

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST: LAWN LAKE

AUGUST 22, 2020

COURSE LEVEL: IV COURSE #: S5007

FEE: \$50 PER ADULT AGES 16 AND OLDER

INSTRUCTOR: TBA



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LOCATION: This hike will meet at the **Lawn Lake Trailhead** located inside Rocky Mountain National Park off Old Fall River Road. From the Fall River entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park, drive through the Park to the first road on your right with signs for Old Fall River Road, Alluvial Fan, and Lawn Lake Trailhead. The trailhead is the first parking area on the right off Old Fall River Road. Meet your instructor by the restrooms.

TIME: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Participants will follow the Roaring River up to Lawn Lake, site of the 1982 Lawn Lake flood, to view the lake in its now-natural state. Along the way, folks can see and learn about the history of the flood while contemplating the rich pine forests and stream ecosystems of the Park. At Lawn Lake, flanked by Mummy, Hagues, and Fairchild Mountains, participants will experience breathtaking views of 13,000ft peaks surrounded by subalpine and alpine meadows. Occasionally one might view bighorn sheep and other wildlife along this life-filled corridor.

COURSE LEVEL: IV

Hike of more than five miles with elevation gain of more than 1,000 ft.

Round-trip mileage: 12.5

Elevation gain: 2,558 ft.

Maximum elevation reached: 11,019 ft.

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.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

7:00 AM Meet at Lawn Lake Trailhead to begin hike.

Noon Lunch

4:00 PM Arrive back at trailhead.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sack lunch, snacks, energy bars, **WATER**
- Binocular
- Wear comfortable, layered clothing.
- Small notebook; pen or pencil
- Camera (optional)
- Whistle

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, and 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.

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 \$25.00 per participant for a one-day class, \$50.00 for a multi-day class, \$5 per kid's class and \$15 per bus tour seat. 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.