

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST: MOUNT IDA

AUGUST 29, 2020

COURSE LEVEL: IV COURSE #: S5008
FEE: \$50 PER ADULT AGES 16 AND OLDER



INSTRUCTOR: TBA

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LOCATION: Poudre Lake Trailhead – Drive Trail Ridge Road from the Beaver Meadows entrance station through Rocky Mountain National Park to the parking area for the Continental Divide at Milner Pass (approximately 25 miles).

TIME: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This hike on the western slope of Rocky Mountain National Park affords panoramic views of the Never Summer Mountains, Gorge Lakes, and both sides of the Continental Divide as participants traverse subalpine and tundra terrain to the top of Mount Ida. Possible sightings of bighorn sheep and elk can be enjoyed from the many lookout points along the way.

COURSE LEVEL: IV

Hike of more than five miles with elevation gain of more than 1,000 ft.

Roundtrip mileage: 9.6 miles

Elevation gain: 3,012 ft.

Maximum elevation reached: 12,889 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:

7:00 AM Meet at Poudre Lake Trailhead to begin hike.
Noon Lunch
4:00 PM Arrive back at Poudre Lake Trailhead.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sack lunch, snacks, energy bars, **WATER**
- Binocular
- Wear comfortable, layered clothing.
- Small notebook
- Whistle
- Camera (optional)

REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

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

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

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 \$25.00 per participant for a one-day class, \$50.00 for a multi-day class, and \$15 per bus tour seat. 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.