

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><u>Friday, July 13</u> Ranger : Meroë Adeeb Elevation Gain : ~50 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Teklanika River</p>	<p><u>Spooky Wildlife!</u> Join me on this Friday the 13th as we discover the evidence of wildlife activity on the Teklanika River bar. We'll keep our eyes peeled for flowers as well as footprints and scat, as these sneaky animals use this water source when we aren't looking. Bring some extra socks just in case we end up hopping over small portions of this braided river. Bring a layer, lunch, plenty of water and a fun attitude!</p>
<p><u>Monday, July 16</u> Ranger : Ian Healy Elevation Gain : 200 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 30</p>	<p><u>Come Take the Tek Trek</u> Come join me as we travel through the taiga forest and onto the banks of Denali's Teklanika River. Starting from the Teklanika Campground, we'll look for signs of wildlife, search for wildflowers, and find a pleasant place to stop for lunch. We'll avoid any river crossings, but you might bring extra socks just in case. Be prepared for a little bushwhacking at the beginning and any kind of weather. Bring layers, lunch, water, and your spirit of adventure.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, July 18</u> Ranger : Kate Collins Elevation Gain : 50 ft. Difficulty : moderate Location : Mile 32</p>	<p><u>Tiptoe through the forest</u> Enter into the wild mossy forest world at the base of Igloo mountain. Do your best Fred Astaire imitation in the shade of trees that are a hundred years your senior on a springy forest dance floor. Stop and smell the flowers. Return to the ordinary world by way of a broad river bar whose silty shore may hold records of the recent travels of moose, bears, or wolves.</p>
<p><u>Friday, July 20</u> Ranger : Frannie Christensen Elevation Gain : 1500 ft. Difficulty : Stenuous Location : Mile 23</p>	<p><u>A little bit of eveything on Mt. Wright</u> Come experience all that the Denali backcountry has to offer. This hike will take us through brush, taiga forest, and, finally, alpine tundra as we head towards the summit of Mt. Wright. We'll check out the wildflowers along the way and stop for lunch where we may have views of Mt. McKinley, weather permitting. Full raingear is recommend for this hike, as we'll be doing our fair share of bushwhacking. Bring a hearty lunch, plenty of water, extra socks, and your spirit of adventure!</p>