

# ESTES VALLEY: HISTORY & HISTORIC SITES

MAY 29, 2020 OR  
JUNE 12, 2020

COURSE #: S4002, S4003 COURSE LEVEL: II  
FEE: \$80 PER ADULT AGES 16 AND OLDER



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FIELD INSTITUTE

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LOCATION: Rocky Mountain Conservancy – Field Institute & Conference Center  
1895 Fall River Road, Estes Park, Colorado

TIME: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide an overview of the region's past by mixing brief lecture-and-discussion format with visits to historical sites of significance. Site visits will range from an ancient Indian battlefield to early homesteads, from stately resorts to deserted cabins. The course will examine numerous historical sites in the Estes Valley to discover the outlines of settlement and change. This class is intended to be more than just an historical tour. Participants are urged to sample the bibliography listed below before attending the class.

## COURSE LEVEL: II

Short-distance walks throughout the day primarily on level terrain.

**BRIEF INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY (additional information available at [www.RMConservancy.org](http://www.RMConservancy.org)):** Curt is the former executive director of the Rocky Mountain Nature Association (Rocky Mountain Conservancy) and author of *Rocky Mountain National Park: A History*. In addition to writing histories of Rocky Mountain, Glacier, and several other national parks, Curt has also been a park ranger and college history teacher. He has served as an associate editor of the *National Parkways* magazine and authored numerous articles about national parks, history, and the West.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Professional conduct will be expected from participants at all times. Individual ideas will be respected. Except during course breaks, cellular phones, pagers, and personal entertainment devices are strictly prohibited in the classroom and during field sessions.

**CAR-POOLING:** Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute courses utilize car-pooling to limit vehicles traveling into the park. Car-pooling makes it easier to keep the group together, reduces transit time, and allows courses greater access because fewer parking spaces are required at destinations. In addition, it provides an opportunity for participants to discuss course material in small groups during transit. Typically, a few participants from each course volunteer the use of their vehicles for car-pooling to course locations.

## TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM	Introductions and departure
10:00 AM	Site visits: Native American <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discovery and settlement</li><li>• Early enterprise</li></ul>
12:30 PM	Lunch at a picnic site
1:30 PM	Historic resort site visit
3:30 PM	Preservation and the park/discussion and additional site visits as time permits
5:00 PM	Return to the Field Institute

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- **Sack lunch**, snacks, energy bars, **WATER**
- Binocular
- Notebook
- Pen/pencil
- Camera (optional)

**REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:**

Rocky Mountain National Park recommends that hikers always carry the 10 essentials in their daypacks.

- Raingear
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Pocketknife
- Sack lunch, snacks, water
- Map and compass
- Candles
- First-aid kit
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Matches or other fire starter
- Extra layers of clothing

*Note: Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute recommends that participants for all courses dress in layers and wear comfortable, sturdy hiking boots/shoes. Participants should be prepared for sudden changes in temperature and weather conditions.*

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

Bird, Isabella. *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains* (Norman, 1979)  
Buchholtz, C.W. *Rocky Mountain National Park: A History* (Boulder, 1983)  
Nash, R. *Wilderness and the American Mind* (New Haven, 1969)  
Sax, Joseph. *Mountains Without Handrails* (Ann Arbor, 1980)

**REFUND POLICY:**

Cancellations received at least 14 days prior to the start of a class will qualify for a refund minus a cancellation fee of \$25 per participant for a one-day class, \$50 for a multi-day class, \$5 per kid's class and \$15 per half-day class or bus tour seat. Registration money transferred to another class will be subject to a \$10 switch fee. Cancellations received less than 14 days prior to the start of a class or bus tour will not generate a refund. If the Field Institute cancels a class, every effort will be made to place the participant in another class; otherwise, a full refund will be given.

**TEACHER RECERTIFICATION CREDIT:**

Most courses are eligible for teacher recertification credit through the Centennial Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES). The fee is \$25 per class (.5 unit) or \$25 per series of threaded classes (1.0 - 3.0 units). A list of threaded courses can be found online at [www.RMConservancy.org](http://www.RMConservancy.org). Participants must enroll in all classes of a threaded series in order to qualify for the \$25 multi-unit fee. Please be prepared to pay for this credit with a check, made payable to BOCES, on the first day of a class or on the final day of a threaded series of courses.