



2023 NORTH AMERICAN CARIBOU WORKSHOP & ARCTIC UNGULATE CONFERENCE

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

NACW-AUC 2023 Field Trips – Friday, 12 May

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center Tour

Location: Portage, Alaska

Cost: \$85

Max attendance: 56

Time: 11:30 am – 5:00 pm

Description: Take a trip 45 miles south of Anchorage along beautiful [Turnagain Arm](#) to visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC). AWCC is a not-for-profit organization and wildlife sanctuary dedicated to preserving Alaska's wildlife through conservation, education, research, and quality animal care. The sanctuary maintains over 200 acres of spacious habitats for resident animals including caribou, reindeer, moose, muskox, and wood bison. During this field adventure, tour the sanctuary with AWCC Naturalists, hear about ungulate human care practices, learn about AWCC's contributions to the wood bison reintroduction project, and enjoy an up-close experience with resident ungulates. Lunch is included. Learn more about AWCC at www.alaskawildlife.org.

Visit to the Foraging Ecology and Wildlife Nutritional Analysis (FaWNA) Lab

Location: Palmer, Alaska

Cost: \$65

Max attendance: 22

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Description: Have you ever wondered how researchers study food habits, nutrition, and physiology of tame animals? If so, consider attending a field trip to the Foraging Ecology and Wildlife Nutritional Analysis (FaWNA) research facility of the Alaska Department of Fish and

Game (ADFG). The facility is home to tame moose and caribou as well as a laboratory where researchers determine the nutritional quality of ungulate foods using traditional wet chemistry techniques (e.g., sequential fiber analysis). Attendees will have opportunities to directly observe animals foraging on seasonally available forages, tour the lab, and ask questions of ADFG staff and collaborators about methods, analyses, and future research directions. **Masks are required to attend the FaWNA Lab field trip, due to the potential of zoonotic transmission.**

Hiking and Botany Trip to Chugach State Park

Location: Chugach State Park, Anchorage, Alaska

Cost: \$65

Max attendance: 33

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Description: Join Dr. Elizabeth Bella, Botanist and National Park Service Environmental Planning and Compliance Team Lead for the Alaska Region, and Karin Sonnen, Botanist/Lichenologist and Natural Resources Conservation Service State Rangeland Specialist on a walk in the alpine of the Chugach National Forest to experience and learn about the hardy plants and lichens that our arctic ungulates depend on for winter survival and what these plants and lichen can tell us about the ecology and grazing history of an area. Come and experience some of the beautiful vistas Alaska has to offer and learn about our local flora. Hike difficulty will be easy to moderate and exact location will be snowpack-dependent.