



# IWLS

International Wilderness Leadership School

## Course Itinerary

*This is a flexible trip itinerary that shows the general progression of the trip. Our exact schedule will depend highly on the weather, strength of the group, and time of year.*

**Day 1 - 2:** We'll drive from Haines into the Burwash Uplands of the Yukon. We begin by hiking across open sub-alpine meadows teeming with wildflowers. There is potential to see Caribou and other wildlife in this area. We'll cover the basics of navigation in alpine terrain.

**Day 3:** Hoge Pass. Dall sheep and mountain goats frequent the high passes. The trail disappears as we descend the pass towards the rivers. We make our way down steep terrain to Hoge Creek.

**Day 4:** Hoge Creek We'll have a shorter travel day and make our way to the Donjek river valley. After crossing Hoge creek a number of times, we'll bushwhack our way onto some old horse trails that lead us parallel with the Donjek.

**Day 5-6:** Donjek River and Glacier Broad expanses, the heights of the St. Elias mountain range, and a calving glacier make this particular portion of the journey a highlight.

**Day 7-8:** Bighorn Creek and Chert Creek After waking up early in the morning to cross Bighorn Creek and learn more about stream crossing and safety concerns, we'll head up Chert Creek (aptly named for its high content of the mineral chert). We'll camp in a beautiful alpine basin below Atlas Pass. We allow for a rest day in this drainage to rest up for a big day over

**Day 9:** Atlas Pass Today is another great opportunity to see Dall sheep and mountain goats. It often snows up at the higher passes even in the middle of the summer. We'll descend and camp down by the Duke river.

**Day 10:** Cache Lake Another early start allows us to cross the headwaters of the Duke river and hike uphill to our camp at Cache lake.

**Day 11:** Copper Joe Creek We descend Copper Joe Creek drainage which leads us towards our final camp near the Alaska Canadian highway where we'll get picked up the following day.

**Day 12:** Return to Haines.

