

Accessibility on the NFPW Pre-Tour to Denali National Park and Fairbanks

Our Pre-Tour motorcoach to Denali National Park and Fairbanks is wheelchair accessible. There is room in the baggage compartment for a scooter or wheelchair.

At Denali National Park, all venues, including the Tundra Tour bus, have easily accessible ramps.

The Denali Park Hotel in Healy, where we will be staying the first night, has no stairs but has no handicapped bathroom. The Best Western in Fairbanks, where we will be staying for two nights, has handicapped rooms. We have already requested one for a tour participant. If anyone else needs one, we need to request it before our stay there.

The Riverboat Discovery tour, including the visit to the recreated Native village, is wheelchair accessible. People needing assistance can board early.

At Chena Hot Springs, they have a wheelchair available for guests needing it. The bus can unload passengers near the Ice Museum. If we knew ahead of time, we can request to use the wheelchair.

The shorter stops on the pre-tour are mixed.

At the Eklutna Cemetery, we will be walking over uneven ground. You can see the two small church buildings and some graves from the parking area.

At the Musk Ox Farm, one needs to walk up several steps into the gift shop/office and room of displays. The briefing is on the back deck, reached by stairs, followed by a walk across a broad lawn, then quite a distance on an unpaved road to the animal pens. I think a scooter or wheelchair could go around the building to the back deck without going up the steps. However, it is quite a long distance. The bathroom building has no steps.

The Iditarod Headquarters is accessible with a paved walkway to the building and no steps. It's a fairly short distance to where the dogs are kept, but that area is dirt, not paved.

The lunch stop at Sheep Creek Lodge has a number of steps which could be a problem for someone who can't climb steps. However, we could bring lunch (sandwiches and salad) to the bus for anyone who can't climb the steps.

At the Steese Highway pullout to view Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, there is quite a walk from the parking area to the displays and pipeline, but you can see it from the parking area.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks' Museum of the North is accessible, with an elevator.

At Creamer's Field, we can easily see the birds in the field from the bus without getting out to walk around on the dirt roads and trails. There is a viewing area with a bench fairly close to the PortaPotties. The building which houses the small gift shop has several steps.

At Talkeetna, we plan to stop and let everyone walk around on their own and eat on their own. A scooter or wheelchair could navigate the streets to see the town. Some of the old buildings have steps and might not be accessible but there are street vendors with food available.