

# Appalachia

---

Volume 63  
Number 1 *Winter/Spring 2012: The Great  
Eastern Alpine Zone*

---

Article 17

2012

## A Peak Ahead: The Lure of Alaska

Christine Woodside

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.dartmouth.edu/appalachia>



Part of the [Nonfiction Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Woodside, Christine (2012) "A Peak Ahead: The Lure of Alaska," *Appalachia*: Vol. 63: No. 1, Article 17.  
Available at: <https://digitalcommons.dartmouth.edu/appalachia/vol63/iss1/17>

This In Every Issue is brought to you for free and open access by Dartmouth Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Appalachia by an authorized editor of Dartmouth Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [dartmouthdigitalcommons@groups.dartmouth.edu](mailto:dartmouthdigitalcommons@groups.dartmouth.edu).

## The Lure of Alaska

ALASKA PULLS EASTERNERS LIKE A MAGNET TO ITS GIANT LAND MASS (twice the size of Texas)—its three dozen mountain ranges, volcanoes, rainforest, wild rivers, and urban hazards like grizzly bears crossing in front of cars. In the Summer/Fall 2012 issue of *Appalachia*, writers who moved to Alaska from the East will discuss why they wanted to go, and what happened once they got there. They will evaluate the reality versus expectations.

Our Alaska section will include feature essays by Jeff Fair, *Appalachia's* Alaska bureau chief, a writer, and biologist, who lives quietly in a cabin in Palmer and intends to stay; and by Matt Heid, the outdoor writer and Appalachian Mountain Club blogger, who lived in Anchorage (and explored remote regions) for three years before returning to Massachusetts. It will include an essay I'm working on about a little known Episcopal missionary named Hudson Stuck. He led the first successful climb of Mount McKinley (Denali) in 1913.

Andrew Riely returns to the journal's pages with a history of Gorman Chairback Camps, the last of three camps the Appalachian Mountain Club bought and refurbished for the public as part of its Maine Woods Initiative.

Doug Mayer and Rebecca Oreskes will visit with Bill Arnold, for the next installment of the interview series, "Mountain Voices." Arnold has worked or wandered almost daily in the mountains since he was a boy.

Marcyn Del Clements will take us back to Ice House Canyon in California, where she found what might have been a rare cliff-brake bird's-foot fern.

With these stories, and others, will appear our usual departments: the Accidents and Alpina reports, news in and near the mountains and rivers, research, and reviews of notable books. Until June, then!

—Christine Woodside  
*chris@chriswoodside.com*

---

*"I started reading Appalachia for the accident reports, but I kept reading for the great features."—Mohamed Ellozy, subscriber*

---

## SUPPORT THE STORIES YOU LOVE!

Start or renew your *Appalachia* subscription today, and keep reading America's longest-running journal of mountaineering and conservation.

Visit **outdoors.org/appalachia** for a special offer: 36% off the journal's cover price. That's three years of *Appalachia* (6 issues) for only \$42. Or choose a one-year subscription (2 issues) for \$18—18% off the cover price.



Inside every issue, you'll find:

- inspired writing on mountain exploration, adventurers, ecology, and conservation
- up-to-date news and notes on international expeditions
- analysis of recent Northeastern mountaineering accidents
- book reviews, poetry, and much more

Subscribe today at **outdoors.org/appalachia** or call 800-372-1758.



Subscription prices valid as of June 2022. Prices and offers subject to change without notice. For the most up-to-date information, visit [outdoors.org](https://outdoors.org).