

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>Sunday, June 08</u> Ranger : Frannie Christensen Elevation Gain : 500-800 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 29</p>	<p><u>Teklanika Hills</u> We'll hop off the bus near the Teklanika campground and head off the road toward the east. For the first part of the hike we'll be walking through forest, brush, and perhaps some boggy, wet terrain. Next, we'll climb up to higher ground and explore one of many knolls where we'll look for early season blooms and signs of wildlife. Be prepared with good ankle support, extra socks, full rain gear, a head net for bugs, lots of water, snacks and a hearty lunch. Binoculars highly recommended!</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, June 10</u> Ranger : Dan Irelan Elevation Gain : 800 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 38 south of road</p>	<p><u>The Green (or Brown?) Rolling Hills of Sable</u> Today we'll climb a gently sloping ridge above the Upper Teklanika River near Sable Pass. Starting in the willow brush, we will cross Igloo Creek and head for higher ground. Once we've passed the brush, we'll ascend the rolling tundra in search of early blooms, nesting migrators and mountain views. Be prepared to get wet - rain gear and a change of socks or shoes for the ride home will help. Lunch and snacks are a must. Binoculars may come in handy too.</p>
<p><u>Thursday, June 12</u> Ranger : Frannie Christensen Elevation Gain : 200 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : W. of Teklanika Bridge (mile 30)</p>	<p><u>From the Forest to the River, Let's Explore!</u> Open your senses to the sights, sounds and smells of Denali. We'll discover the enchanting boreal forest and explore the Teklanika River searching for wildflowers and signs of wildlife. Bring a lunch, ample water, rain gear and be prepared to have a great time!</p>