

From the Soil to the Sky: 100 Years of Connection at Denali National Park
Denali National Park and Preserve
August 11 - 13, 2017

Course Description

Denali National Park is celebrating its Centennial in 2017, marking 100 years of protecting the natural abundance of this sub-arctic ecosystem. In honor of the Centennial, we put together a list of 100 species important to Denali, but like John Muir said, “when we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe”. While seeking these 100 species, we'll explore the meaningful connections between them. We'll strengthen our naturalist skills, and then take our knowledge of Denali and love of wilderness to the next level, by learning how to share that knowledge and passion with others in meaningful and inspiring ways. This course will be taught by long-time Denali resident Nan Eagleson and local writer Erica Watson.

Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Field courses are active learning experiences and take place off trail in Denali's wilderness. Hiking will be moderately strenuous over uneven tundra, forest, and river bar terrain, covering distances of approximately 5 miles round trip with as much as 1,500 feet of elevation gain. We will likely encounter wet tundra / forest conditions and stream crossings with water levels that are above hiking boots. **Participants must be in good physical condition.**

Times and Location

Participants meet at the Murie Science and Learning Center, located at mile 1 of the Park Road. This course begins at 6:30 pm on the first day and ends at 4:00 pm on the last day.

Lodging and Meals

This course is based out of the Murie Science and Learning Center Field Camp, located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining tent. Family-style meals are simple and healthy.

Accreditation

The University of Alaska Anchorage offers one professional development credit (level 500) for an additional \$69 fee. The 10% membership discount does not apply to the credit fee.

Questions?

More detailed information about this course can be found by opening the other documents in the “course details” tab on the website.

If you have other questions, please contact the Murie Science and Learning Center by email courses@alaskageographic.org or by calling (907) 683-6432.