

In the summer a person should wear a heavy sweatshirt and thick jeans. Even though it is summer, in the tundra it doesn't get overly warm so you still have to wear warm clothes otherwise it will be very chilly. In the winter a person should wear very technically advanced weather gear. Such as thermal socks, thermal underwear, a very heavy jacket, stocking hat, very thick gloves, and very thick boots.



White Owl



Polar Bear



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Tundra



The tundra is a usually very cold place to live in. If you want to take a trip to the tundra you will need to pack a lot of warm clothes. It is a pretty cool place to see because there is a variety of animals and plants.

The typical weather for the tundra varies a lot. Temperatures during the arctic winter can dip to -60 F. The average temperature of the warmest month is between 50 F and 32 F. Sometimes as few as 55 days per year have a temperature higher than 32 F. The average annual temperature is only 10 to 20F. The precipitation is very low in the tundra. It usually only receives less than 10 inches.

The types of animals that live in the tundra need to have a very thick layer of fur to survive the harsh winters that they endure. Some animals that live in the tundra are polar bears, white owls, coyotes, arctic fox, caribou, rabbits and hares, and mountain goats. Some of the foods that these animals eat are grass, luscious flowers, lichens, and mosses that grow there. Coyotes even eat other types of animals which include rabbits and hares.

Arctic Fox



White Rabbit

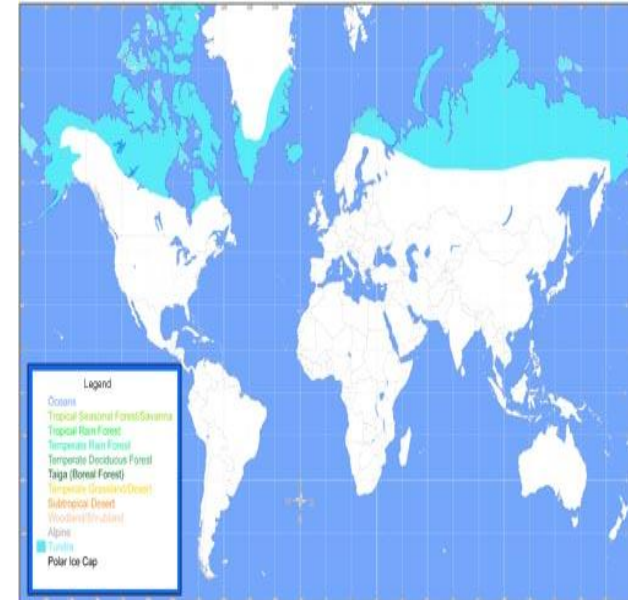


Some types of flowers that grow in the tundra are arctic lupine, arctic poppy, arctic willow, Labrador tea, snow gentian, pasque flower, purple saxifrage, bearberry, diamond-leaf willow, arctic moss, and the caribou moss. Some dominant vegetation that grows in the tundra are grass, lichens, shrubs, and mosses.

Bearberry



Map of the Tundra



Some activities that a person could do in the tundra would be hiking, floating on the river, or they could view all of the different types of wildlife that roam around the tundra. A person could also go skiing on Mount McKinley.

The best time of the year to visit the tundra would be the few short weeks in July and August because summer arrives in these northern climates. At this time of the year most regions get continual daylight, with the sun rarely setting and bathing the tundra in sunlight. The reason why you should go during those few weeks is because it will be warmer than usual.