

Family Field Retreat Denali

Denali National Park and Preserve

July 1 - 4, 2022

Course Description

Come explore Denali with us! Create lasting memories and help the whole family develop a deep love for Denali over the holiday weekend. You'll enjoy one day of guided activities with a Murie Science and Learning Center educator while the other day will be yours to design with your family. Throughout the weekend we'll offer ideas on how to connect with nature through games, activities, stories, and more, as well as build our outdoor skills. Packing list should include curiosity, smiles, a sense of adventure and your playful spirit! This course is designed for families with children 5 years old and older.

Note to Parents

When preparing for this adventure, we ask that you carefully read through the gear list and have extra sets of clothing for each child. Outfitting each child with their own daypack, binoculars, water bottle, small journal with pencil, and their favorite snacks (if needed) will also help them enjoy the course. Some additional items of interest to children are waterproof/disposable cameras and some drawing supplies. Please keep electronic games at home to help your family make the most out of your immersion experience in Denali.

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 up to 3 miles round trip with as much as 1,000 feet of elevation gain. We will likely encounter wet tundra / forest conditions and stream crossings with water levels that are above hiking boots. **Participants must be in good physical condition.** If you are uncertain about your physical ability for this course, please contact us for more information.

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 on Monday.

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 outhouses. Meals are simple and healthy.

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 phone (907) 683-6432.