



Into the Wild

Literary Journey | 1990-1992



Summary

Into the Wild, written by Jon Krakauer, follows Chris McCandless from 1990-1992 from Atlanta, Georgia to just outside Healy, Alaska. McCandless gave away his entire life savings to charity and drove his Datsun west after graduation from Emory University. Little did his family know this would be the last time they would see Chris.

This map seeks to give a better understanding of where and how Chris McCandless traveled, people he met, and important points throughout each year of his journey.



Deliverables

- 2 PDF Maps
- Web Map
- Story Map

Problems to Solve

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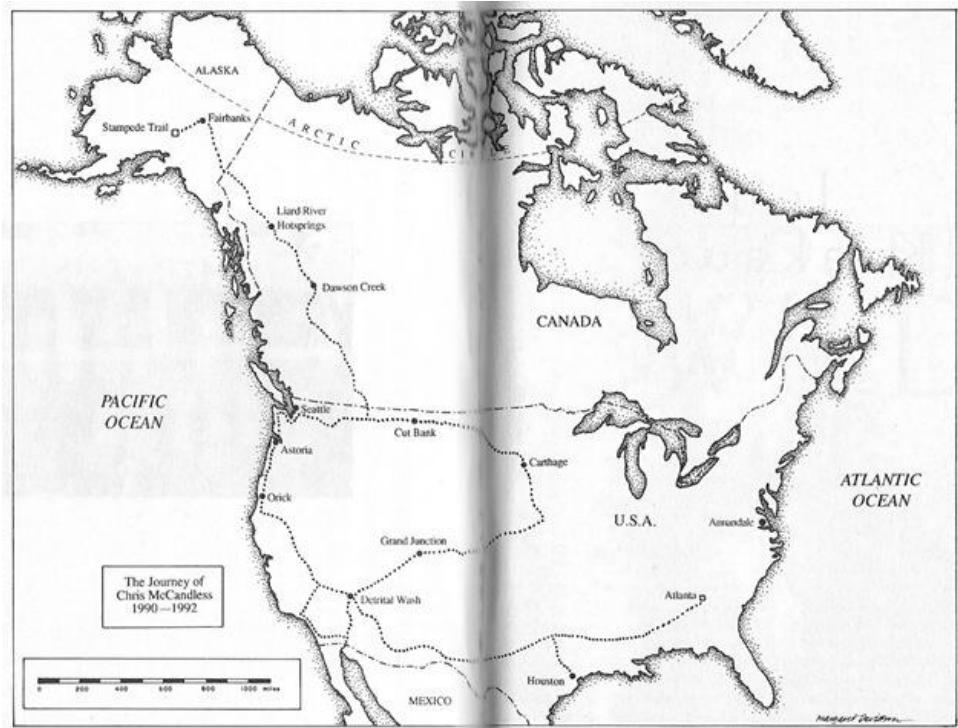
PDF maps do not have a character that reflects Chris McCandless' journey

2

New PDF and web maps alike sought to enable the reader to understand the different ways Chris traveled, and the adaptable sense of his personality

3

Existing PDF maps do not give the full sense of Chris' journey over the 2 years, or allow a breakdown of his journey per year to enhance understanding



Process



Data Creation - Path & Points

Manually digitized paths and points visited. Attribute table included applicable attributes: city, transportation mode, year, etc.

Merge Data

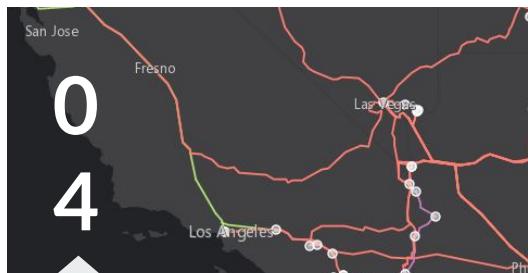
Data for points and journey were created per year and merged together for entire 2 year journey



Downloading Data / Geoprocessing

Data was downloaded from ArcGIS Portal for PCT, important points for McCandless in Alaska and online resources for NPS Boundary, and Alaskan Waterways

Process Cont.



Query Data

Select certain elements from the NPS layer, rivers, important points along McCandless' journey, PCT to get applicable data and information.

Cartography

The PDF maps were created in Illustrator and Photoshop. Color changes and image editing was done in Photoshop, text & layout were done in Illustrator.



Story Map & Web Map

The data was uploaded from ArcPro to ArcGIS Online to create and format the Web Map and & Story Map

Problems / Resolutions

01 | Export to Ai extension, EPS not readable by Ai

Exported layers at PDFs and brought into Adobe CC

02 | ArcPro PDF exporting only as squares

Update did not solve problem, had to export data layers separately and zoom out till the entire dataset fit into a square format

03 | Path Overlap

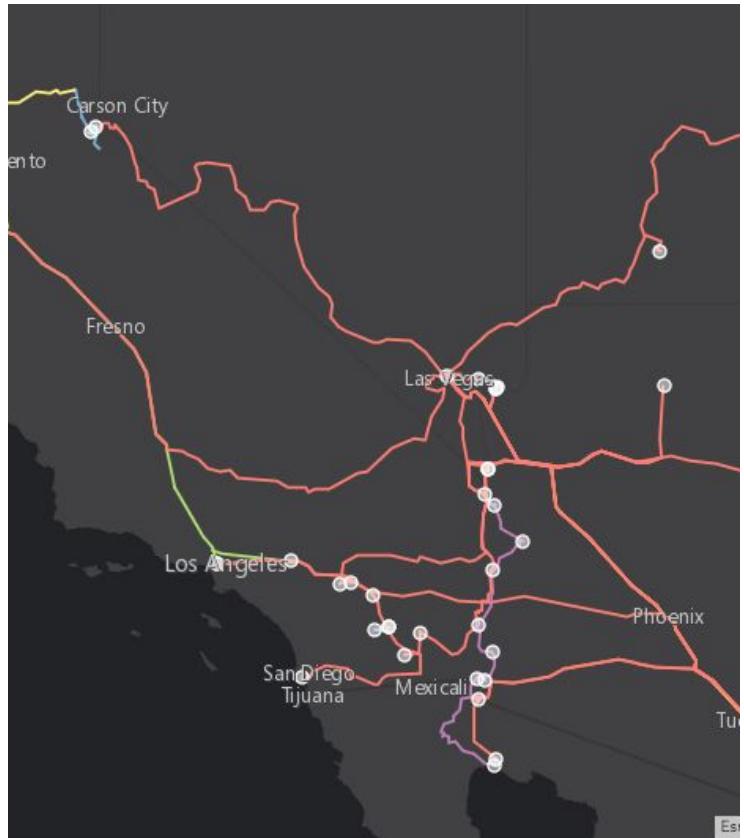
Certain paths were traveled multiple times with different modes of transportation, but the latest year appears on top.

04 | Exporting Graph/Chart

Attempted to export graphs to see which places were visited multiple times; graphs did not produce desired results

05 | Layout

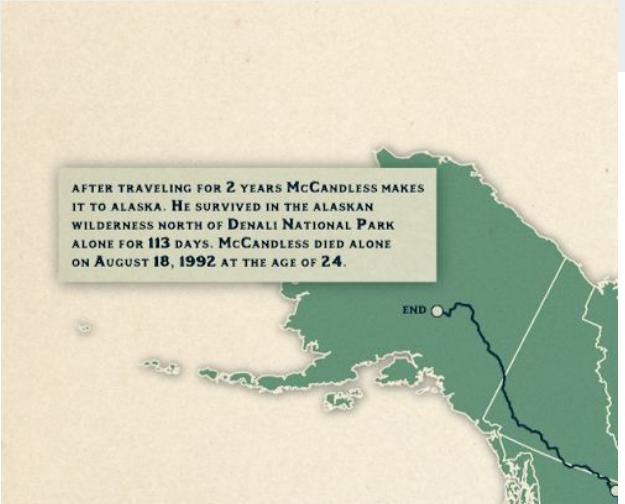
Layout of Alaska focus could be fine tuned more along with editing web map to create a more cohesive look





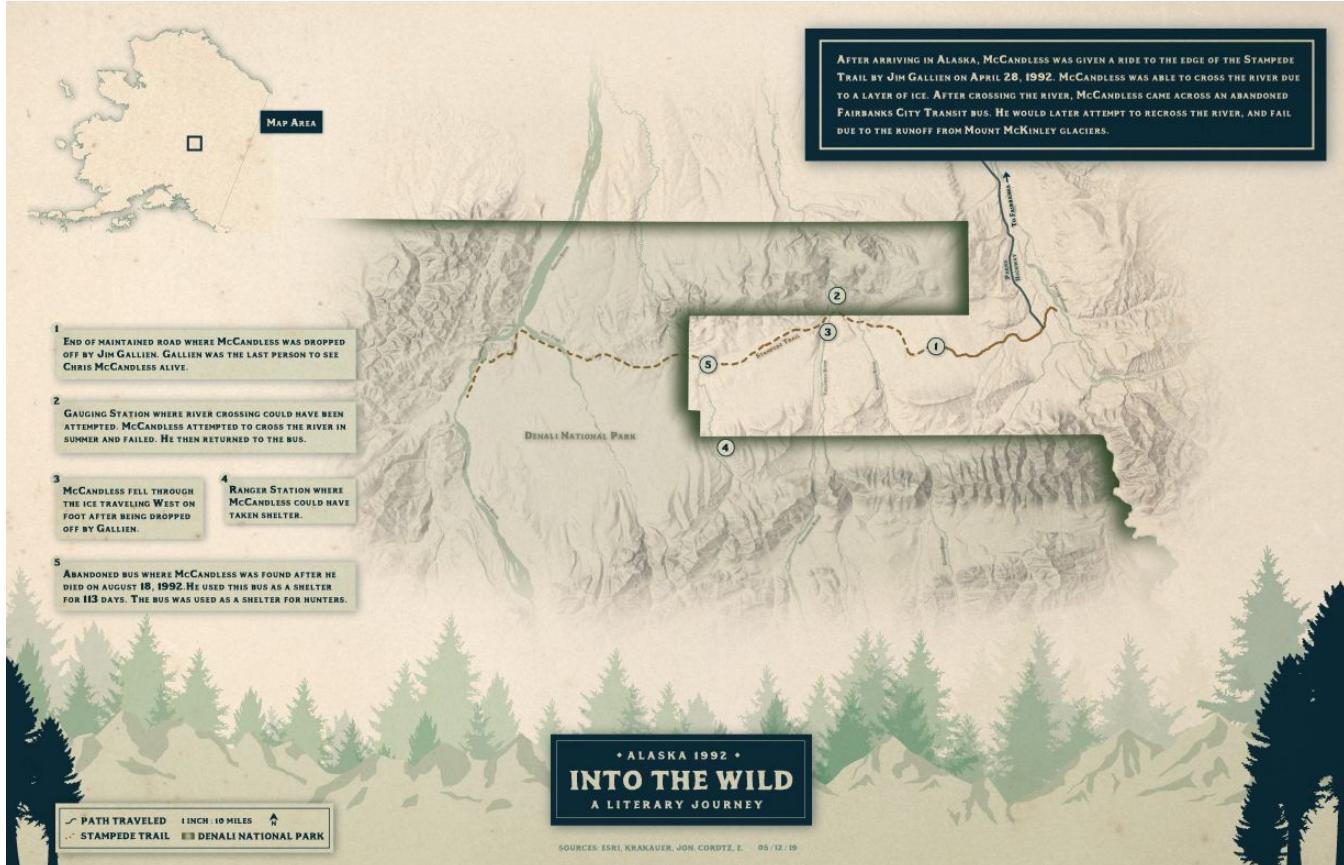
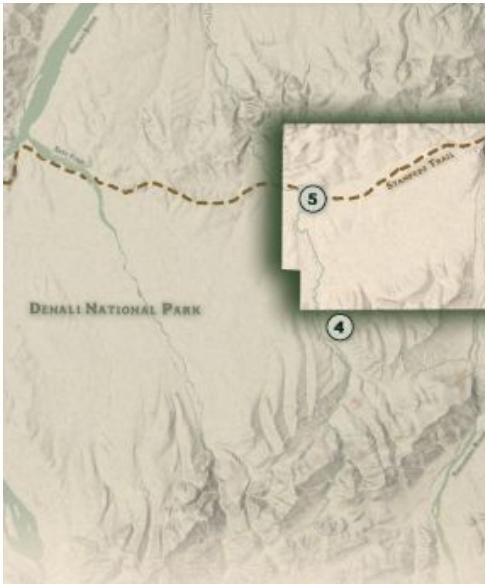
Proposed Solutions

Journey





Alaska







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Literary Journey

1990-1992

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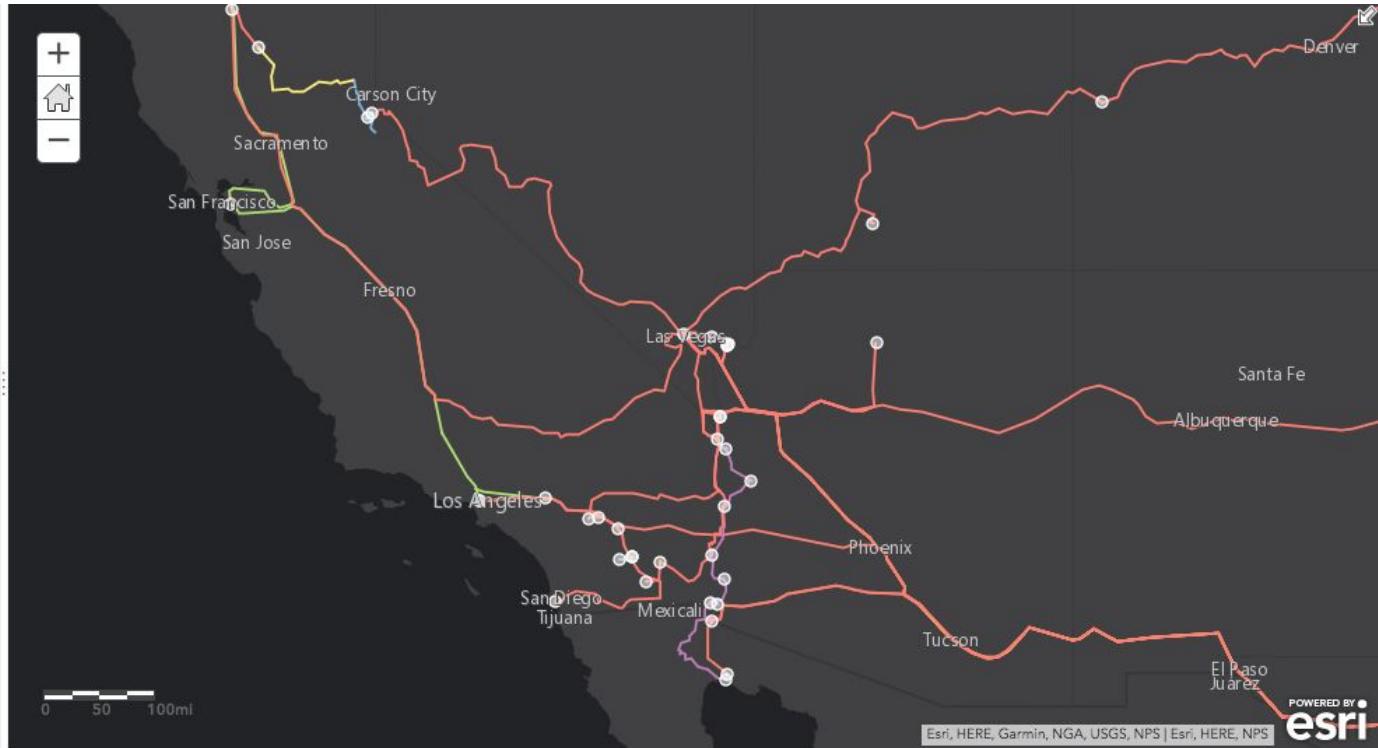
Maintained Road

Tram

- Important Points Alaska

- Stampede Trail

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Learning Experiences

- 01 | Data Creation and managing attribute table information
- 02 | Cartographic Principles
- 03 | Utilizing ArcGIS Online for Story Maps and Web Maps

A Story Map

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Chris spent 115 days in the Alaskan wilderness alone taking shelter in an abandoned Fairbanks bus. Even though Chris wanted to experience the Alaskan wilderness, he was extremely close to boundary of Denali National Park, ranger cabins, gauging stations, and only about 20 miles down the Stampede Trail. Chris was unable to recross the river due to snowmelt. If he had carried a topographic map, a river crossing location may have been located. It is estimated Chris died on August 18, 1992 at the age of 24.

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