

## Wildflowers of Denali

Denali National Park and Preserve

June 25 - 27, 2024

### Course Description

Each summer Denali blooms in a vibrant tapestry of wildflowers. Join local naturalist Eric Groth for an exploration of these beautiful mountainside colors. While hiking the hillsides we'll learn how to identify plants by sight, with a hand lens, and with field guides. We'll investigate how subarctic flora adapt to extreme latitude and high elevation while exploring the park's unique patterns of plant diversity and ecological history. This is designed as an introductory course to Denali's wildflowers and other plants.

### 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 Tuesday. The course begins at 6:30pm and will return to the park entrance area around 4pm on Thursday.

### 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 (UAA) offers one professional development credit (level 500) for an additional \$79 fee. You must register for the credit directly with UAA. Please see our website for registration directions.

### 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@akgeo.org](mailto:courses@akgeo.org) or by calling (907) 683-6432.