Happy Birthday Novarupta!

Katmai National Monument was created in 1918 to preserve the famed Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, a spectacular forty square mile, 100 to 700 foot deep ash flow deposited by Novarupta Volcano in 1912. A National Park & Preserve since 1980, today Katmai is still famous for volcanoes, but also for brown bears, pristine waterways with abundant fish, remote wilderness, and a rugged coastline.

Did You Know?

In recent years, the number of bears visiting Brooks River has grown to almost 100. Each comes to feast upon the annual run of salmon in the mile and a half long river.