

BEARS AND BALD EAGLES OF ALASKA



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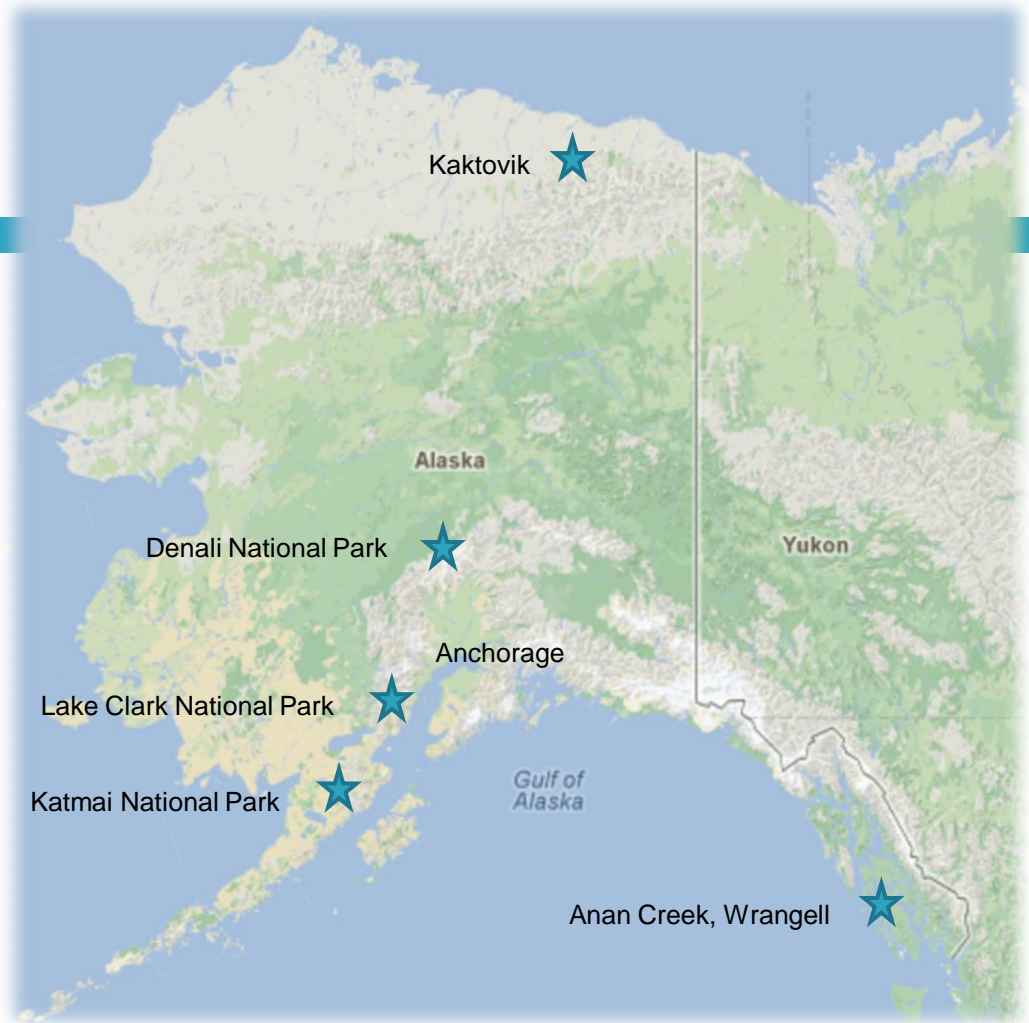
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Agenda – Bears of Alaska

- Lake Clark National Park
- Anan Creek Bear Observatory
- Katmai National Park
- Denali National Park
- Kaktovik



Brown Bears, Black Bears, Polar Bears

Black Bears

- 150-400 pounds, smaller than grizzlies
- Variety of colors: brown, cinnamon, pale yellow (spirit bear), black
- Will not kill you with one swipe of its paw, usually

Brown Bears also know as Grizzlies

- 220 to 1500 pounds
- Responsible for more human fatalities
- Hump behind head – sagittal crest
- Brown bear on the coast, Grizzly bear inland
- Salmon v. berries



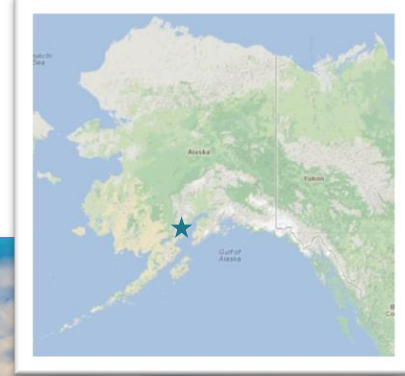
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Polar Bears

- Largest land carnivores in the world
- Adult males 500-1500 pounds
- Live in the Arctic
- Will actively seek and pursue humans
- Very fast, good eyesight, good sense of smell, good swimmer
- Top of the food chain, very dangerous



Lake Clark National Park



- ❑ Second least visited National Park
- ❑ 100 miles southwest of Anchorage
- ❑ On the Cook Inlet
- ❑ Access by boat or plane, not by car
- ❑ Home of spectacular beauty
- ❑ And a large concentration of Brown bears



Clamming

- ❑ Sows with cubs converge for salmon and clams
- ❑ July, August



Searching for Clams



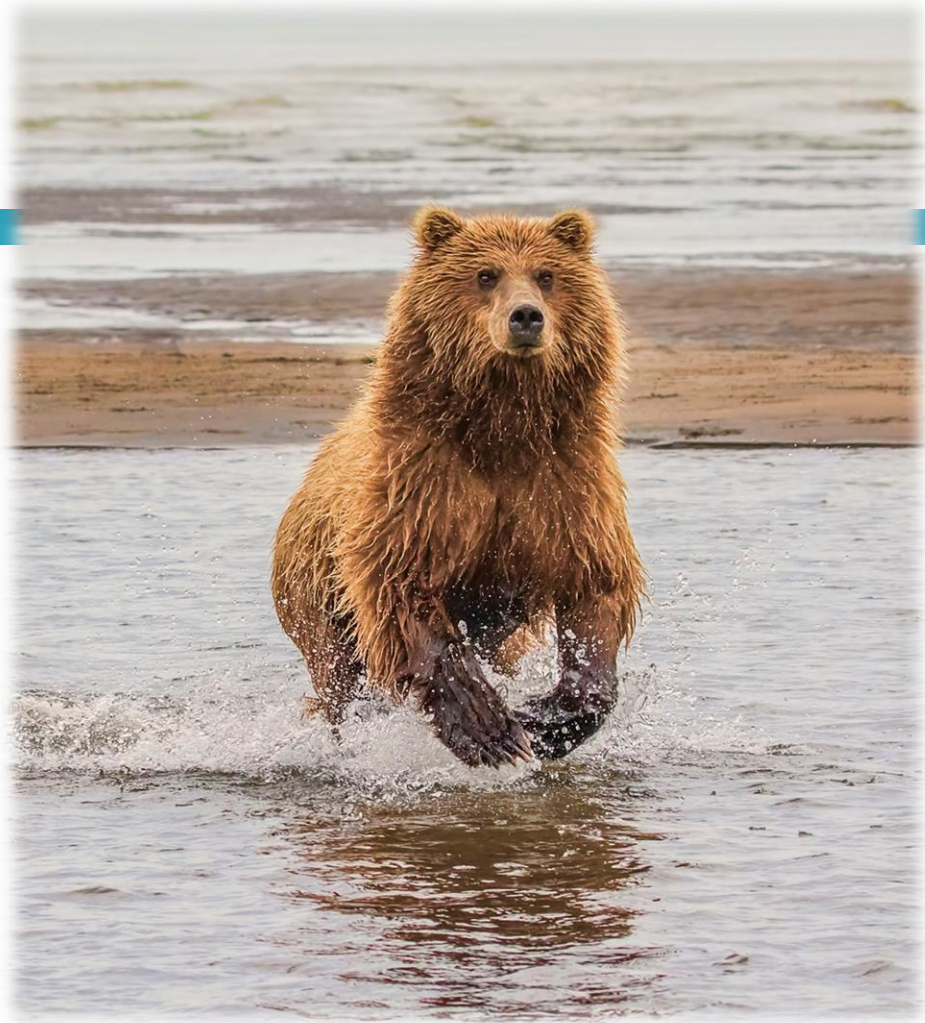
Just Fishing

- Sow stands, turns and looks at the group of photographers



Just Fishing

- ❑ Then charges towards the group
- ❑ Stops short 30 feet
- ❑ Just fishing for a salmon
- ❑ BUT, did not know that at the time



Spring Cubs

Born in the spring

- ▣ Usually born in Jan/Feb
- ▣ Smaller and cuter



Spring Cub

Sibling Bear Hug



Spring Cub

Look both ways
before crossing



My Stick



Solace for the Spring Cub



Solace for the Spring Cub



Fishing is Hard Work



Bundle of Warmth



Anan Creek, Wrangell, AK

- ❑ Black and Brown Bears don't mix
 - ▣ Except at Anan Creek
 - ▣ Platform designed to keep observers in and bears out



Brown Bear Family

Where is cub
#3?



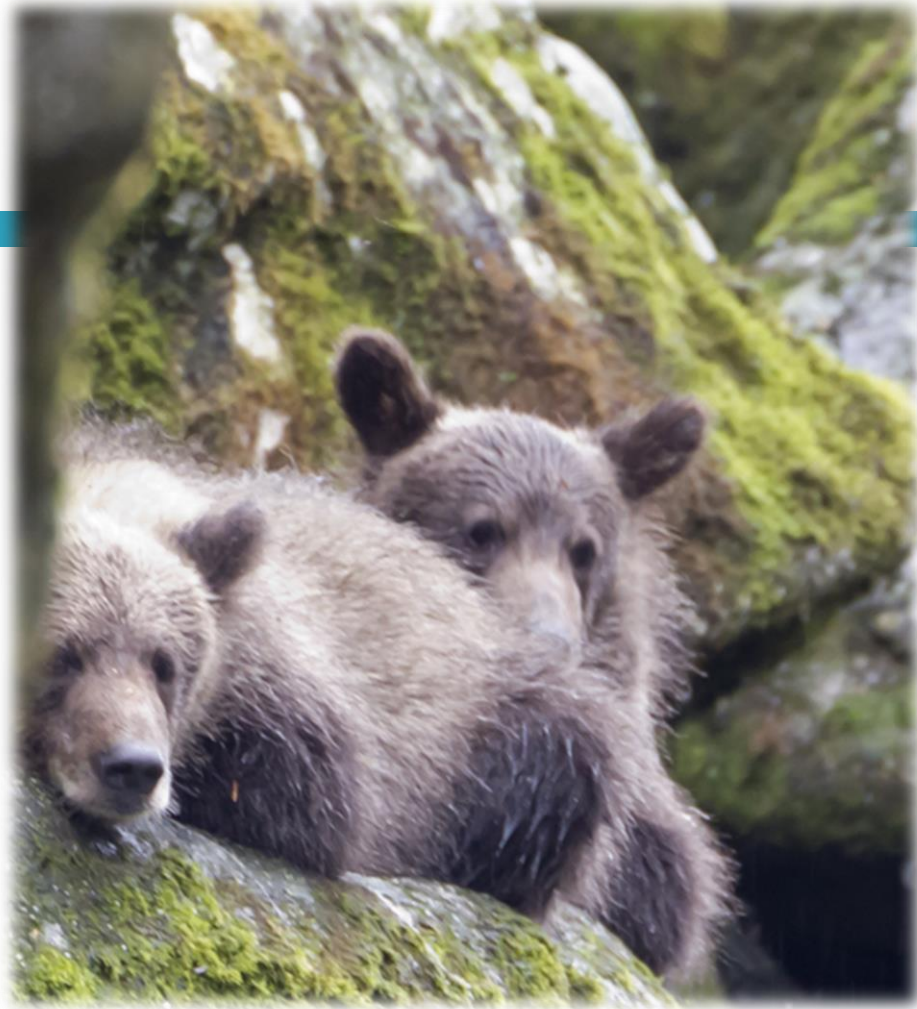
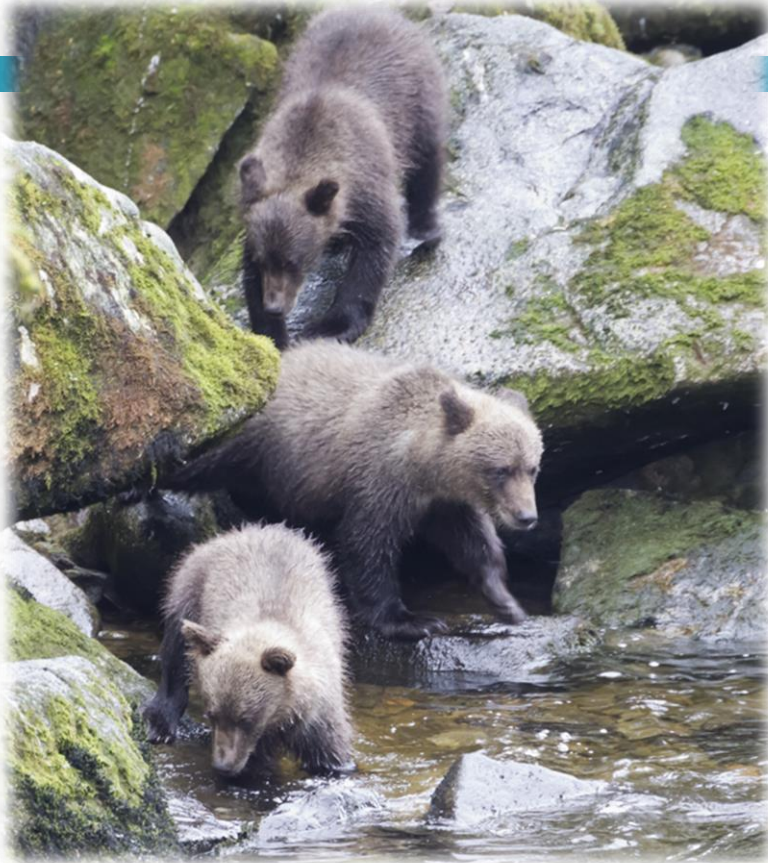
Cub #3 is Catching a Salmon



All Accounted For



Nap Time



Black Bear Catching A Salmon



Lock Step on a Log



Carefree Climbing Cubs



Outhouse Break



Relieved



How We Find Bears in Denali Natonal Park



Bus Jam Method



Photo by Beth Seeley

Wildlife Paparazzi Method



Finger Pointing Method



Photo by Beth Seeley

Bear in the Bushes



Crossed the Road

- ❑ Crossed directly in front of our RV
- ❑ Bus Jam
- ❑ 1000 pounds?



King of Denali



Beware of Grizzlies



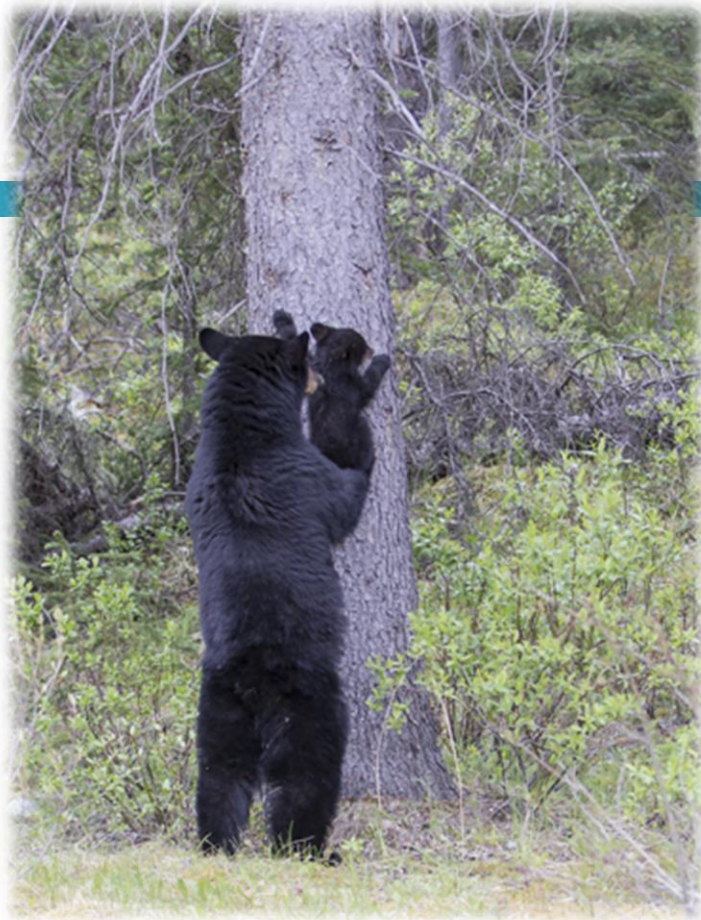
Black Bear Cub Learning to Climb



Safe to Come Out?



Ready to Climb?

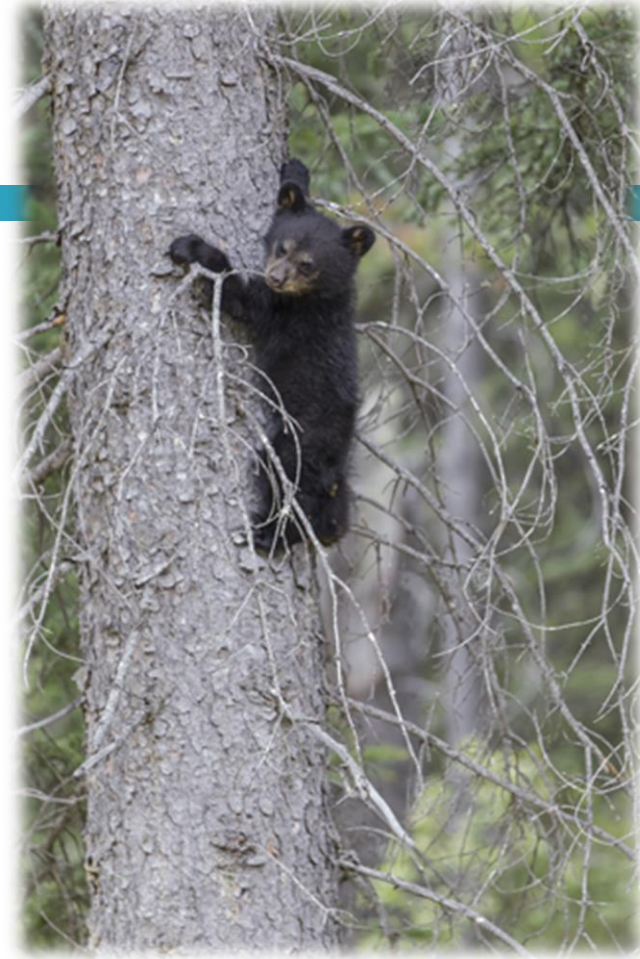


Give Me A Boost



Up A Tree...

Help, Get Me Down
From Here



Bears of Brooks Falls

- Katmai National Park
- July is peak for salmon jumping the falls
- Brown Bears focused on the salmon
- Bears and anglers share the brook





Gallopimg Gourmet



Spin Cycle



Fishing Lessons





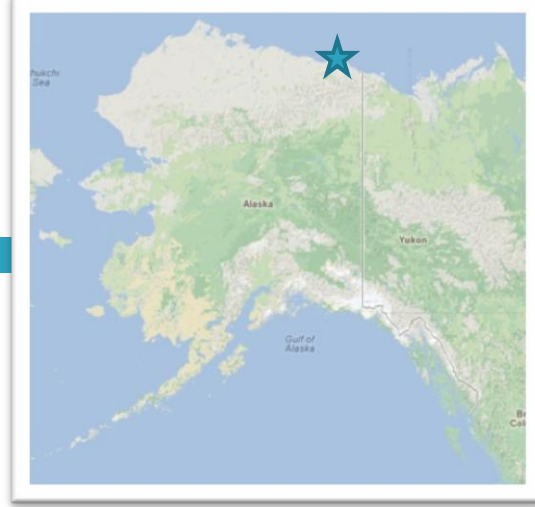
Rule for Grizzlies

Always keep at least
one tourist between
you and the bears



Polar Bears, Kaktovik, Alaska

- ❑ Northern shore of Alaska near the eastern border on Beaufort Sea
- ❑ Inupiate population of about 300 native Americans
- ❑ Granted subsistence harvesting of 3 bowhead whales
- ❑ Special relationship with the polar bears – the largest land predator (actively hunt humans)



The Boneyard





On the Edge of the Village and a village on edge



Polar Roller in the Cotton Grass



Polar Pair



An Original Polar Bear Club Member

Swimming for Survival



A Leg Up



Cheek to Cheek



Arctic Warrior



Our Guide at Work



Escape



Grizzly Bears of Alaska Exhibit

- ❑ Arts Alive Gallery, Breckenridge, La Cima Mall, 11am-6pm, daily, 11-7pm Fri, Sat (next to Park and Main Restaurant)
- ❑ Month of February
- ❑ Grizzly bears and their cubs
- ❑ Reception Sat, Feb 13th, 2016, 4-8p at the gallery



For More Info



- ❑ Presentation can viewed on my website
- ❑ Google “richardseeleyphotography” for websites and blog
- ❑ Business cards and portfolio available



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