



Discovery Hikes for: Saturday, September 5 - Thursday, September 10

A great hike to explore the heart of Denali. Expect uneven terrain, small stream crossings, close encounters with dense vegetation, and unpredictable weather on this trail-less wilderness hike. Hikers **must** sign up in person at the Denali Visitor Center one or two days prior to the hike. Hikers must also purchase a \$31.45 Discovery Hike bus ticket. Group size is limited to 11 people.

SAT Robbie Hannawacker
9/5

Location: Sanctuary River
Difficulty: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 1 foot

This moderate hike celebrates a subarctic riparian ecosystem. The flood-plain of the Sanctuary River acts as a natural corridor for wildlife. Taller white-spruce and shrubby willows provide cover and forage for animals. Though there is no guarantee of wildlife viewing, numerous tracks in the river-silt prove their existence.

SUN Janis Buckreus
9/6

Location: Teklanika River
Difficulty: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 20 feet

Walk with wildlife - at least, in their footsteps! This area of the Tek River will be an excellent place to explore for animal tracks & signs. We'll talk about the fascinating ecology & geology of this marvelous space between Cathedral and Double Mtns. Please be prepared with plenty of food & water. Expect wet feet in any kind of weather and pack accordingly. Hiking poles & an extra pair of socks (for the ride out) are also helpful.

MON Rachel Jencks
9/7

Location: Mile 54
Difficulty: Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 683 feet

Come and explore the valleys, ridgelines, and drainages of Denali. Many treasures may be hidden within these scenic locations... We will explore the landscape to see what we can find, whether it be wildlife, wildflowers, scat, tracks, skulls, etc... We will explore the wilderness of Denali together and see if we can discover some of the hidden treasures here.

TUE Jennifer Raffaelli
9/8

Location: Plains of Murie
Difficulty: Moderate
Elevation Gain: feet

We'll immerse ourselves in the fall scenery and take time to explore some of the treasures hidden out on the broad gravel bars below Polychrome. We'll talk about the area's namesake and his contributions to this park. Be prepared for a full day of hiking - plenty of food, water & layers of clothing as our fall weather can be quite temperamental. There is a high potential for a stream or river crossing on this hike so come prepared.

WED Rob Parenti
9/9

Location: Mile 52.5
Difficulty: Strenuous
Elevation Gain: 1,200 feet

Let's meander along a stream drainage up a Toklat area canyon. Scat & tracks may provide clues to Denali fauna. Birds of prey could possibly present themselves. We'll be walking on rocks, so sturdy footwear is recommended, as is raingear and extra socks (in case there is a small river crossing). Bring your lunch, some water, and a healthy curiosity!

WED Jamie Milliken
9/9

Location: Teklanika River
Difficulty: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 200 feet

Boldly go where no disco hike has gone before!
Come on my discovery hike! It'll be great fun. We'll travel upstream along the Teklanika River. While walking we'll look for signs of animal life including tracks, scat, and maybe even the animals themselves. Then we'll complete the hike by traversing through Igloo Forest to the road. Bring a hearty lunch and a **EXTRA-LARGE** sense of adventure!

THU Elizabeth Beavers
9/10

Location: Mile 35
Difficulty: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 999 feet

Explore Cathedral!

Today, we will hike into the heart of Cathedral Mountain, gradually ascending along a creek. We will take our time to explore, admiring fall colors, tracks, and other animal sign. Be prepared for uneven terrain and the possibility of a small creek crossing. Don't forget to bring plenty of water, a lunch, raingear, and warm layers.

Thursday, September 10 is the final date that Discovery Hikes will be offered in 2009