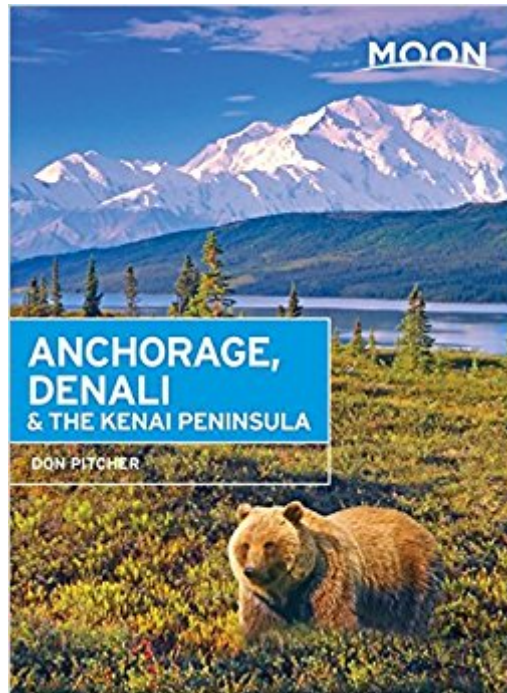




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# Moon Anchorage, Denali & The Kenai Peninsula (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

In this full-color guide, seasoned travel writer Don Pitcher shares the best ways to experience all that Anchorage, Denali, and the Kenai Peninsula have to offer, from Anchorage Museum's fascinating exhibits to the natural splendor of Denali National Park to Resurrection Bay's breathtaking wildlife tours. Pitcher leads travelers to the highlights of the three areas, offering tips on how to make an Anchorage stay enjoyable and affordable, what to bring on a trip to Denali, and which of the Kenai Peninsula's many outdoor recreational opportunities shouldn't be passed up. Complete with information on taking a boat trip to Portage Glacier, stepping into the past in old mining town Hope, and watching for belugas and bore tides on Turnagain Arm, Moon Anchorage, Denali & the Kenai Peninsula gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Perhaps Don Pitcher's love of travel came about because he moved so much as a child; by age 15 he had lived in six states and two dozen East Coast and Midwestern towns. Don's family hails from Maine, but he was born in Atlanta, making him a southerner with New England blood. He moved west for college, receiving a master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, where his thesis examined wildfires in the high elevation forests of Sequoia National Park. When his first (and only) scientific paper was published, he appeared to be headed into the world of ecological research. Don then landed what seemed like the coolest job on the planet shortly after grad school: being flown around Alaska's massive Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in a

helicopter while conducting fire research. Wild places continued to beckon, and over the next 15 years Don built backcountry trails, worked as a wilderness ranger, mapped grizzly bear habitats, and operated salmon weirs; anything to avoid an office job. After that first season in Alaska, he spent three months in the South Pacific, and quickly found himself addicted to travel. His explorations eventually took him to 35 countries and all 50 states. After authoring his first book, *Berkeley Inside/Out*, Don went on to write *Moon Yellowstone & Grand Teton*, *Moon Alaska*, *Moon Wyoming*, *Moon San Juan Islands*, and *Moon Anchorage, Denali & the Kenai Peninsula*. He has produced three photographic books, served as editor for *Best Places Alaska*, and is a contributor to [TripOrati.com](http://TripOrati.com) and other websites. Don's photos have appeared in a multitude of publications and advertisements, and his prints are sold in many Alaska and Washington galleries. He is also a highly regarded wedding photographer. Don lives in Homer, Alaska, with his wife, Karen Shemet, and their children, Aziza and Rio. Get details on his latest writing and photography projects; along with links to many of the places mentioned in this book; at [DonPitcher.com](http://DonPitcher.com), or find him on Facebook.

A true life saver. This book has a great breakdown of Anchorage and Denali and the Kenai penn. I didn't have a clue as to what to expect or even do with my time before I bought this book. Husband kept on saying "we will figure it out". NO! It doesn't work that way. I wasn't about to spend so much money to travel to Alaska and then spend my free time there on the web reading about what I couldn't afford or could have had. Although the author's price ranges may be a little on the low end, the links in the book were sound and I could get to where I needed on line to print off my own brochures. The book is comprehensive and will be an addendum to trip. I started reading this on my 8" and moved to my laptop for convenience sake. But, I didn't need to. I am so glad I bought the digital version. I'm taking the book with me on my tablet. I hope, I haven't look yet. But, I hope Moon has a great book like this for next year when we visit Arizona.

This is a very thorough and helpful guide. It's helped us decide to make some big changes to our itinerary for our upcoming trip to Alaska and I think our journey will be vastly improved because of it. It's well-written and interesting and there's even some humor in it as well. The guide gives quite a bit of back story information and history for the towns and areas covered as well as everything you need to know for lodging, dining, activities, and nightlife. The only thing I don't like is that the Kindle version has only black and white photos. I'm assuming there are color photos in the print version and, if so, I think the electronic version should have those as well.

Great travel book about the state of Alaska, what to see and when to travel. I plan a trip to Alaska in the summer and this book is just what I need to look up places to see and stay.

Excellent book! Super helpful with planning our camping trip in Denali National Park. Lots of great trails to choose from, and tips for prep. Highly recommended.

This is a good quality Moon offering with thorough treatment of sights, activities, accommodations and the like. Since I'm going to be in Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula I was mostly interested in how much attention they got, as opposed to Denali, which is not on my agenda. Good news. The first 25 pages are general intro and highlights. Anchorage and near vicinity get 83 pages. Denali clocks in at 56 pages. The rest, 100 pages, is devoted to the Kenai Peninsula. That's great. Whittier and the Portage Glacier area are treated as Anchorage vicinity, even though I think of them as on the Peninsula. From there we follow the Seward highway and get good coverage of Seward and Kenai Fjords National Park. From Seward one generally travels to Homer. This book offers a bit on most of the towns along that route, (Kenai, Kasilof, Clam Gulch), which helps get you oriented and interested. Homer is the primary southern destination and there's a lot of useful info on Homer, (and on the State Park across Kachemak Bay). So, as far as guidebooks to the Kenai Peninsula go this one has much more info than most, even if "Kenai Peninsula" is in smaller letters in the title. A nice find if that's what you need and a great way to become generally familiar with the region.

A very thorough guide to all aspects of travel in Denali National Forest and environs; trails, tours, hiking, biking, lodging, restaurants, as well as cautions involved in the area and intouring the area. Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula are also covered, though I can't speak for coverage of those places since my focus was Denali

Great information on this part of Alaska. This was our go-to guidebook when traveling in Anchorage, Kenai, and Denali areas. Good background info and recommendations for activities and restaurants. He includes info on animals and history. Nice photos, too. Thanks, Don Pitcher!

love it 6 of us are going together so we are passing it around and marking what we would like to see friends who live in AK didn't know about some interesting places and things

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