



# Nature Journaling



## Dates

June 26 - 28, 2026



## Difficulty

Level 3



## Elevation Gain

Up to 1000 feet



## Hiking Distance

Up to 3 miles per day

## Course Description

Nature Journaling is a practice of creativity and curiosity that draws from our own experiences in the natural world. The process of drawing, writing and recording helps focus our attention in the present moment and place. Join artist-naturalist Kim McNett to learn beginner-friendly field sketching and recording techniques that will strengthen your nature observation skills and enhance your personal connection to wild places. You do not need to be a naturalist or an artist to get started, though these skills will develop as your pages fill!

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You must be physically prepared to hike off-trail up to 3 miles each day, comfortably, with elevation gains up to 1000 feet in undulating terrain. Expect uneven footing, wet boggy tundra, dense undergrowth, and minor stream crossings. Good coordination is recommended.

## Times and Location

Participants meet at the Murie Science and Learning Center, located at mile 1 of the Denali Park Road. Check-in starts at 6:00pm on Friday. The course begins at 6:30pm and will return to the park entrance area around 4pm on Sunday.

## 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 cabins and outhouses. Meals are simple and healthy.

## Professional Development Credit

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