



Come Explore the Winter World of the Rocky Mountains!



Share the wonders of winter with your students! Come to Rocky Mountain National Park for fun, FREE, educational programs. Spend a day on snowshoes learning about the challenging conditions of winter in the park. Discover what plants and animals do during the winter season and how they have adapted to survive here. Programs are available for grades K-12. We provide the snowshoes!



Field Trip Programs

Winter fieldtrip programs will be offered from January - March 2012. Due to limited winter trails and snowshoes, a maximum of 30 students can be accommodated per day. We recommend that you plan for a minimum of 3.5 hours for a snowshoe program due to driving time to and from the trailhead.

Grades K-2

Winter Detectives

Students become winter detectives and search for clues to solve the mysteries of winter in Rocky Mountain National Park. By looking for signs of life in the snow, students will discover a completely different world that exists only during the winter.

Grades 6-12

Winter Ecology

Students snowshoe from Bear Lake to investigate how plants and animals survive in the winter conditions that exist in Rocky Mountain National Park. Students will look for evidence of life, discuss the survival strategies of animals and plants, and explore how a changing climate might affect animals designed for 8 months of winter. 4.5 hrs

Winter Mountain Survival

Students learn what materials to bring and what skills to know in order to survive a winter worst-case-scenario. They build snow pits to assess avalanche danger, transceivers to locate a buried "person," and build a snow shelter. 4.5 hrs

Grades 3-5

Snow Explorers

Students will become snow explorers and uncover the importance of snow in the sub alpine environment. Students will follow animal tracks, search under the snow, and discover the challenges animals face and their adaptations to survive the harsh winters months.

Snow Science

Students explore the science of snow in this hands-on snowshoe hike. Exploring snow characteristics, students dig a snow pit to look at layers, investigate the role of snow in Colorado's watersheds, then draw conclusions snow's role in the subalpine ecosystem. Additionally, they learn how this resource may be affected by climate change. 4.5 hrs

Winter Mountain Safety

Students learn how to stay safe while exploring the winter environment of the Colorado Rockies. Students will snowshoe to Nymph Lake or Dream Lake, as they discover the risks and rewards of winter recreation. 4.5 hrs

Classroom Programs

Can't get a bus? Worried about the weather? We can bring a program to your classroom! Choose from one of the many classroom programs that we offer for grades K-12. Please see the primary and secondary flyers with our 2012 offerings for more information.

Reservations

We are now accepting requests for 2012 programs. We recommend that you call to schedule a program at least one month before the desired date of the program.

To Register: Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.

To make a reservation, please contact:
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