

Mushrooms of Denali

Denali National Park and Preserve
July 31 - August 2, 2017

Course Description

Late summer showcases a wealth of mushrooms throughout interior Alaska. Join renowned mycologist Dr. Gary Laursen in Denali and learn various techniques for identifying native wild mushrooms. Taking clues from the landscape, we'll hone our observation skills to help recognize fungal friends and foes. We'll gain experience using field guides and learn how making spore prints assists in mushroom identification. We'll learn about the many roles mushrooms play in Denali's vastly different environments as we gain an appreciation for wild mushrooms and how they influence our lives.

Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Field courses are active learning experiences and take place off trail in Denali's wilderness. Hiking will be moderate, covering distances of approximately 1 - 2 miles round trip, and including as much as 800 feet of elevation gain. We will be hiking off trail on uneven tundra and forest terrains and will likely encounter wet tundra / forest conditions and small stream crossings. **Participants should 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.