



Writing in the Footsteps of the Muries

Denali National Park and Preserve

July 24 - 26, 2022

Course Description

One hundred years ago, in the summer of 1922, two half-brothers, Olaus and Adolph Murie, arrived in Mount McKinley National Park (today's Denali NP) to study caribou. Over the following decades, they would revolutionize the sciences of ecology and wildlife biology, and marry half-sisters Mardy Thomas and Louise Gillete. Together the four would become pillars of the American wilderness preservation movement. Join Alaska author Kim Heacox to hike the tundra where the Muries did, and gain inspiration from their writing. Discover your own writing style and hone your skills while sharing ideas and insights with the group.

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 - 5 miles round trip with as much as 1,500 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 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 tent cabins and outhouses. Meals are simple and healthy.

Accreditation

The University of Alaska Anchorage offers one professional development credit (level 500) for an additional \$79 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.

