

# Introduction to TRT Field Experience Course

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# Course Basics

- 3.0 credits
- Asynchronous, online course, self-paced
- TRT's should expect to set aside 4-5 hours/week to complete course activities
- Course open to TRT's as soon as CU Denver has contact information
- Spans 8 weeks



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# 8 Week Sequence

Week 1: Course introduction, complete required paperwork. park acclimation

Week 2: History of National Parks

Weeks 3-4: Development of Project Plan

Weeks 4-5: Understanding the Park

Weeks 5-6 Diversity and the National Parks

Weeks 6-7: Connecting Back to the Classroom:  
Introduction to Place-Based Learning

Weeks 7-8: Complete Final Project and Final Tasks



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# Course Requirements

- Entrance Survey
- PowerPoint Highlighting TRT's Park
- Online posts related to TRT experience and readings
- Project Plan
- Final Project
- Exit Survey



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# Project Plan and Final Project

- TRT is to work with park coordinator to determine appropriate project for the course that adds to the parks education programs and services.
- Project may take many formats
- Should be related to program goals, which are to provide teachers with:
  - Place-based learning experiences
  - Access to rich resources of NPS for inclusion into classroom and school
  - New knowledge and teaching skills related to resources and themes interpreted in the NPS



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# Required Paperwork from TRT's

## Start of Course (Introduction week)

- Entrance survey
- W9 form
- Trainer Agreement (requires coordinator signature)
- Consent form

## End of Course

- Exit survey
- Register online for course credits
- Course evaluation
- **Note: TRT's will receive \$3000 stipend once they complete these steps. The course must be completed by September 15<sup>th</sup> to receive the stipend.**



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