

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST: OUZEL LAKE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

COURSE LEVEL: IV COURSE #: S5009
FEE: \$50 PER ADULT AGES 16 AND OLDER



INSTRUCTOR: TBA

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LOCATION: The **Wild Basin Trailhead**, Rocky Mountain National Park. The Wild Basin Trailhead is on the east side of the Continental Divide between Meeker Park and Allenspark. Turn west on to Wild Basin Road from Colorado Highway 7, about 13 miles south of Estes Park or two miles north of Allenspark. Continue west to the Copeland Lake area, roughly one-half mile from Highway 7. The Wild Basin Trailhead is about two miles beyond Copeland Lake on a narrow gravel road. The trailhead is on the south side of the parking area at the Wild Basin Ranger Station.

TIME: 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Enjoy a pleasant hike through Wild Basin to Ouzel Lake. Walk along the beautiful North St. Vrain Creek, learn about the many plants that grow along the water's edge, and visit impressive Calypso Cascades and Ouzel Falls. Learn how the land recovers from fire as you traverse through a 1978 fire burn site while savoring the splendor and wildness of Ouzel Lake.

COURSE LEVEL: IV

Moderate hike of more than five miles per day with elevation gain of more than 1,000 ft.

Roundtrip mileage: 9.9

Elevation gain: 1,510 ft.

Maximum elevation reached: 10,026 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 the Wild Basin Trailhead to begin the hike.

Noon Lunch

3:00 PM Arrive back at the Wild Basin Trailhead.

WHAT TO BRING:

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

REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

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

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

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 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.