

Rocky Mountain

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Rocky Mountain National Park
Colorado



Explore the Winter World at Rocky Mountain National Park

Share the wonders of winter with your students! Come to Rocky Mountain National Park for fun and educational programs. Spend a day on snowshoes exploring the challenging conditions of winter in the park. Discover what plants and animals do during the winter and how they have adapted to survive. Snowshoes are provided for students and programs are free of charge.

Winter field trip programs will be offered from January to March. A maximum of 30 students can be accommodated per day. We recommend that you plan for a minimum of 4 hours for a snowshoe program. To make a reservation, please contact the Education and Outreach Office by calling (970) 586-1338.

Field Trip Programs

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 completely different world that exists only during the winter.

Grades 6-12

Winter Mountain Safety and Survival

Students learn what materials to bring and what skills to know in order to survive a winter worst-case-scenario. They assess avalanche danger, use transceivers to locate a buried “person,” and build a snow shelter.

Snow Science

Students explore the science of snow in this hands-on snowshoe hike. Students learn about the characteristics of snow, dig a snow pit to look at layers, investigate and draw conclusions about the role of snow in Colorado’s watershed and in the subalpine ecosystem. Students discuss how this important resource may be affected by climate change.

Winter Ecology

Students investigate how plants and animals survive in the winter conditions that exist in Rocky Mountain National Park. Students look for evidence of life, discuss the survival strategies of animals and plants, and brainstorm how changing climate might affect animals designed for eight months of winter.

Grades 3-5

Winter Explorers

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

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 menu of program offerings and for more information visit http://www.nps.gov/romo/learn/education/classroom_programs.htm.

