

# Ranger Guided Discovery Hikes



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Each hike is limited to 11 people. You must sign-up at the Denali Visitor Center Information Desk. Proper gear and purchase of a Discovery Hike shuttle bus ticket are required.

<p><b><u>Saturday, July 05</u></b>  <b>Ranger :</b> Frannie Christensen  <b>Elevation Gain :</b> 900 ft.  <b>Difficulty :</b> Moderate  <b>Location :</b> Mile 35</p>	<p><b><u>Nature's Cathedral</u></b>                  We'll climb up, up, and up some more following a drainage on Cathedral Mountain. We will take our time to explore and discover, looking for wildflowers, tracks, and other animal sign. Be prepared for uneven terrain with sturdy high-top boots. Don't forget to bring plenty of water, a hearty lunch and snacks, full raingear, warm layers (the weather is never predictable!) , trekking poles if you have 'em, and a positive attitude. See you there!</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, July 06</u></b>  <b>Ranger :</b> Jori Welchans  <b>Elevation Gain :</b> 990 ft.  <b>Difficulty :</b> Moderate  <b>Location :</b> Mile 37</p>	<p><b><u>Tundra Delight</u></b>                  We will hike through thick brush and then burst out onto the soft tundra as we climb up the hills of Igloo Mountain. We will enjoy great views of Cathedral Mountain and test our skills in the Denali wilderness with a creek crossing, bushwhacking and steep hills. Bring sturdy boots, hiking poles (if you have them), raingear, a tasty lunch and plenty of water!</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, July 08</u></b>  <b>Ranger :</b> Jamie Milliken  <b>Elevation Gain :</b> 700 ft.  <b>Difficulty :</b> Moderate  <b>Location :</b> Polychrome Rest Stop</p>	<p><b><u>Hiking High on Polychrome</u></b>                  Come join me as we go hiking high on a ridge above the Polychrome rest stop. We'll start up from the rest stop, looking for animal signs and seasonal wildflowers along the way. Then we will top out at around 4200 feet, where the views should be awesome. We'll then drop down to the East Fork River where the terrain will get more challenging as we cross a long scree slope right above the river. Bring water, a hearty lunch, extra shoes and socks and you enthusiasm to hike.</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday, July 10</u></b>  <b>Ranger :</b> Michael Raffaeli  <b>Elevation Gain :</b> 600 ft.  <b>Difficulty :</b> Moderate  <b>Location :</b> ~Mile 25- between Sanctuary and</p>	<p><b><u>Where Mountains Meet Rivers</u></b>                  We will explore between massive Mt. Wright and the Teklanika River. As we journey towards the Tek canyon we'll pass through brush in search of flowers and wildlife. At the canyon, we'll turn around and head back along the river seeking signs that tell the stories of passing animals. Be prepared for a naturalist's adventure. Please be have food, water, sturdy shoes or boots, and raingear - there is always a chance of getting wet while hiking in Denali!</p>