of the best opportunities for a serene immersion into the boreal forest of Interior Alaska. This adventure on an improved trail inside Denali National Park begins with a gradual and consistent hill climb providing spectacular views of the Nenana River and the expansive glacially-carved Yanert Valley. The trail then descends and levels off to provide access to the three alpine lakes that give this trail its name.

For the experienced adventure seeker, the Triple Lakes Traverse Adventure Hike will take guests on a 7.7 mile traverse of a newly opened trail inside Denali National Park. Trekking through forests and along crystal clear lakes on the fringe of the back country, the hike brings many opportunities for wildlife viewing, photography and reflection.

The new Sugarloaf Summit Adventure hike is an invigorating trek above the tree line just outside the boundary of the Park. Guests are treated to one of the most spectacular views of Denali and the surrounding peaks on a clear day. The hike will challenge guests on one of the steepest hiking trails in the area with a 1600-vertical-feet ascent to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. Dall sheep reside in the higher elevations and sometimes hikers have to yield the right of way to these majestic residents.

Denali Park Resorts’ guided hikes are offered from May 20 to Sept. 20. The hikes are intended for experienced hikers and are in addition to two other, less strenuous hikes also provided by Denali Park Resorts. All of the hikes are led by trained, professional interpretive guides,

marrying education, exploration and exercise. To book a guided hike, lodging or another activity, contact a reservation specialist at 1-866-296-0327.

### **About Denali Park Resorts**

Managed by ARAMARK Parks and Destinations, Denali Park Resorts operates the McKinley Chalet Resort, which features 345 suites in cedar lodges along the river less than a mile from Denali National Park's entrance, and the McKinley Village Lodge, which features 188 guest rooms in several intimate lodges set on the banks of the Nenana River eight miles south of the park's entrance.

In addition, Denali Park Resorts hosts the spirited Cabin Nite Dinner Theater at the McKinley Chalet Resort; operates Explore Denali Rafting, which provides raft trips on the Nenana River; and Explore Denali Hiking, which offers guided hikes and tours throughout the area. To make reservations or receive more information about tours and activities, call 1-866-296-0327, or visit [www.denaliparkresorts.com](http://www.denaliparkresorts.com).

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