

JOURNEY TO THE TOP! A TRAIL RIDGE ROAD BUS ADVENTURE

JUNE 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28,
29 - 2020

JULY 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23,
26, 27, 29, 30 - 2020

AUGUST 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23,
24, 26, 27, 30, 31 - 2020

SEPTEMBER 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10 - 2020



Rocky
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FIELD INSTITUTE

COURSE LEVEL: I COURSE #S: S7201-S7256

FEE: \$75 PER ADULT, \$45 PER CHILD AGES 12 AND UNDER (INCLUDES LUNCH AND ENTRANCE FEE INTO ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK)

INSTRUCTOR: VARIES

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LOCATION: Rocky Mountain National Park, **Fall River Visitor Center** located at 3450 Fall River Rd. just before the north entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park, Colorado.

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

It is recommended that participants arrive early for their tours to fill out paperwork before departure.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The premier attraction of Rocky Mountain National Park is the scenic and breathtaking byway named Trail Ridge Road. As the nation's highest continuous paved highway, this road meanders through various life zones on its way through the park and over one of the largest, most pristine stretches of alpine tundra in the lower 48 states. A professional educational guide will provide participants with a unique overview of the park's history, flora, fauna, and geology while they view passing landscapes from the comfort of a 14-passenger bus or 12-passenger van, with opportunity for taking pictures at the many pull-off stops along the way. Some of the more notable features that guests will visit are the Alluvial Fan, Rainbow Curve, Milner Pass (Continental Divide), and the Alpine Visitor Center. *Both lunch and admission into Rocky Mountain National Park are included in the registration fee.*

COURSE LEVEL: I

This bus tour will include stops along the road for viewing wildlife. Participants may get out to take pictures, but no significant walking will be required.

Note: A significant portion of this tour will be at elevations above 11,000 ft.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM	Depart Fall River Visitor Center.
9:15 AM	Sheep Lakes
9:45 AM	Alluvial Fan/West Horseshoe Park
10:15 AM	Hidden Valley
10:45 AM	Many Parks Curve
11:15 AM	Rainbow Curve
11:45 AM	Alpine Visitor Center/Lunch
12:45 PM	Depart Alpine Visitor Center.
12:50 PM	Medicine Bow Curve
1:30 PM	Milner Pass (Continental Divide)
2:15 PM	Rock Cut
2:45 PM	Forest Canyon Overlook
3:30 PM	Arrive back at Fall River Visitor Center.

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.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Snacks, energy bars, and **WATER**
- Binocular
- Camera

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, and 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.