



Come Explore the Winter World of the Rocky Mountains



Share the wonders of winter with your students! Come to Rocky Mountain National Park for a fun, FREE, education program. Spend the day on snowshoes exploring the challenging conditions of winter in the park. Discover how plants and animals have adapted to survive the winter season. A variety of programs are available for grades K-12.



Field Trip Programs

Winter field trip programs are offered from mid January to mid March. Snowshoes are provided for all students and chaperones free of charge. Due to the limited number of winter trails and snowshoes, a maximum of 30 students can be accommodated per day. We recommend that you plan for a minimum of 3.5 hours for a snowshoe program due to driving time to and from the trailhead.

Grades K-2

Winter Detectives

Students become winter detectives and search for clues to solve the mysteries of winter in Rocky Mountain National Park. By looking for signs of life in the snow, students will discover a whole new winter world.

Grades 3-5

Snow Explorers

Students become snow explorers and uncover the importance of snow in the subalpine ecosystem. Students will follow animal tracks, search under the snow, and discover the challenges animals face and their adaptations to survive the harsh winters months.

Grades 6-12

Winter Ecology

Students snowshoe from Bear Lake to investigate how plants, animals, and humans survive the winter conditions that exist in Rocky Mountain National Park. Students look for evidence of life, discuss different survival strategies, and explore how a changing climate might affect animals designed for 8 months of winter. 4.5 hrs

AP Snow Science

Students explore the science of snow in this hands-on snowshoe hike. To explore snow characteristics students dig snow pits to look at layers and take measurements, investigate the role of snow in Colorado's watershed, and the subalpine ecosystem. Additionally, they look into how this finite resource may be affected by climate change. 4.5 hrs

Winter Mountain Safety and Survival

Students explore what it takes to be prepared to stay safe and be ready to take action during a winter worst-case-scenario. Students embark on a winter adventure with a ranger to discover what materials to bring and what skills to have in order to survive. Students will snowshoe to Nymph Lake or Dream Lake, as they discover the risks and rewards of winter recreation. Skills demonstrated include using transceivers to locate a buried "person" and building snow shelters. 4.5 hrs

Classroom Programs

Can't get a bus? Worried about the weather? We can bring a program to your classroom! Choose from one of the many classroom programs that we offer for grades K-12. For a list of program offerings and for more information visit <http://www.nps.gov/romo/learn/education/planafielddtrip.htm>.

Reservations

We are now accepting requests for programs. We recommend that you call to schedule a program at least one month before the desired date of the program.

To Register: Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.

To make a reservation, please contact:
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