

## Tentative 2020 ANPS Summer Calendar

April 26 Sun: Windy Corner

Meeting Time & Location : 1 PM. Roadside Parking at Milepost 106.6 of Seward Highway (12 miles from Anchorage).

Description: Expect 3 hours hike, 2 miles, on Turnagain Arm Trail. Fairly level, but rocky in places

Contact / Leaders: Annie Ronsse [akronsse@gmail.com](mailto:akronsse@gmail.com) or Marilyn Watts. Non-ANPS members welcome, but due to narrow trail, this trip will be limited to 10 participants with priority given to ANPS members.

May 15 Fri: Moss, Liverwort, & Lichen Refresher Class led by Jame Walton

Time & Location: 9AM to 4PM, Anchorage Area (TBA)

Contact: Beth Baker, [daisymae@mtaonline.net](mailto:daisymae@mtaonline.net). This is full, and has a wait list

May 18 Mon: Learn to use iNaturalist

Time & Location: 7:00 PM, Goose Lake

Description: Expect a 2 hour hike learning to use iNaturalist for ID of plants

Contact: [declan.troy@gmail.com](mailto:declan.troy@gmail.com) and [awells@abrinc.com](mailto:awells@abrinc.com). They can advise about downloading the iNaturalist app and creating an account before the hike.

May 20 Wed: Wildflowers of Indianhouse Ridge

Time & Location: 6:00 PM. Carrs Huffman parking lot (south side, along Huffman Rd.)

Description: Expect a 2 hour hike, 1 mile, with 600 feet elevation, steep & rocky in places. Hiking pole advised.

Contact: Phyllis Rogers [akprogers@hotmail.com](mailto:akprogers@hotmail.com), Lies Packer, Joan Egland Non-ANPS members welcome, but due to narrow trail, this trip will be limited to 10 participants with priority given to ANPS members.

May 22: Sutton Paleobotany Hike

Meeting time & place: 9AM Muldoon Fred Meyer (East side of the Parking lot)

Description: Hike one mile with some mud & scree, to a spot rich with various deciduous, coniferous and Equisetum tree fossils. Expect return to Anchorage around 3-4PM.

Leader: Curvin Metzler

Contact: [curvn@hotmail.com](mailto:curvn@hotmail.com)

COVID Precautions: Plan to travel in separate vehicles, maintain 6 foot distancing on the hike, and use masks most of the time. Go only if free of COVID symptoms, inter-state travel, and contact with the illness in the past 2 weeks. The road is rough and rutted, vehicles need adequate clearance (or skillful driving). The group will be limited to 7 persons, with priority for ANPS members. Curvin will be away (fossil hunting) but will respond to voice messages Thursday evening. Thanks in advance for your compliance with COVID precautions.

May 26, Tue: Tragopogon Removal

Time: 6:30- 8:30 PM

Leader: James Sowerwine [james.sowerwine@gmail.com](mailto:james.sowerwine@gmail.com)

Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)

Description: Western salsify (Tragopogon dubius) is a persistent invasive weed along Turnagain Arm. Due to ANPS it has been nearly eliminated, and now with Gino Graziano, Invasive Plants Instructor from UAF Cooperative Extension Service, efforts have increased to finish the job. Volunteers are needed Tuesday evenings with dandelion digger type tools, gloves, and garbage bags.

Special Instructions: Please contact the trip leaders if you would like to know more or plan to participate, as the schedule may change with weather, growth rates, or additional dates.

May 30 Sat: Art to Explore Native Plants.

Join Barbara Johnson, Monica O'Keefe, and Annie Ronsse to explore the joy of sketching and painting plants in the outdoors. No experience necessary.

Time & Location: 10:00-2:00, Bird Ridge

Materials: No materials necessary but if you want to make up your own kit, bring any of the following: watercolor booklet or sketchbook, pencil, fine tip black ink pen, colored pencils, eraser, watercolor brushes 2-3 sizes, watercolor set, small pencil sharpener, small container for water, paper towel or Kleenex. Optional extras: Hand lens, binoculars, camera  
Plan to hike the lower portion of the trail with sketching/painting for 30 minutes to an hour at various locations along the way, and use different techniques. Bring water, lunch, and warm garments.

Contact: [monicaokeefe@gmail.com](mailto:monicaokeefe@gmail.com) . The trip is limited to 12 participants / members of AKNPS. (If you are not a current member, please join before the outing!)

June 13 Sat: Arctic Valley & Mt. Gordon Lyon

Time & Location: 10 AM, Arctic Valley Ski Area (parking \$5 / day)

Description: Expect 5-6 Hrs, 5 miles, 1763 feet over Mt. Gordon Lyon in a loop. Bring a lunch & warm garments.

Contact: [dennis.ronsse@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.ronsse@gmail.com), Beth Norris, or [steve\\_scordino@yahoo.com](mailto:steve_scordino@yahoo.com) Open to the public.

June 16, Tue: Tragopogon Removal

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Dianne Toebe ([diannetoebe@gmail.com](mailto:diannetoebe@gmail.com))

See May 26 for plans.

June 21, Sun - Turnagain Arm Trail, McHugh towards Rainbow

Time & Location: Carpooling from Anchorage is an option. Meet at Carrs on Huffman at 830 am on Sunday.

Description: Expect to see Twinflower, Dogwood, Fringecup Saxifrage, Hoboell's Rockcress, wild geraniums, Jacob's Ladder, Cats Paw, Single Delight, Death Camas, Baneberry, Solomans Seal and so many more! This popular trail just south of Anchorage is a moderate hike with some uphill portions; hiking poles are recommended. The estimated length of the walk is four miles round trip. Bear spray is a must. Bring water, food, and dress for the weather. It is recommended to wear long pant legs and long sleeves as the trail can get overgrown in sections and there is Devil's Club and Cow Parsnip (Pushki) in abundance.

Please contact Beth Norris at [ejnorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ejnorris@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

June 23, Tuesday: Tragopogon Removal

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Gino Graziano ([gagraziano@alaska.edu](mailto:gagraziano@alaska.edu))

See May 26 for plans.

June 26-28, Fri-Sun: Denali State Park, Curry Ridge

Meeting time & Location: 8 PM Friday evening campfire at K'esugi Ken Group Campsite (on the tent loop) Mile 135.4 Parks Highway

Description: The trip will feature 2 hikes. Saturday morning starting at the campground, we will hike the Curry Ridge Trail. This trail is a loop trail approximately 7 miles long with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The trail starts in taiga and switchbacks to a rocky knoll overlooking Lake 1787. Much of the hike is in alpine and sub alpine vegetation. Sunday's hike on Upper Troublesome Creek Trail will start 2 miles farther north on the Parks Highway at milepost 137.6. The trail follows the creek for a long way then connects in its upper reaches to the Kesugi Ridge trail. The cost of the campsite for 2 nights is \$200.00. Participants should plan to donate \$ 20-\$25 to offset the cost of the campsite.

Contact: Leaders Marilyn Barker [marilynbarber29@gmail.com](mailto:marilynbarber29@gmail.com) and Alan Batten [alanbatten@acsalaska.net](mailto:alanbatten@acsalaska.net).

June 27 Sat: Birds & Wildflowers of Craigie Creek (Hatcher Pass)

Time & Location: 9:00 am meet near the dumpster at new Fred Meyers Store in Palmer.

Description: Hike along an old mining road up a lush sub-alpine valley, about 2 miles with very little change in elevation. If time allows the group might add a stop at April Bowl on the way home for a look at higher alpine flora.

Contact: Beth Norris [ejnorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ejnorris@sbcglobal.net)

June 30, Tue: Tragopogon Removal

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Dianne Toebe ([diannetoebe@gmail.com](mailto:diannetoebe@gmail.com))

See May 26 for plans.

July 2, Thur: Alaska Botanical Garden

Time & Location: 10:00 am at Alaska Botanical Garden

Description: Walk along with Ginger to get an insider's view of native plants at ABG

Leader / Contact: Ginger Hudson, [growingtallllc@gmail.com](mailto:growingtallllc@gmail.com) for more information

July 7, Tue: Tragopogon Removal

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Gino Graziano ([gagraziano@alaska.edu](mailto:gagraziano@alaska.edu))

See May 26 for plans.

July 7-13: Nome & Serpentine Hot Springs

This trip is on hold till travel restrictions relax.

Contact: [kittylabounty@gmail.com](mailto:kittylabounty@gmail.com) to follow developments.

July 11 Sat: Birds & Wildflowers of Craigie Creek #2 (Hatcher Pass)

Time & Location: 9:00 am meet near the dumpster at new Fred Meyers Store in Palmer.

Description: Hike along an old mining road up a lush sub-alpine valley, about 2 miles with very little change in elevation. If time allows the group might add a stop at April Bowl on the way home for a look at higher alpine flora.

Contact: Beth Norris [ejnorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ejnorris@sbcglobal.net)

July 18 Sat: Botanical Society of America (Pepper Peak & Eklutna Fen)

Time & Location: 10:00 am meet at Eklutna Lake (or bus with group)

Options: Pepper Peak Hike 10 miles / climb 4500 feet (Dennis Ronsse), or Eklutna Fen, a short walk in lowland forest (Carolyn Parker & Beth Baker).

Contact: [dennis.ronsse@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.ronsse@gmail.com)

July 24-26: Grasses Workshop with Carolyn Parker & Al Batten

Plans in Progress

Contact: Beth Baker, [daisymae@mtaonline.net](mailto:daisymae@mtaonline.net) for developments. This is full, and has a wait list

Aug 15 Sat: Birds, Berries, Seed Heads & Fall Flowers of Turnagain Arm Trail

Time & Location: 9:00 am meet at Carrs Huffman to plan carpooling (South side of the parking lot near Huffman Street). Bring a lunch.

Description: Focus on berries and seed heads in addition to late season bloomers.

Contact: Beth Norris [ejnorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ejnorris@sbcglobal.net)

Aug 22, Sat: Edible/medicinal Plants & Seed Collecting for ANPS

Time & Location: 1:00 pm. Turnagain Pass

Leader / Contact: Elizabeth Bluemink [ebluemink@yahoo.com](mailto:ebluemink@yahoo.com) for information, possible carpooling

Aug 29, Sat: Alaska Botanical Garden

Time & Location: 2:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden

Description: Walk along with Ginger to get an insider's view of native plants at ABG

Leader / Contact: Ginger Hudson, [growingtallllc@gmail.com](mailto:growingtallllc@gmail.com) for more information

Sept 19 Sat: Birds, Fall Foliage & Mushrooms of Glen Alps

Time & Location: 9:00 am meet at Glen Alps. Bring a lunch.

Description: Fall foliage, dormant vegetation and mushrooms.

Contact: Beth Norris [ejnorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ejnorris@sbcglobal.net)

Sept 26 Sat: National Public Lands Day

Time: 8:30- 9:00 AM Check-in

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center.

Description: Trail work, weeding and putting the garden to bed for winter.

Note: Be sure to check in with Luise or BLM person in charge to let them know you are with ANPS as this service counts towards a price reduction for our meeting space. Free pizza at 12:00.