

**Denali National Park and Preserve
2018 Semi-Structured Interview Guide**

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PRIVACY STATEMENT-

We estimate that it will take about one minute for the initial contact and 30 minutes to complete this interview. You may send comments concerning the burden estimates or any aspect of this information collection to: **Dr. Peter Newman, Professor, Recreation, Park and Tourism Management, 801G Ford Building, University Park, PA 16802, Penn State University, 814-863-7849** (phone) or **pbn3@psu.edu** (email).

Date: ____/____/____ ID Number: _____ Time: ____:____

Location: _____ Start: _____ End: _____

Interviewer: _____ # of Interviewees (Total): _____

Potential Language Barrier: ___Yes ___No # in group: _____

Script for visitors:

“Excuse me, my name is _____. I am conducting short interviews for Denali National Park and Preserve to better understand the types of experiences visitors seek while recreating here. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be anonymous. It will take about 30 minutes to complete. Are you 18 years of age or older and willing to participate?”

⇒If NO: “Can you describe what influenced you to visit Tattler Creek? Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you enjoy your visit.”

⇒If YES: “I’d like to record our conversation so I can share this information with the DENA staff later. Is this OK with you?”

⇒If NO: “Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you enjoy your visit.”

⇒If YES: “Excellent, we will begin the interview now.”

First we would like to know a little bit about your trip to DENA

TOPIC AREA 4: VISHIS7

1. Including this visit, how many times have you been to DENA?
 - (PROBE, if visited previously, how long ago was your last visit?)
 - (PROBE, if visited previously, have you been to Tattler Creek before?)
 - (PROBE, if visited Tattler Creek previously, do you live nearby?)

TOPIC AREA 2: ACCOM5

2. During this trip, how long have you been in DENA?

TOPIC AREA 2: INFOSOURCE9

3. Can you describe what influenced you to visit Tattler Creek?
 - (PROBE, for example what kind of experiences are you seeking, or what do you want to experience or see while here?)
 - (IF FOSSIL RELATED MOTIVATIONS, PROBE, tell me more about your past experiences and trips to see fossils)
 - i. (PROBE, are you visiting other locations to see fossils in Denali? If so, which locations?)

TOPIC AREA 2: INFOSOURCE9

4. *Can you describe the primary sources of information you used before, and during your trip to plan your activities at Tattler Creek?*
- *(PROBE, describe how helpful this source was, and how long before this trip did you use this source?)*
 - *(PROBE, did you actively seek out information about Tattler Creek, or did you happen to stumble upon it?)*

TOPIC AREA 3: EVALSERV3/TOPIC AREA 9: NATURAL/CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: WILD3

5. *How did experiencing a sense of wilderness fit into your reasons for visiting Tattler Creek.*
- *(PROBE, [If they indicate that wilderness experience was important] – what particular qualities of wilderness does Tattler Creek have? How is it different or unique when compared to other places?)*
 - *(PROBE, [If they indicate that wilderness experience was important] --- to what extent do you feel like you were able to experience a sense of wilderness?)*

TOPIC AREA 5: RecACT15

6. *Please describe if your experience in the Tattler Creek area was affected positively or negatively by the behaviors of other visitors here?*
- *(PROBE, did other visitors here influence your experience, and if so, how?)*

TOPIC AREA 3: EVALSERV3

7. *When you think of your experiences during this visit to Tattler Creek, did they meet your expectations?*
- *(PROBE, please describe why or why not, and what positively or negatively influenced your experiences and expectations here?)*

TOPIC AREA 3: TRANSERV13

8. *Please describe what you enjoyed most about your experiences at Tattler Creek.*

TOPIC AREA 3: TRANSERV14

9. *Please describe what you enjoyed least about your experiences at Tattler Creek.*

TOPIC AREA 3: EVALSERV4

10. *Overall, how would you describe the condition of the natural resources (trail conditions, ecological conditions, etc.) at Tattler Creek?*
- *(PROBE, did you think that the natural resources were in good condition, or did you experience impacts?)*

- (PROBE, [if visited are multiple times] ---- are the natural resources in better or worse conditions now than during previous visits?)

TOPIC AREA 6: CROWD25

11. Please describe how the number of people you encountered in the Tattler Creek area affected your experience today.

- (PROBE, were there too many people, just the right amount, or not enough?)

TOPIC AREA 5: RecEXP5

12. Please describe if you noticed any visitors behaving in a manner that disturbed Tattler Creek's natural and cultural resources? If YES, what activity did you notice, and where did this occur?

- (PROBE IF YES, what do you think managers should do to prevent visitors from disturbing the resources at Tattler Creek?)

TOPIC AREA 5: RecEXP5

13. Please describe if you noticed any visitors behaving in a manner that disturbed or impacted your experience while at Tattler Creek? If YES, what behavior did you notice, and where did this occur?

- (PROBE IF YES, what do you think managers should do to limit the impacts of other visitors' behaviors on visitor experiences in this area?)

TOPIC AREA 1: RES2/RES10

14. Are you a permanent resident of the United States?

- a. If YES, what is your primary zip code?
- b. If NO, what country are you from?

TOPIC AREA 1: AGE1

15. In what year were you born?

TOPIC AREA 1: GROUP5

16. How many adults and children were in your personal group today during your visit to [SITE NAME], including you?

- a. Number Adults?
- b. Number Children (under 18)?

Before we end, is there anything else that you or your group would like to share with us? Or any other comments you would like to add regarding what we chatted about today?

Thank you very much for your time!