



Ecology of Migratory Birds

Denali National Park and Preserve

August 25 – 28, 2017

Course Description

Autumn in Denali is bustling with activity as resident birds prepare for the long winter and migratory birds start their amazing journeys. The Wonder Lake region is one of the best places in Denali to search for flocks of migratory birds and study their behavior. Join Carol McIntyre, National Park Service wildlife biologist, to explore ridges, forests and wetlands in search of the many different species of birds that live or migrate through these areas. In addition to watching migrating birds in action, we'll learn about the many ways scientists study bird migration, and share discussions on the ecology and conservation of these amazing species.

Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Field courses are active learning experiences that take place off trail in Denali's wilderness. Course participants must be able to hike up to 5 to 8 miles a day across rugged and uneven terrain. Daily hikes include walking up and down small ridges and slopes, bush-whacking through alder and willow thickets and forested areas, and crossing smaller streams and small wetlands. **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 1:00 pm on the first day and ends at 4:00 pm on the last day.

Lodging and Meals

The entire course will be based from the Wonder Lake Campground at mile 85 of the Park Road. We will sleep in tents and cook together under the pavilion at the site. Family-style meals are simple and healthy. There are no heated areas at the campground.

Accreditation

The University of Alaska Anchorage offers two professional development credits (level 500) for an additional \$89 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.

