



Wildflower Walks

Denali National Park and Preserve

June 19 - 21, 2017

Course Description

Each summer Denali blooms in a vibrant tapestry of wildflowers. Join Wendy Mahovic, member of Denali National Park's botany staff, for an exploration of these beautiful mountainside colors. While hiking the hillsides we'll learn how to identify wildflowers by sight, with a hand lens, and with field guides. We'll also investigate how subarctic wildflowers adapt to extreme latitude and high elevation. This is designed as an introductory course to Denali's wildflowers.

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 encounter wet tundra / forest conditions and a significant stream crossing 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.