

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD SEMINARS

LEARN ♦ EXPLORE ♦ ADVENTURE

COUGAR CLUES & HOW TO FIND THEM

AUGUST 7, 2008

COURSE LEVEL: I COURSE #: 08-076

FEE: \$15 PER CHILD

INSTRUCTOR: DR. MARY JEAN CURRIER



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LOCATION: **Rocky Mountain Field Seminar & Conference Center**
 1895 Fall River Road, Estes Park, Colorado

TIME: **9:00 AM - Noon**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Discover amazing facts about mountain lion, lynxes and other members of the cat family. Participants will learn and practice what to do if they encounter a mountain lion. They will learn how to look for lion signs in nature. The afternoon will be spent looking for lion signs behind the Rocky Mountain Field Seminars Conference Center.

COURSE LEVEL: I

Short-distance walks throughout the day on primarily level terrain

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

Mary Jean Currier, Ph.D., is a Colorado native and received her master degree and doctorate from Colorado State University working with mountain lions. She was the subject of a segment of “Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom” entitled “Women in the Wild Kingdom.”

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 Field Seminars 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:

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| 9:00 AM -10:00 AM | Introduction to Colorado's wild felines |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Break |
| 10:15 AM- 11:30 AM | Look for clues of the presence of cougars (such as bones from kills) on the hill behind the RMNA Conference Center ⁹ |
| 11:30 AM – Noon | What to do if you meet a cougar. |

WHAT TO BRING:

- Snack, energy bars/, & WATER

REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

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

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

Note: Rocky Mountain Field Seminars 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.