

WINTER ECOLOGY: A SNOWSHOEING TREK FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

JANUARY 25, 2020
FEBRUARY 8, 2020
FEBRUARY 22, 2020
MARCH 7, 2020
MARCH 28, 2020



**Rocky
Mountain
Conservancy**

FIELD INSTITUTE

COURSE LEVEL: III COURSE #S: S6035, S6036, S6037, S6038, S6039
FEE: \$10 ADULTS, KIDS AGES 13 AND UNDER FREE (SNOWSHOES INCLUDED FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS)
INSTRUCTOR: FELLOW

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TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: WILD BASIN WINTER PARKING AREA

The Wild Basin entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park is off Highway 7 on the east side of the Continental Divide between Meeker Park and Allenspark. Turn west onto Wild Basin Road from Colorado Highway 7, about 13 miles south of Estes Park or two miles north of Allenspark. Continue west to the Copeland Lake area, approximately one-half mile from Highway 7. The winter parking area is about another mile beyond Copeland Lake on a narrow gravel road.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Discover the serene beauty of RMNP in the wintertime on this four-hour snowshoe hike. This fun and educational program will lead you through snow-covered pine, spruce, and fir trees to learn how plants and animals survive wintertime using their unique adaptations and keen survival skills. Also, learn more about the properties of snow and how it can help the inhabitants of an area survive the long winter months.

COURSE LEVEL: III

Moderate hikes of less than five miles per day with elevation gain of less than 1,000 feet. Elevation for this course will be approximately 10,000 feet. Significant time will be spent outdoors in winter conditions. Dress in layers and be prepared for winter weather conditions that may vary greatly and change abruptly.

EXPECTATIONS: Professional conduct will be expected from participants at all times. Individual ideas will be respected. Except during course breaks, cellular phones, pagers, and personal entertainment devices are strictly prohibited in the classroom and during field sessions.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM	Meet at parking area for introductions and expectations
9:15 AM	Begin hike
11:30 AM	Lunch break at Hidden Falls
Noon	Continue hike
1:00 PM	Arrive back at parking lot

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sack lunch, snacks, **WATER**
- Sunglasses
- **DRESS WARMLY AND IN LAYERS. WEAR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR.**
- Binocular (optional)

REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

Rocky Mountain National Park recommends that hikers always carry the 10 essentials in their daypacks.

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| ▪ Raingear | ▪ Map and compass | ▪ Flashlight or headlamp |
| ▪ Sunglasses and sunscreen | ▪ Candles | ▪ Matches or other fire starter |
| ▪ Pocketknife | ▪ First-aid kit | ▪ Extra layers of clothing |
| ▪ Sack lunch, snacks, water | | |

Note: Rocky Mountain Conservancy-Field Institute recommends that participants for all courses dress in layers and wear comfortable, sturdy hiking boots/shoes. Participants should be prepared for sudden changes in temperature and weather conditions.

REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations received at least 14 days prior to the start of a class will qualify for a refund minus a cancellation fee of \$25 per participant for a one-day class, \$50 for a multi-day class, \$5 per kid's class and \$15 per half-day class or bus tour seat. Registration money transferred to another class will be subject to a \$10 switch fee. Cancellations received less than 14 days prior to the start of a class or bus tour will not generate a refund. If the Field Institute cancels a class, every effort will be made to place the participant in another class; otherwise, a full refund will be given.