

Glacier Field Trip – Friday, March 1st 2019

Participation on your own risk. No liability covered through the TWS AK Chapter nor field guides.

9:30am: Meet in town to shuttle people to visitor center (people with cars who are willing to give rides to people without cars); in town pickup location will be announced at conference.

10:00 am: Start visitor center tour

11:00am-3:00pm: Hike on trails on the east or west side of lake, or on frozen lake (location of hike depends on safe weather conditions)

Sign-up sheet will be available at the registration desk.

There are no costs associated with attending this tour.

We will meet at the Visitor Center for a short walk and hear about the glacier and local wildlife. Local specialists will lead this tour. After about an hour, those who want to do a longer hike will convene. The length of the hike will depend on conditions. To be safe, a 4 hour block is set aside. If the lake is frozen, hiking across the lake is a fast way to get to other side and closer to the glacier. If it is warm, then we can take a longer route via trail. If it is a weird freeze/thaw in between state then options will be limited. We will announce the plan and conditions the day prior at the conference. (FYI - If snow conditions are perfect there is a cross country/skate ski track set by the Juneau Nordic Ski Club on the lake.)

Suggested gear: Prepare for the possibility of both cold and wind (down to around zero F is potential) or as warm as the 40's F and wet - it could realistically even be raining. Some kind of ice cleats/chains traction (e.g., Microspikes are popular in Juneau); heck you might even need them downtown. Trekking poles or ski poles might be helpful.

We plan to shuttle as many folks as possible depending on availability of volunteers with cars. *Please indicate your need for a ride or available spaces if you have a car for others on the sign-up sheet at the registration desk.* Taxi vans cost about \$25 each way but probably hold up to 6 folks if they wanted to share. The visitor center is 12 miles from downtown Juneau.

Tour guides: Gwen Baluss (cell phone 907-500-2771) and Marci Johnson.

Additional Details will be provided at the conference.