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1994 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

General Information :

The purpose of the Alaska Native Plant Society field trips is to enjoy our Alaskan plants in their native habitats. The trips are designed to explore a variety of plant communities for educational and appreciative values. Hikes are leisurely paced to allow plenty of time for plant observation. Trips will be held rain or shine, so be prepared.

Please read the individual trip listing to determine the level of difficulty, allotted time and special requirements for each trip. Trip leaders' telephone numbers are provided and they are happy to answer specific questions about their trips.

Items to Bring :

All trips will require sturdy hiking shoes, drinking water (it is unsafe to drink stream water), rain gear, warm clothing and insect repellent. A hand lens is helpful for up-close plant identification. You may also wish to bring your camera, binoculars, field notebook, and a lunch or snack.

Caution :

These are not plant collecting trips! Digging plants and/or collecting specimens is strongly discouraged by the ANPS. Collecting is illegal in many of the locations we will visit.

Meeting Place :

Unless specifically noted in the field trip description, the common meeting place for ANPS field trips is the southeast corner of the Sears Mall parking lot, located at the intersection of Benson Boulevard and the New Seward Highway. Trip leaders will wait a few minutes for latecomers, but please be prompt.

Float Trip :

ANPS member and river guide Kris Cassity will lead customized float trips for interested members. Please give Kris a call () to arrange a botanical Alaskan river adventure!

Anchorage Municipal Park Wildlife Inventory :

The ANPS is cooperating with the Anchorage Audubon and the Anchorage Municipal Community Planning Department to collect important plant and wildlife inventory data. The information gathered will aid the Municipality's long-term planning and protection of community greenspace. Five field trips are designated for this purpose : John's Park, Kincaid Park, Beech Lake, Bird Creek Park and Edmonds Park.

Thank you to Field Trip Leaders :

This summer schedule is the result of the efforts of ANPS members in suggesting and arranging outings. Thank you to everyone who gave their time toward providing these botanical opportunities! Please contact Sarah McClellan () if you have helpful comments and suggestions for future trips.

1994 ANPS FIELD TRIPS

May 14 - Saturday : Fairbanks

Leader : Carolyn Parker ()
Time allotted : 3 hours
Meeting Time : 12:00 noon
Meeting Place : UAF Experimental Farm
Level of difficulty : Easy

A spring botany walk to discover the flora of the area. Bring rubber boots, a hand lens, binoculars and insect repellent.

May 15 - Sunday : Wishbone Hill / Sutton

Leader : Curvin Metzler ()
Time allotted : All day
Meeting Time / Place : 9:00 a.m. / Sears Mall
Level of difficulty : Strenuous

A strenuous hike kicks off our summer season with this 3rd annual outing up Wishbone Hill. Be on the look-out for leaf fossils at your feet among the early wildflowers and spectacular views of the Matanuska Valley.

May 29 - Sunday : Bird Ridge

Leaders : Julia and Trevor Ricketts ()
Time allotted : 6 hours
Meeting Time / Place : 9:00 a.m. / Carr's Huffman parking lot, or regroup at mile 102.1 of the Seward Highway at the Bird Ridge Trail head at 9:30 a.m.
Level of difficulty : Moderate - Strenuous

Bird Ridge takes us from birch forest at sea level to sub-alpine slopes high above Turnagain Arm. This is a steep hike and good hiking shoes are a must. It often feels steeper on the way down so a walking stick can be helpful. Bird Ridge can be a very hot and dry place, or very windy and exposed, so come prepared for anything. Bring plenty of drinking water.

May 30 - Monday (Memorial Day) Nancy Lakes

Leader : John Wenger ()
Time allotted : All day
Meeting Time : 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Place : Tulik Trail Parking lot, Nancy Lakes State Recreation Area
Level of difficulty : Easy

Professional naturalist John Wenger will lead our annual joint field trip with the Anchorage Audubon Society. Highlights usually include common loons, blackpoll warblers, wild orchids, and bog plants. Be sure to bring lunch, insect repellent and water-proof footwear. Allow approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes to get to Nancy Lakes.

June 4 - Saturday : Lazy Mountain

Leader : Forrest Baldwin ()
Time allotted : All day
Meeting Time : 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Place : Southwest corner of the Palmer Business Park located on the left side of the Glenn Highway just south of Palmer (near the Fairgrounds).
Level of difficulty : Moderate

A steady uphill climb into beautiful alpine country overlooking the Matanuska Valley. Bring lunch and necessary gear.

June 8 - Wednesday : Hillside Park

Leaders : Julia and Trevor Ricketts ()
Time allotted : 3 hours
Meeting time : 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place : Parking lot at Hillside Park off of Abbott Road, by the X-country ski trail head.
Level of difficulty : Easy

Hike Hillside Park trails up to an overlook above Campbell Creek to explore the flora of this wooded area.

June 11 - Saturday : Mountains to the Sea

Leaders : Cathy Wright () and Sarah McClellan ()
Time allotted : All day
Meeting time / place : 9:00 a.m. / Sears Mall
Level of difficulty : Easy

In the spirit of an Audubon Christmas Bird Count, we'll see how many plant communities and native plant species we can find in the Anchorage bowl in one day! We will car-pool making many stops during this fun, fast-paced plant day. We will start in the high country and drive towards the sea, to see what we can see! This is a joint field trip with the Alaska Botanical Garden. Bring your field guide and an energetic attitude!

June 13 - Monday : John's Park

Leader : Peggy Plecher ()

Time allotted : 2 to 3 hours

Meeting Time / Place : 7:00 p.m. / John's Park (from the Seward Highway turn right (west) on Huffman Rd. Turn left (south) on John's Rd. Go past John's Park and turn right on Bree Rd and park. Meet by the picnic tables and the slide.

Level of difficulty : Easy

This is the first of our Park Plant Inventory projects and our first visit to this area. Be sure to bring insect repellent.

June 17 - Friday : Kincaid Park

Leader : Verna Pratt ()

Time allotted : 3 hours

Meeting Time / Place : 6:30 p.m. / Sears Mall / regroup at Kincaid Park. From Jewel Lake Road take Raspberry Road west past the airfield. Bear left where the road dwindles. Follow this road about 1/2 mile and park beside the lake.

Level of difficulty : Easy to moderate

This is another of our Park Plant Inventory projects. We will follow the cross-county ski trails so the level of difficulty will depend on the hills.

June 18 - Saturday Wallace Mountain / Eagle River

Leader : Verna Pratt ()

Time allotted : All day

Meeting Time / Place : 9:00 a.m. / Sears Mall : regroup at entrance to trail at 9:45 a.m. Drive to Eagle River, head to Chugach State Park Visitors Center. Turn left on Eagle River Loop Road. Where the road bends left (north) turn right on Skyline Drive. Bear to the left on Broadwater Drive and follow it to the end.

Level of difficulty : Moderate

This is a long up-hill climb in the Chugach Mountains. Bring lunch, water and appropriate clothing.

July 9 - Saturday : Wolverine Peak

Leaders : Julia and Trevor Ricketts ()

Time allotted : All day

Meeting Time / Place : 9:00 a.m. / Prospect Heights trail head (from Upper O'Malley, turn left on Prospect Heights Road, and after several miles turn right into Chugach State Park parking lot).

Level of difficulty : Moderate to difficult

This all day hike will explore the flora of the Chugach Mountains, from woodlands to the alpine. Plants could include everything from monkey flower to purple mountain saxifrage. Bring lunch, insect repellent and warm clothes.

July 10 - Sunday : Crow Pass

Leader : Curvin Metzler ()

Time allotted : All day

Meeting time / place : 9:00 a.m. / Sears Mall

Level of difficulty : Strenuous

A lovely all day hike to explore alpine wildflower meadows.

July 15, 16, 17 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday Devil Lake

Leader : Frank Bogardus ()

Time allotted : 3 days

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Place : Devil Pass trail head at mile 31-9 on the Seward Highway.

Level of difficulty : Difficult

Please make reservations with Frank by July 1st. for this trip. Meet at the trail head on Friday and hike part way in. Saturday hike to the lake and all the way out on Sunday. We will botanize at Devil Lake. Bring camping gear, rain gear, insect repellent, sturdy boots and water.

Saturday - July 23 : Beech Lake

Leader : Cathy Wright ()

Time allotted : 4 to 6 hours

Meeting time / place : 9:00 a.m. / Sears Mall : regroup at Beech Lake at 9:45 a.m.

Level of difficulty : easy

This is one of our Park Plant Inventory projects. Bring lunch, water and insect repellent.

Sunday - July 31 : Bird Creek Park

Leader : Verna Pratt ()

Time allotted : 4 to 6 hours

Meeting time / place : 10 : 00 a.m. / Sears Mall :

regroup at Bird Creek Park a 10:40 a.m. Park on the southeast side of Bird Creek on the hill.

Level of difficulty : easy

This is our first visit to this undeveloped park and part of our Park Plant Inventory project. Bring lunch, water and insect repellent.

**Saturday - August 13
Hatcher Pass and Willow**

Leader : Marilyn Upton ()
Time allotted : All day
Meeting time / place : Parking lot at Independence Mine
Level of difficulty : Easy

This is a joint trip with the Chugach Gem & Mineral Society. We will go up to High Grade Mine above Independence, then over Hatcher Pass to Willow. Along the way we can gather seeds, berries and look for gold and serpentine. The day concludes with a pot-luck supper at Willow Lake. Bring lunch, water and a pot-luck dish to share.

Saturday - August 27 : Edmonds Lake

Leader : Verna Pratt ()
Time allotted : All day
Meeting time / place : 9:30 a.m. / Carr's Muldoon parking lot (Northern Lights side of the lot) : regroup at Mirror Lake. Take the Glenn Highway north, turn off at Mirror Lake, park in first parking lot.
Level of difficulty : Easy

This is part of the Parks Plant Inventory project. We will follow the cross-country ski trails to Edmonds Lake. There could be some berries along the trail.

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Carmel at _____

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