

Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge Interpretive Report 2012



Stellar Volunteers



Archaeology



Opening of Seaton



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How we'll miss "Queen Darlene"
Always in our hearts
In loving memory of Darlene Northway
July 10, 1942—October 1, 2012



2012 Interpretive Program

The following helped make this season a success:

- ◆ **Ted Agre** was always there to lend a helping hand—no matter what the task. Invaluable with our volunteers as well as with maintenance at our facilities. We certainly appreciated Ted's unflinching cheerfulness and willingness to assist.
- ◆ **Amy Bentele-Edwards** helped Mary Timm prepare the lunch for visitors at the Seaton Recreation Area Open House.
- ◆ **Dave Bergstrom**—a.k.a. "Mr. Perfect" - Dave spent a great deal of his summer working on facilities and at the Visitor Center. Whether he was getting the stairs finished or helping our volunteers, Dave was "perfect in every way"! :-)
- ◆ **Biology Staff Members**—**Hank Timm**, **Denise Turley**, **Nicole Torre***, and **Jeff Wells** helped support our Seaton Recreation Open House in late June (*in addition to helping set up Phenology Projects with our Volunteers).
- ◆ **Cora Demit** continued to enchant visitors and volunteers alike with her incredible life stories. Once again (20+ years) Cora handled the Alaska Geographic deposits for the Visitor Center in addition to helping to keep the VC sparkling clean.
- ◆ **Jim Ellis** provided help with electrical issues at the Visitor Center related to the Solar Panel and ventilation system. Jim supported the Volunteer Luncheon and kept us laughing with his great sense of humor
- ◆ **John Grafft** helped share his expertise as a forestry technician with our staff. He also helped us with trash removal at the end of the season—multi-tasking as went down the road checking on the fires in the area.
- ◆ **Buddy Johnson** continued to help us by sharing his biological expertise in addition to helping to train our volunteers for the Phenology Project. Thanks for always being there to consult with us re: text and biological accuracy.
- ◆ **Heather Johnson** helped plan the Seaton Roadhouse Open House in addition to helping train staff, overseeing the installation of new signs @ Seaton, lending a helping hand with volunteers, and staffing the visitor center. She also worked on revising the audio tour script.
- ◆ **Aleta Lavender** helped us in numerous ways—helping to order supplies for the VC/ facilities, supporting the volunteer program, selling/ promoting Ak. Geo. Items @ the Headquarters, etc.—always with her customary cheerfulness! Aleta also helped put all of our Volunteer living allowances in FBMS.
- ◆ **Ryan Mollnow** has eagerly supported our efforts in all of our Visitor Services endeavors and attended our Volunteer Barbecue in July.
- ◆ **Teddy Northway, Jr.** once again assisted with staffing the Visitor Center and providing many cultural perspectives to visitors from around the world, talking to diverse groups— Boy Scouts to retired sportsmen.
- ◆ **Kay Lynn Odle-Moore** helped to staff the VC, order all Ak. Geo products, promote Ak. Geo memberships, give weekly interpretive talks, and work with volunteers throughout the summer as well as occasionally helping with Environmental Ed programs.
- ◆ **Sylvia Pitka** once again assisted with staffing the Visitor Center and helped to share her Athabascan culture with visitors @ the VC as well as with those who joined her @ Deadman for her interpretive talks.
- ◆ **Jeff Randall** provided invaluable assistance at the Visitor Center, always happily lending a helping hand no matter what the task. Jeff also pitched in whenever we needed help with an extra interpretive program. We all learned about isotopes! :-)
- ◆ **Greg Risdahl** supported and guided our Visitor Services Programs throughout the year as we offered programs to our visitors throughout the summer season.
- ◆ **Mary Timm** helped no matter what she was asked to do—from helping to provide our Volunteers with interpretive props to jumping in and cooking for the Seaton Recreation Area Open House. Thanks for always being willing to lend a hand Mary.
- ◆ **Volunteers Extraordinaire:** **John & Eileen Myers** (1st session Deadman), **Don and Barb Leibel** (1st session VC), **Charlie and Barbara Mays** (2nd session VC) & **Ed Morris** (2nd session Deadman).
- ◆ **Huck Woody** certainly helped our Visitor Services program in the time he was here—cheerfully helping archeological staff @ Seaton and Dave and Ted with numerous maintenance chores.

Thank you!

Thanks so much!

Thank you!

Interpretive Staff for the season included:



Gora Demit



Jeff Randall



Kay Lynn Odle-Moore



Teddy Northway



Heather Johnson



Sylvia Pitka



*Wonderful memories
Summer 2012 -
with Jeff Randall*

Stellar STEP Student Jeff Randall



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Jeff
Randall

*Fun memories
Summer
2012*



Interpretive Programs in 2012

Interpretive programs began during the first full week of June, and they were offered to our Deadman Lake visitors through Labor Day Weekend. Our wonderful volunteers provided weekend programs, so we were once again able to offer our visitors programs seven nights a week.

Bead work demonstrations at the Visitor Center were visitor favorites once again.

We were able to offer programs to 681 visitors at Deadman Lake Campground. Additionally, hundreds of interpretive programs were given at the Visitor Center—sometimes to small groups and at other to groups of 40 or more who were traveling together on coaches.

Visitors continue to comment about the “personal touch” given by our Park Rangers and RITs. Many times visitors express their gratitude after presentations on guest registers, in blogs online, in person, and sometimes in hand-written follow-up notes or letters.

Presentation topics included: fire in the boreal forest, aurora borealis, permafrost, Robert Service - Bard of the North, Athabaskan cultural traditions and potlatches, medicinal plants, boreal botany, mushrooms, caribou—nomads of the North, Walter Northway biography with artifacts, isotope ecology, dragonflies and isotopes, adaptations to the cold, our brainiest sanitation workers—Ravens, Plants and Insects of the Taiga Trail, white-fish, gathering mushrooms, roots and berries, Trumpeter Swans, and traditional four season survival techniques.

Visitors once again enjoyed being able to take self-directed walks along the signed Taiga Trail. Often guest registers reflected positive comments about how much the visitors appreciated the signs along the trail.



**Multisensory Magic -
Taiga Trail Investigations**



Summer Solstice Group 5

3795 visitors watched our
Valley of Great Migrations DVD

Visitors enjoying programs



Ravens



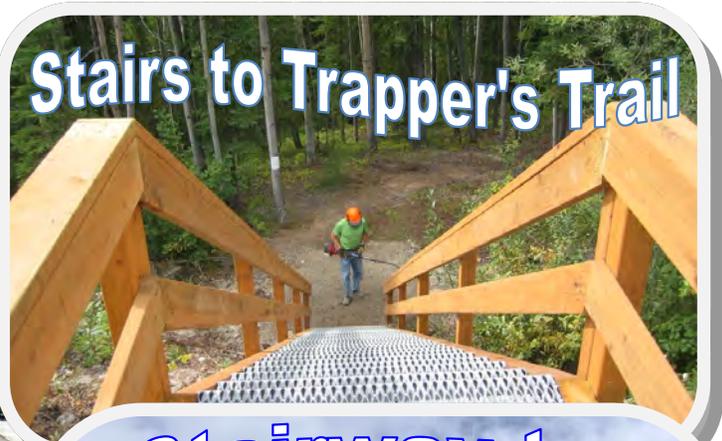
Brrr....Cold!

Caribou



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Visitor Center 2012



Visitor Center Enhancements



We loved our
new coffee table



fish net hung
over diorama



Jim Ellis working
on ventilation system



Guest register moved
away from front desk

Staining and Painting at the Visitor Center



Children especially enjoy investigating exhibits

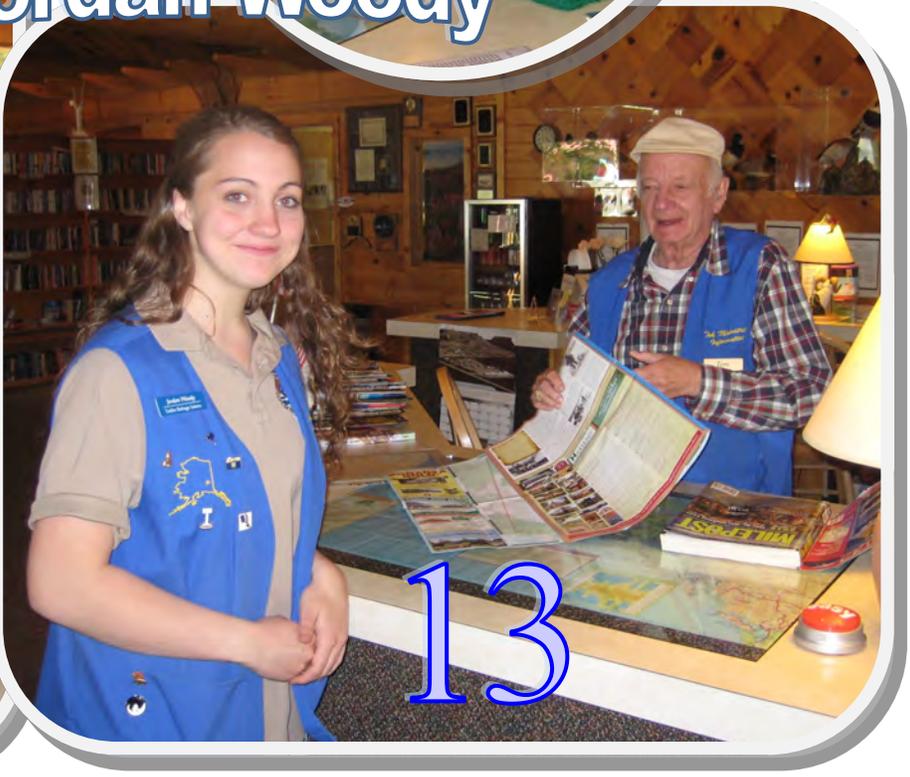
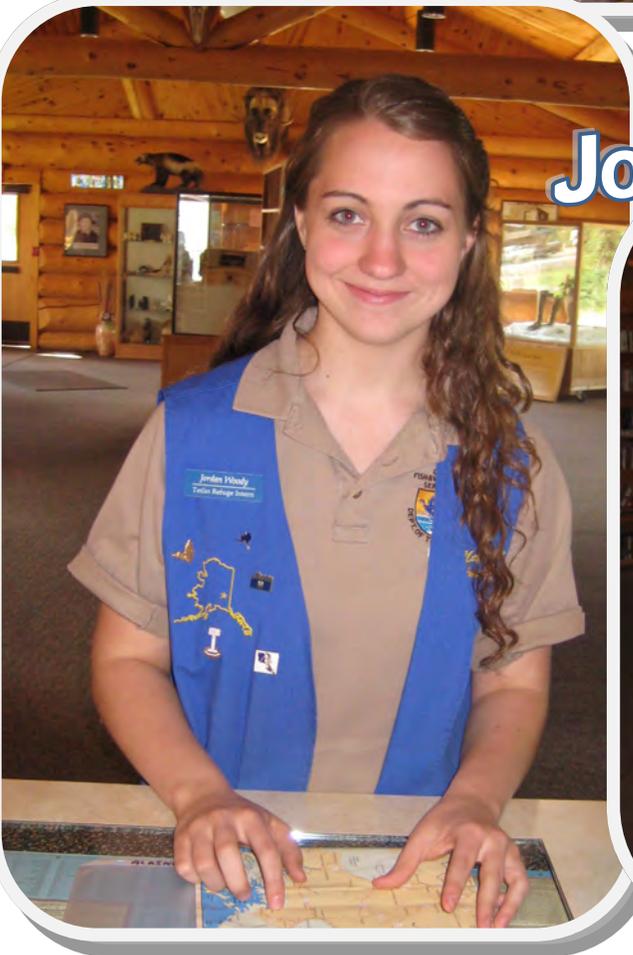


YCC 2012

Huck Woody



Jordan Woody





Tetlin NWR Facilities



Tetlin NWR Facilities	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% increase comparing 2011 & 2012
Lakeview	791	1021	1112	938	1028	+10%
Deadman	1701	1232	1475	1320	1544	+17%
Hidden Lake	430	524	447	491	533	+9%
Visitor Center	12,406	14,676	12,791	13,680	15,058	+10%
Totals	15328	17453	15825	16429	18163	+11%

Lakeview Campground

Despite a very rainy start to our summer season, we saw a **10%** increase in our visitation compared to our 2011 figures.



Deadman Lake Campground

Despite a very rainy start to our summer season, we saw a **17%** increase in our visitation compared to our 2011 figures.



Hidden Lake Trail

Despite a very rainy start to our summer season, we saw a **9%** increase in our visitation compared to our 2011 figures.



Comparing Registered Visitors 2011 & 2012

Tetlin NWR Facilities' Registered Visitors	May-11	May-12	Jun-11	Jun-12	Jul-11	Jul-12	Aug-11	Aug-12	Sep-11	Sep-12
Lakeview Campground	22	47	211	179	324	363	244	324	137	115
Deadman Lake Campground	60	128	285	338	537	538	305	517	133	23*
Hidden Lake Trail	41	31	53	103	209	130	131	177	57	92
Visitor Center	625	922	3418	3598	4500	5203	4181	4513	956	822

 increase over 2011

 decrease from 2011

* registers disappeared - possibly used for fire starter



**Huck Woody & John Myers
install new sign at Lakeview**

Another successful season with Kids Don't Float loaner stations @ Hidden Lake, Deadman Lake, Yarger Lake (Lakeview Campground) & Chisana River Launch area. PFD loans were appreciated by visitors.



Hidden Lake Trail

- ◆ **52% of our hikers were from outside of the United States** (of these foreign visitors 6% were from Australia, 12 % from Switzerland, 23% from Canada, and 40% from Germany).
- ◆ Hikers came from: **Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.**
- ◆ Hikers also came from **thirty-three states** in the United States (of these USA visitors, 4% were from **Wisconsin**, 6% from **Texas**, 7% from **Washington**, 8% from **California**, and 29% were from **Alaska**).
 - ◆ 18% of registered hikers reported **fishing @ Hidden Lake**
 - ◆ 24% of the registered hikers reported **birding** along the hike
 - ◆ **66%** of the registered hikers reported **photographing** during their hike
 - ◆ **50%** of the registered hikers had also stopped at the Visitor Center
- ◆ 27% of our hikers learned about Hidden Lake Trail from the Milepost, 24% from our road sign, 17% from our Visitor Center staff, 10% from a combination of volunteers, rangers, brochures and other VCs, & only 1% learned of our trail via the Internet.

Comments/ Suggestions for Hidden Lake Trail:

- * Amazing—we had a great boat trip!
- * Awesome!!! All of it.
- * Beautiful hike! Took the boat out and saw momma moose with calf!
- * Beautiful trail, lake, berries, breeze, and day
- * Caught and released larger rainbow 14" Thanks! :-)
- * Cycling from NY to AK to NY Thanks for the use of the boat!
- * Enjoyed the beautiful plants, trees, and tasty blueberries
- * Excellent walk—love the free boats. Thanks
- * Fantastic!
- * Fun little boat ride!!
- * Good for fishing
- * Great driving break and intro to this National Wildlife Refuge



Comments/ Suggestions for Hidden Lake Trail: (continued)

- * Good for fishing
- * Great fun with boat
- * Great idea (& trust in people) with the boats
- * Great trail—moose (cow and calf) at lake
- * Is the beaver gone? In 2010 there was 1
- * Loved the boats—there is a leak Your trail crew kicks ass! :-)
- * Lovely mid-day walk Thank you!
- * More moose/ beavers
- * Nice hike with the wooden planks
- * Nice touch with boats and PFDs
- * Nothing bigger than a squirrel today, but loved the tranquility (and warm sunshine!)
- * Peaceful!
- * Picnic table :-)
- * Remove leaky big boat :-)
- * Saw 2 moose Super!
- * Thank you for a wonderful day on the boat! Beautiful out here!
- * Thank you for the boat. 10 year old happy to catch fish!
- * Thanks for the boardwalk. Beautiful Refuge
- * Thanks for the boat use! Saw a female moose and calf feeding in the weeds! :-)
- * Thanks to the volunteers! Quiet was exquisite
- * Thanks! Loved the walk and view
- * Very enjoyable and great fun
- * Very nice, eh!
- * Was beautiful; we had a blast
- * Watched moose, nice boat trip
- * Wildlife viewing
- * Wonderful evening stroll



Lakeview Campground

- ◆ **54%** of our visitors to Lakeview this season came from **36** different states in the United States (of these visitors from the USA, 4% were from Florida, 5% from Oregon, 6% from Washington, 8% from California, and 35% were from Alaska)
 - ◆ **46%** of our visitors came from outside the United States (of those, **4%** were from **Australia**, **18%** from **Switzerland**, **24%** were from **Canada**, and **42%** were from **Germany**)
 - ◆ **Visitors came from:** Argentina, Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom.
 - ◆ **95%** of our visitors were camping overnight
 - ◆ **62%** of our registered visitors were in RVs and **30%** reported that they were tent camping
 - ◆ **10%** of our visitors were fishing, yet only **3%** reported boating at Lakeview
 - ◆ **16%** of our visitors were birding and **16%** were hiking
 - ◆ **25%** of our registered visitors visited the Photo Blind
- ⇒ **35%** of our registered visitors learned of Lakeview from the **Milepost**, **17%** from the Road Sign, **7%** from a map, and another **7%** from Rangers or VC staff, **6%** from brochures and other guidebooks, **2%** were returning from a previous visit, and **1%** learned about the site from the Internet.

Comments/ Suggestions for Lakeview Campground

- * 2nd stop—GREAT! Thanks!
- * 2nd time around - love it!
- * A dream
- * Absolutely wonderful
- * Amazing place
- * Appreciate VERY clean RR with hand sanitizer plus bear-proof dumpsters
- * AWESOME!!!
- * Beautiful and Budget! :-)
- * Beautiful birds with just enough bugs to feel at home
- * Beautiful campground (20+ comments similar to this one)
- * Beautiful! Nice clean bathrooms—Thanks!
- * Very well kept super clean!!



Yarger Lake—late autumn

Comments/ Suggestions for Lakeview Campground (continued)

- * Been here many times—one of my best stops in the woods
- * Clear dead brush near fire rings
- * Firewood/ Food locker
- * Food cache. Otherwise, great facility
- * Free, good berries, warm water, beautiful
- * Good spotting of trumpeter swans
- * Gorgeous! (repeated comment)
- * Great place—we enjoyed our stay (repeated numerous times)
- * Incredible Beautiful!
- * Keep this site just as it is!
- * Keep up the good job!
- * Leave everything the way it is! No improvements needed
- * Lots of birds!
- * Lovely—didn't locate blind
- * Nice clean area
- * Nice—liked the small well spaced sites; the blind is a nice touch.
- * One of our favorite campgrounds on the journey
- * Nice surprise—site could use a little leveling
- * O.K. No wood??
- * Outhouses very clean! Great place
- * Peaceful
- * Perfect for us
- * Pump defective
- * Quiet—Nice (repeated comment)
- * Restrooms clean campsites perfect Thank you!
- * Sager DOT Crew
- * Saw a beaver from the photo blind :-)
- * Spectacular—Thanks for making this available
- * Stay here every year—originally Milepost
- * Suggestion: Move/ level tend pads—Lovely spot! Thank you!!!
- * Thank you—wonderful! :-) (over 20 comments of a similar nature)
- * Thanks a million!
- * Thanks—photo blind clear brush
- * It's a great place to stay!
- * Thumbs up!
- * Tranquil
- * Turn off was easy to miss
- * UAF crew
- * Very beautiful day!
- * Very clean restroom and sanitizer
- * Very nicely maintained site
- * Water please
- * We like free!
- * We were here on the way and we're back
- * Well kept—thank you!
- * Wonderful place, had a good and peaceful time here
- * Wonderful scenery
- * Wonderful spot—Thank you!
- * Wonderful—Trumpeter Swans



Deadman Lake Campground

- ◆ **66%** of our visitors originated from **42** states of the United States of America (of those 2% came from Colorado, 3% from Arizona, 4% from Florida, another 4% from Wisconsin, 6% from California, 7% from Washington, and 43% from Alaska)
- ◆ **33%** of our registered visitors were from **21** countries outside of the United States (of those 6% were from Australia, 14% from Switzerland, 26% from Germany, and 34% from Canada)
- ◆ Visitors came from: **Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, and United Kingdom**
 - ◆ **78%** of our registered visitors were camping and 17% reported day use
 - ◆ **58%** of our visitors were in RVs and **24%** of our visitors reported tent camping
 - ◆ **18%** of our registered visitors reported fishing and **10%** were boating
 - ◆ **28%** of our registered visitors reported birding
 - ◆ **43%** of our registered visitors were hiking
 - ◆ **46%** of our registered visitors reported taking photographs and **4%** were bicycling
 - ◆ **33%** of our registered visitors had stopped at the Visitor Center
- ◆ **28%** of our registered visitors learned about Deadman Lake Campground through the Milepost, 22% learned by word of mouth, 15% from road signs, 5% from brochures and written material, another 5% from a previous visit, and 2% from the Internet



Suggestions/ Comments from our Visitors:

- ◆ "Brilliant!"
- ◆ A+ friendly
- ◆ Amazingly beautiful!
- ◆ Awesome campsite (comment repeated numerous times)
- ◆ Beautiful—lots of wildlife—will come again
- ◆ Beautiful - Quiet
- ◆ Beautiful—it is our second stay here
- ◆ Beautiful secluded campground! (many other comments repeated theme)
- ◆ Beautiful/ Great hosts! :-)

Suggestions/ Comments from our Visitors: (continued)

- ◆ Been here before Thank you!
- ◆ Best host Ed Morris Best Camp!
- ◆ Came here first in '68 or '69
- ◆ Cora Demit's talk was very interesting
- ◆ Drinking water?
- ◆ Excellent viewing, facilities, etc. Way to go Tetlin NWR!
- ◆ Good service
- ◆ Good talk, connects tourists to the environment 6/26/12 (Kay Lynn)
- ◆ Great facility! Thanks!
- ◆ Great and clean! Best I've seen yet!
- ◆ Great as always! (comment repeated)
- ◆ Great hospitality folks
- ◆ Great hosts! Good presentation
- ◆ Great place! Super clean
- ◆ Great presentation
- ◆ Great scenery, but unfortunately raining
- ◆ Great spot— also thanks for not closing!
- ◆ Great spot—Sunshine!
- ◆ Great! Free and clean!!!
- ◆ Great! Loved the lake and birds
- ◆ It's fantastic!!!
- ◆ It's hard to find a good place like this. It's a real treat and it really feels even better with no fee. We come from the Matsu Borough where you even pay for parking at a hiking trail at many places. So this is just great. Keep doing it!
- ◆ Kay Lynn—Excellent Presentation
- ◆ Learned a lot from the Interpretive trail Thanks!
- ◆ Lovely!! :-)
- ◆ Many improvements since last stayed several years ago
- ◆ More sites
- ◆ Most remote and quiet camp we've been to
- ◆ Most welcome agreeable hosts
- ◆ My favorite campground
- ◆ Natural good camp
- ◆ Need wider road
- ◆ Nice area Thanks!
- ◆ Nice campsites! Very private
- ◆ Nice job on the campground Ak. Parks could learn a lot from you
- ◆ Nice private sites
- ◆ Nice—stay free!
- ◆ Nice trail and viewing platform
- ◆ Best Site in Alaska!
- ◆ Oasis of silence!
- ◆ Perfect serenity
- ◆ Perfect spot to end the day!
- ◆ Perfect spot, quiet, nice pier, and lake, clean A+
- ◆ Perfect!
- ◆ Pike fantastic!
- ◆ Pleasant
- ◆ Pretty and peaceful
- ◆ Quiet Great camp hosts
- ◆ Return every summer great site!
- ◆ Sites not long enough for the modern day camper
- ◆ So very generous—Thank you!
- ◆ Stayed in 2005—great place—Thanks!
- ◆ Super clean bathrooms! Excellent lake and park Thanks!
- ◆ Thank you FWS!
- ◆ Thank you—it is fantastic (repeated comment)

Suggestions/ Comments from our Visitors: (continued)

- ◆ Thanks again for not closing
- ◆ Thanks for a nice clean campground
- ◆ Thanks for beautiful site!
- ◆ Thanks for being open! (repeated comment)
- ◆ Thanks for staying open and keeping clean
- ◆ Thanks John and Eileen! See you in July!
- ◆ Thanks! Will be back
- ◆ This is one of the best kept secrets in Alaska. We traveled for a month in AK and this campground is the BEST so far. Thanks to hosts, John and Eileen it's very well kept! Unfortunately we witnessed some local people come for a picnic and leave garbage behind and the fire burning! Also we saw a lady (native) who poured a bottle of bleach in the lake "to kill the bugs" so children can swim there.
- ◆ Too many people partying in Day Use area
- ◆ UAF Forestry Crew
- ◆ USFS—Beautiful Mosquitos—Yikes!
- ◆ VC—Great ladies
- ◆ Very accessible! Awesome
- ◆ Very beautiful place, nice lake
- ◆ Very impressed! Thanks!
- ◆ Very nice and informative host
- ◆ Very nice facility—Thanks! (repeated)
- ◆ Very nice—worth coming back
- ◆ Very peaceful
- ◆ Very quaint and quiet
- ◆ We LOVE this place!
- ◆ We were here in 2000—great stop!
- ◆ Widen road
- ◆ Widen road into the campground (written during rainy time period)
- ◆ Wildlife Service should be proud
- ◆ Wonderful place!
- ◆ Wonderful sites and FREE!
- ◆ Wonderful surprise Great staff!!
- ◆ Wonderful! Loved the poem verse reading at the interpretive program
- ◆ Wood for camp ring fires
- ◆ Wow!
- ◆ Your camp host Ed was very informative and helpful to our trip in Alaska



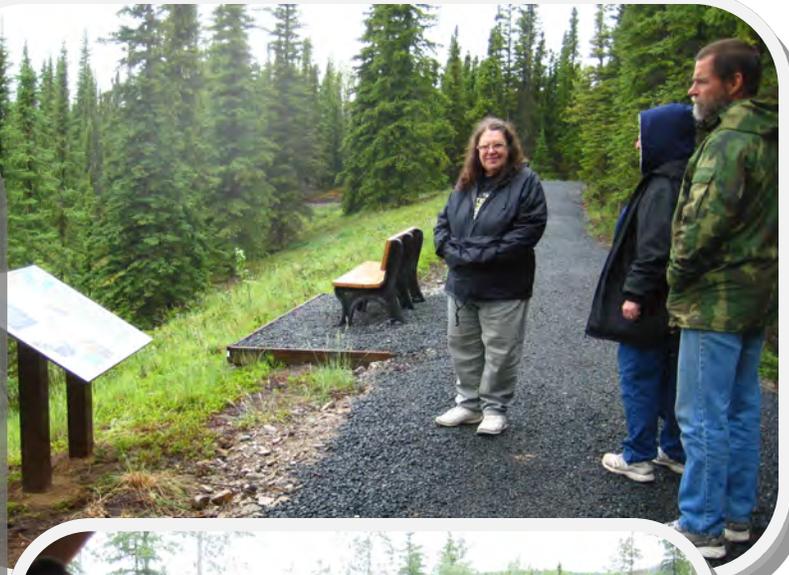
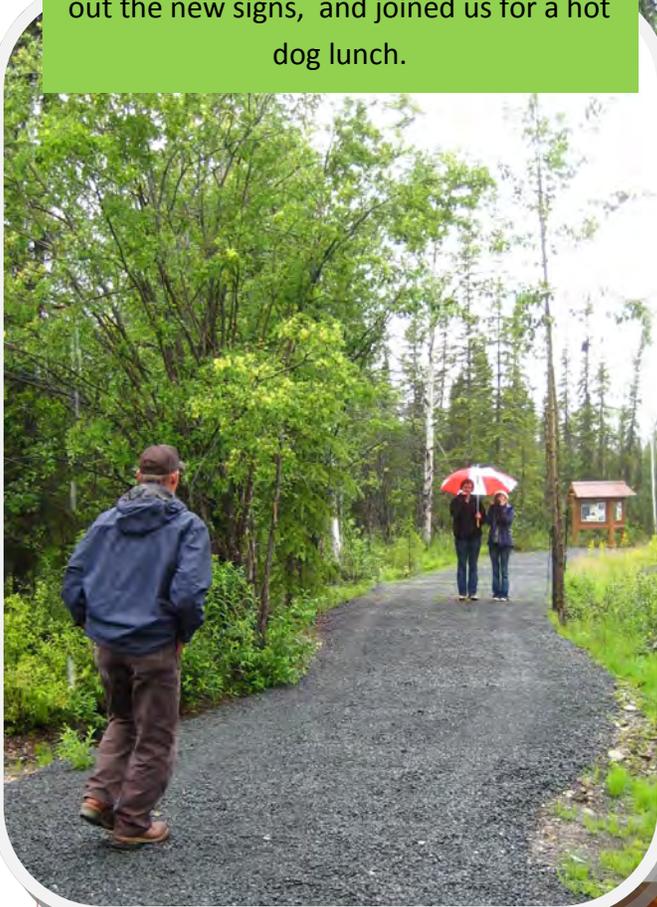
Archaeology Work @ Seaton Recreation Area



Debbie Corbett, Tiffany, & Huck help to remove artifacts from one site 24

Seaton Recreation Area Open House

Despite the pouring rain, there were some brave folks who hiked the trails, checked out the new signs, and joined us for a hot dog lunch.



WELCOME To
SEATON
RECREATION
AREA
OPEN HOUSE



Hurray for our helpful hosts!

Barb & Don Leibel helped orient visitors at Seaton Recreation Area



John and Eileen Myers helped to fill pot holes during an especially rainy summer



No matter what the chore, our wonderful volunteer hosts cheerfully completed them.

Left: John cleaning vault toilet

Of course, Eileen took these photos of John at work ! She was at his side.



Eileen Myers filling pot holes



Left: John empties dumpsters

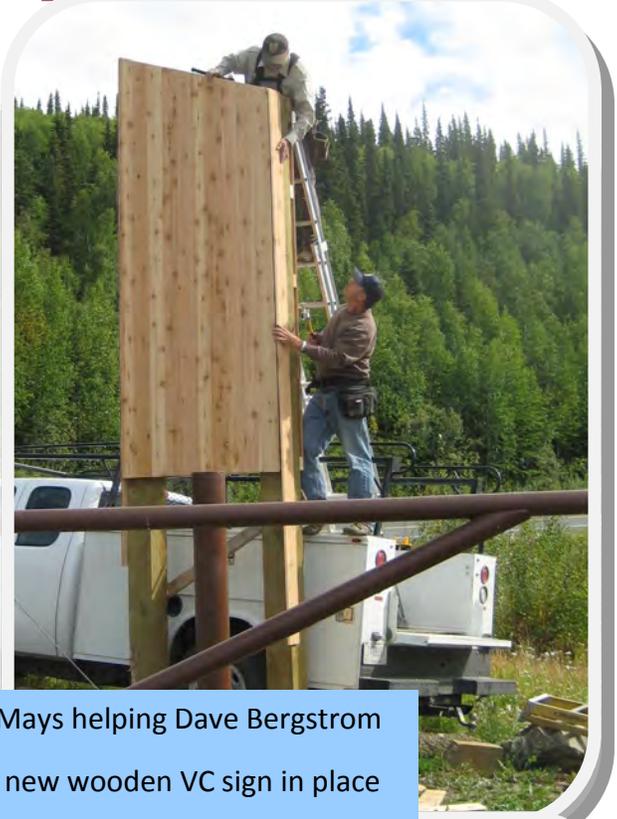
Right: John as he was weed whacking Deadman's Taiga Trail



Hurray for our helpful hosts!



Huck Woody and John Myers hanging new Kids Don't Float signs



Charlie Mays helping Dave Bergstrom get the new wooden VC sign in place

Barbara Mays Working on the VC deck



Barbara and Charlie Mays greeted many "after hours" visitors to our Visitor Center



"Ed Morris ROCKS!" according to the visitors he helped @ Deadman Lake



Hurray for our helpful hosts!



Charlie Mays helping with installation of Stairs to the VC Trapper's Trail



Don Leibel repainting wooden Tetlin sign (front VC)



Barbara Leibel sitting on Ranger, Cora Demit's lap— Yes, a "good time was had by all".



Don and Barb Leibel repainted the Tetlin Road Sign for VC & dried it in their own screened tent



Don and Barb Leibel cheerfully greeted Visitors at Seaton and at the VC
Right: Barb learned to bead too!



Charlie and Barbara Mays staining the VC Deck

Hurray for our helpful hosts!

Our **valuable volunteers** helped to make 2012 another successful summer season for Visitor Services. Their **valiant** efforts in our behalf helped us in so many ways: interpretation, leading guided hikes, clean-up projects, and maintenance.

Thank you!

Thanks so much to our stellar volunteers for 2012:

John and Eileen Myers (Deadman Lake Campground Session 1) 592+ hours!

Don and Barb Leibel (VC & Seaton—Session 1) 416+ hours!

Ed Morris (Deadman Lake Campground Session 2) 264+ hours!

◆ **Charlie and Barbara Mays (VC & Seaton—Session 2) 416+ hours!**



2012 Volunteer Accomplishments Include:

- ◆ Providing interpretive talks for visitors at Deadman Lake, VC, and Seaton Recreation Area as well as politely answering questions no matter when they were asked
- ◆ Cleaning 7 interpretive pullouts along the Alaska/ Canada Highway & checking/cleaning Hidden Lake Trailhead
- ◆ Putting out PFD's (and new signs) @ our four "Kids Don't Float" stations
- ◆ Cleaning RRs at both of our campgrounds and keeping bear-proof dumpsters emptied
- ◆ Re-staining the kiosk at the Visitor Center, re-staining the deck, painting VC benches, helping to install stairs for Trapper's Trail, and helping to erect the road sign
- ◆ Repainting Tetlin Signs (road and on building)
- ◆ Cleaning fire pits at the campgrounds
- ◆ Helping with the Seaton Recreation Area Open House as well as helping to keep this area clean for visitors
- ◆ Helping to collect phenology data for the Phenology Data Collection
- ◆ Filling pot holes in campground roads
- ◆ Happily greeting visitors and sharing information with them
- ◆ Cheerfully helping with many other tasks **WHENEVER** they were asked!

Thank you!

We couldn't have met our visitors' needs nearly as well without the many hours you contributed to Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge

Pilot, Kevin Fox, treated volunteers to a flight see



John & Eileen Myers were never idle—
always cheerfully greeting visitors or working at
facilities—note the characteristic smiles!



Eileen at
Hidden Lake
John and
Eileen
kept our
interpretive
areas looking
very tidy.



John repairing board-
walk at Hidden Lake



patching campground roads

John & Eileen Myers
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Don & Barb Leibel



Flight see with Kevin Fox



Don and Barb Leibel were awesome additions to our staff—happy to share knowledge with visitors at the VC, on the Trapper's Trail, and at Seaton



Barb happily sharing exhibits with children—her "grandmother" skills were eagerly put into action

Don taking advantage of a sunny day
—repainting the VC Tetlin sign

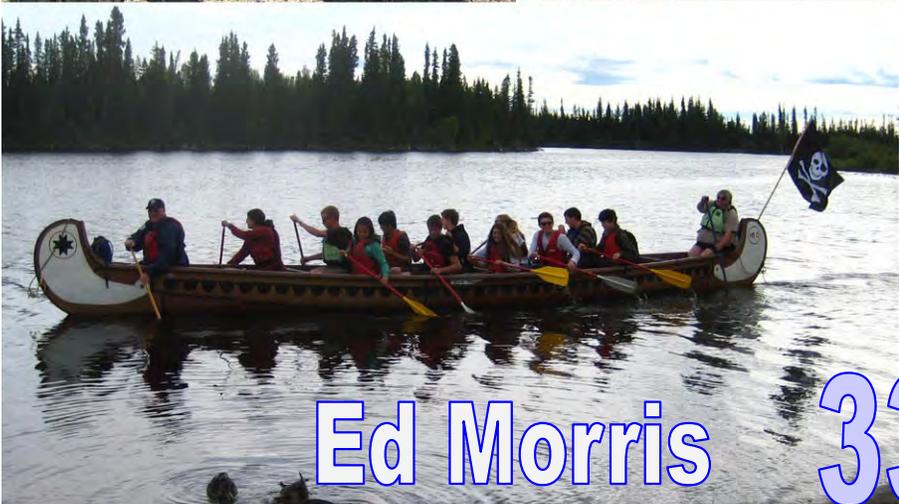


Thanks
for all
you've
done for
us!

Charlie & Barbara Mays



"I'm
healed!"
said the
Moose



Thanks!
Deadman
Ed
for all
you've
done for
us

Ed Morris 33

Thanks Marett!



Marett with bear claw @ Culture Camp July 2012

Marett Mollnow cheerfully volunteered 31. 5+ hours this season. She willingly gave up some of her free time to help answer phones and cheerfully greet visitors at our front desk. Often Marett worked with Aleta Lavender (pictured), but she also filled in when Aleta was gone.

Marett also traveled to Culture Camp in July



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Marett chatting with her dad, Ryan Mollnow, Refuge Manager.

Thank you!



Volunteer Barbeque



Recognition Luncheon



Yes, the gumbo was as good as reported!
Volunteer Luncheon

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Our volunteers are wonderful!

Successful Summer Season 2012 Closes

In spite of a struggling world economy, less visitors than normal from outside the USA, and a very rainy June and early July, we managed to accomplish much in our summer season; consequently, we have plenty to celebrate. Hopefully, you've enjoyed reading about some of our accomplishments as well as seeing some photographs which helped to tell our stories.

It has been my pleasure to compile them to share with you.

Sincerely,

Kay Lynn Odle-Moore



Yarger Lake sunset August 28, 2012

Photo taken after Interpretive Program 8-28-12 KLOM

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