

Painting in the Arctic - An art adventure at Toolik Field Station

ITINERARY - June 13-20, 2024

This is approximate and may shift depending on weather. There will be flexibility to work longer hours if desired or to take time for yourself and immerse in the surroundings.

Thursday, June 13 - Transportation: Fairbanks to Toolik (THURS)

- Stop at Finger Rock for observational/listening exercise
- Other Points of interest: T'eedriinjik, Koyukuk, Sukakpak, Atigun Pass
- Toolik orientation and welcome / Move-in

Day 1 - Tuning-in / Painting #1 ('Simple' Landscape)

- Short walk around Toolik - Movement and tuning-in to our surroundings
- Observational exercises using pen and pencil in sketchbook
- Choosing a focus/curiosity/concept
- DEMO - Setting-up and starting a painting (choosing locations, composition, limited color)
- Set-up and start/finish 'simple' landscape painting

Day 2 - Painting #2 ('Large' Landscape)

- Set-up second painting in same location
- DEMO - Compositional considerations, expanding color pallet, basic color-mixing, brushwork
- Focused painting time with one-on-one rotations
- *Optional* - Short walk around Toolik, science connections

Day 3 - Painting #2 ('Large' Landscape) / Field trip

- Focused painting time with one-on-one rotations
- Wrap-up second painting
- DEMO - Packing-up, considerations for transporting paintings, cleaning supplies outside
- *Optional* - Hike at Toolik - plants, insects & birds (sketch if weather allows)

Day 4 - Painting #3 ('Foreground Forward' Landscape)

- Set-up third painting (ideally in a new location)
- DEMO - Foreground composition, planning ahead for details, choosing a pallet, color-mixing
- Focused painting time with one-on-one rotations

Day 5 - Painting #3 ('Foreground Forward' Landscape) / Field trip

- DEMO - Brushwork and final details
- Focused painting time with one-on-one rotations
- *Optional* - Hike near Atigun Pass/River - geology & geomorphology (sketch if weather allows)

Day 6 - Wrap-up

- Wrap-up third painting
- Clean and pack up art supplies
- Short walk around Toolik - What changed? Re-visit first day observations
- Art show

Day 7 - Transportation: Toolik Field Station to Fairbanks (THURS)