# SUNSET SAFARI: AN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE BY BUS

JUNE 12, 19, 26 - 2020 JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 2020 AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28 - 2020 SEPTEMBER 4, 2020



**COURSE LEVEL: II** 

COURSE #S: S7401-S7413

FEE: \$50 PER ADULT, \$25 PER CHILD AGES 12 AND UNDER (INCLUDES ENTRANCE FEE INTO

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK)** 

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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: 6:00-10:00 PM (JUNE & JULY)

**5:00-9:00 PM** (AUGUST & SEPTEMBER)

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

Course Description: Would you like to experience the sunset from above 12,000 feet? Join the Rocky Mountain Conservancy – Field Institute on a sunset safari over Trail Ridge Road. Enjoy the changing light, active wildlife, and calmness of dusk as you ascend in elevation from 7,522 feet in Estes Park to more than 12,090 feet along the Tundra Communities Trail at Rock Cut. Along the way, a professional education guide will lead interpretive walks and talks to discuss geology, flora, fauna, and the cultural history of Rocky at several pull-outs before arriving at Rock Cut to view the sunset over the Never Summer Mountains. Participants will have plenty of opportunities to take photos at pull-outs and enjoy the comfort of a 14-passenger bus or 12-passenger van.

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Short distance walks primarily on level terrain.

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

**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 (JUNE & JULY ONLY):

6:00 PM Depart from Fall River Visitor Center (FRVC).

6:15 PM Sheep Lakes

6:45 PM Many Parks Curve

7:15 PM Forest Canyon Overlook

7:45 PM Rock Cut (Tundra Communities Trail)

9:00 PM Depart Rock Cut

10:00 PM Return to Fall River Visitor Center.

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Snacks, energy bars, and WATER
- Binocular
- Cameras
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Warm clothing- It will be chilly on the tundra in the evening!

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Flashlight or headlamp

### REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

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

Raingear • Map and compass

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.