MOUNTAINS TO SEA

At 656,425 square miles, Alaska is the largest state, twice the size of Texas, and one fifth the size of the entire United States.

570,374 square miles of Alaska are land areas and 86,051 square miles of Alaska are covered by water. North to south, Alaska is 1,400 miles long. East to west, it is 2,700 miles from end-to-end.

Alaska has an estimated 100,000 glaciers which cover almost 5 percent (over 25,000 square miles) of the state.

Denali is the tallest mountain in North America at 20,310 feet.

Of the 20 highest peaks in the United States, 17 are in Alaska.

The Yukon River (third longest in the nation) flows 1,400 miles through central Alaska and into the Bering Sea. The river begins in Canada and is a total of 2,300 miles long.

Alaska has the longest coastline of any state. At 6,640 miles long the Alaska coast is longer than all the other states’ coastlines combined. Including islands, Alaska has 33,904 miles of shoreline.

Alaska has 3 million lakes, more than any other state.

NATURAL SPACES

By area, Alaska has 60 percent of the national parks. More than the rest of the U.S. put together.

Alaska has the first, second and third largest national parks: Wrangell-St. Elias, Gates of the Arctic and Denali.

Alaska has the first and second largest national forests, Tongass and Chugach.

Alaska has the 11 largest National Wildlife Refuges.

Alaska has the first and third largest contiguous state parks, Wood-TikChick State Park and Chugach State Park.
**WILDLIFE**

- Alaska is the only state with three species of bear (black, brown and polar).
- The largest bull moose can grow an 80-pound rack in a summer, adding a pound of bone a day.
- Alaska is also home to the largest land mammal in the Western Hemisphere (wood bison, up to 2,000 pounds)
- The largest salmon ever caught with rod and reel (king salmon was 97 pounds, caught on the Kenai River)
- Caribou move more than 3,000 miles across Alaska and Canada during their annual migration.

**ANCHORAGE TOPS**

- Anchorage is one of the largest cities by area in the country. Stretching from Portage Glacier to Eklutna – about 1,961 square miles – the city is the size of the state of Delaware. In fact, the four largest U.S. cities by land area are all in Alaska: Sitka, Juneau, Wrangell and Anchorage. Anchorage has the largest area on land.
- Anchorage has the busiest seaplane base in the world, Lake Hood, with 600 takeoffs and landings on the busiest summer day.
- Anchorage is home to the most popular salmon sport fishery in the state, Ship Creek.
- Most diverse neighborhood in America (Mountain View).
- Most diverse schools in the nation (East and Bartlett high schools at No. 1 and 2).

**ALASKA COMPARED TO THE U.S.**