

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD SEMINARS

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ANIMAL TRACKS DETECTIVES

JULY 19, 2008

COURSE LEVEL: I COURSE #: 08-071

FEE: \$15

INSTRUCTOR: MARY TAYLOR YOUNG



LOCATION: Hollowell Park. Meet at the picnic tables at Mill Creek Basin/Hollowell Park Trailhead parking lot. **HOLLOWELL PARK TRAILHEAD** - Rocky Mountain National Park, Elevation: 8,190 feet. The Hollowell Park Trailhead is on the east side of Rocky Mountain National Park near Bear Lake Road. From the Beaver Meadows Entrance Station on U.S. Highway 36, head west about 0.2 miles and turn south on Bear Lake Road (toward Moraine Park). Follow Bear Lake Road about 3.5 miles to the turnoff into Hollowell Park. Follow the road about 0.2 miles from the turnoff to the trailhead.

TIME: Saturday: 9:00 AM – NOON

COURSE DESCRIPTION: From toes to hooves to paws to pads, become an animal-track detective and learn to sort out the mystery of who left those tracks, which way they were going and what they might have been up to! This fun class will help kids recognize and understand the many animal tracks they may come across in Colorado. We'll do a "class" session, then go out tracking! Students will learn to slow down, look closely, try to deduce the "story" told by the tracks. They will also be encouraged to measure and draw what they see.



COURSE LEVEL: I

The seminar will include short-distance walks on maintained trails and/or indoor classroom sessions in accessible buildings.

BRIEF INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY (additional information available at www.rmna.org):

Award-winning and best-selling nature writer Mary Taylor Young has been writing about the wildlife, plants and landscape of the West for more than 20 years. She is author of nine books, including *Land of Grass and Sky: A Naturalist's Prairie Journey*, *The Guide to Colorado Birds* and *On the Trail of Colorado Critters: Wildlife Watching for Kids*. She has published hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles, and many readers know her "Words on Birds" column, running in the *Rocky Mountain News* since 1993. This is Mary's twentieth year teaching with the Rocky Mountain Nature Association. Mary's love of nature began with childhood summers spent exploring the Rocky Mountains from her grandparents' cabin in Estes Park, where elk peered in the windows and hummingbirds buzzed around the feeders. Her attachment to the natural world led to a degree in zoology from Colorado State University and a life devoted to nature, wildlife and the environment. Mary lives in Castle Rock, Colorado, with her husband, nine-year-old daughter and many feathered and four-legged neighbors.



