SOP: VURn Guided Hiking- Denali National Park and Preserve

Timeline

Activity Reports can be submitted at anytime or on an ongoing basis. They are <u>due by January 31st</u> for the prior operating year. Once you've submitted your reports please monitor your email, NPS will reach out if revisions are needed.

Using VUR(n)

Access Visitor Use Reporting System (<u>VURn</u>) to report your trips. If you are a new user, you will need to create account. The <u>VURn User Guide</u> and <u>VURn YouTube</u> will provide you with directions for making a profile and entering trips. For specific directions on entering Guiding Hiking trips in Denali, please follow these guidelines

Entering Guided Hiking in VURn

Guidelines

- Please review the CUA <u>stipulations</u> and ensure all activities adhere to these rules.
- When the same group completes two hikes on the same day, report them as a single trip with two locations.
- When the same group completes hikes on different days, report each hike as a separate trip.
- Do not report connector/ access trails used to get to the Primary Location. Only report the trail where most of the time was spent.

Examples

1. We Hike Slow Guiding Co hikes the Triple Lakes Trail- South on their first day in the park, they access it from the McKinley Station Trail. The next day they hike the Rock Creek Trail and the Oxbow Trail.

| Clients | Guides | Primary Location | | | | | Second Location | | | | |
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| | | Start Date | End Date | Location | Guided Activity | Notes | Start Date | End Date | Location | Guided Activity | Notes |
| 6 | 1 | 07/16/2024 | 07/16/2024 | Triple Lakes Trail - South | Guided Day Hiking – Frontcountry | | | | | | |
| 6 | 1 | 07/17/2024 | 07/17/2024 | Rock Creek Trail | Guided Day Hiking – Frontcountry | | 07/17/2024 | 07/17/2024 | Oxbow Trail | Guided Day Hiking | |

2. Step in Denali Inc brings 20 people to the park. They split into two groups and hike Triple Lakes, one from the North and one from the South.

| Clients | Guides | Primary Location | | | | | | |
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| | | Start Date | End Date | Location | Guided Activity | Notes | Start Date | End Date |
| 10 | 1 | 07/16/2024 | 07/16/2024 | Triple Lakes Trail - South | Guided Day Hiking – Frontcountry | | | |
| 10 | 1 | 07/16/2024 | 07/16/2024 | Triple Lakes Trail - North | Guided Day Hiking – Frontcountry | | | |

3. Moose Spotters USA brings 6 people to the park intending to hike the Triple Lakes trial. They end up seeing a moose on the McKinley Station Trail on their way and spend six hours watching it. Then they cross the bridge over Riley Creek, turn around, and hike back on the McKinley Station Trail.

| Clients | Guides | | | Second Location | | | | | |
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| | | Start Date | End Date | Location | Guided Activity | Notes | Start Date | End Date | Location |
| 6 | 2 | 08/21/2024 | 08/21/2024 | McKinley Station Trail | Guided Day Hiking – Frontcountry | | | | |

Problem Solving and Support

If you run into problems, have questions, or need help getting your trips entered please reach out to the Denali CUA Office by phone (907-683-9553) or email (dena_cua@nps.gov). We are always happy to help!