

Denali Field Retreats

Denali National Park and Preserve
Summer 2021

Retreat Description

Located 29 miles inside Denali National Park, our themed retreats offer comfortable camping in wall tents, exclusive experiences with resident experts, and time to unwind with a relaxing stroll along the Teklanika River bar.

Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Retreats 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 up to 5 miles round trip with as much as 1200 feet of elevation gain. We will likely encounter wet forest conditions and small stream crossings with water levels that are above hiking boots. **Participants must be in good physical condition.** If you are uncertain about your physical condition meeting retreat expectations, please contact us for more information.

Times and Location

Participants meet at the long term/RV parking lot near the Denali Visitor Center (Mile 1 of the Park Road). Check-in starts at 6:30pm on Friday and the group will begin traveling to the field camp by 7:00pm. The retreat ends at 1:00 pm on the last day at the Teklanika Field Camp. Participants will be asked to depart the Teklanika area by 5pm.

Field Camp

This retreat 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, outdoor picnic tables, a shared outdoor kitchen space, shared outhouses, and a small shared storage space. Each tent cabin has two sets of bunk beds with foam mattresses. The outdoor kitchen has a small propane stove and no refrigeration. **There is no electricity, plumbing, or any heated area, i.e., no hot water and no showers.** There is no cellular phone service in the Teklanika area.

Food

Participants should bring food for 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, and snacks. We recommend bringing easy to prepare foods that require little or no cooking. Participants will also need to bring their own dishware, cooking ware, and eating utensils.

Questions?

More detailed information about this course, including Covid mitigation, 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.