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1987 SUMMER FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

These field trips are designed to explore a variety of Alaskan plant communities for educational and appreciative values. We discourage the collection of plant materials. Hikes will be held rain or shine, so please come prepared. Useful items to bring along would include binoculars, camera, insect repellent, hand magnifier and notebook. A daypack would be handy for extra clothing and lunch, as appropriate.

Many trips list meeting place as Bldg. K. When feasible, we will meet here for convenience of car-pooling. The exact location is the southwest corner of the parking lot west of Building K on the Anchorage Community College (ACC) campus at 36th and Lake Otis. For further information, call the designated Field Trip Leader at the number listed or Verna Pratt at

MAY 17---(SUN.)---VICTORY BIBLE CAMP

Leader---Scott Christy---

Time allotted---4-6 hours

Meet at---11:00AM at entrance of Road to Victory Bible Camp, Mile 94.8 on Glenn Hwy. Car-poolers meet at Bldg. K at 8:15AM.

Level of Difficulty---moderate to difficult.

Minimum age---10

This is a very steep rocky slope with unsteady footing. We will see Calypso orchids on a south-facing slope, on the lower part of the trail. We will also see an active rock glacier. If time permits, those who wish may go farther up the slope. Bring lunch and plenty of water.

MAY 19---(TUES.)---JOHNSON TRAIL---(North end just beyond Potters Marsh in Chugach State Park)

Leader---Larry Read---

Time allotted---2-3 hours

Meet at---6:45PM at Northeast corner of Sear's parking lot, N. Lts. & Seward Hwy.

Level of difficulty---easy

See the early spring flowers on a nice easy stroll. No collecting-State Park!

MAY 25---(MON.)---NANCY LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA

Leader---John Wenger---

Time allotted---all day

Meet at---9:00AM at Tulik Trail. Directions--take Parks Hwy north to Mile 67.2, then take park road to Nancy Lake Recreational Area (large sign on Parks Hwy). Go approx. 2 miles on park road and look for sign on left-"NATURE TRAIL". Meet at parking lot. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, lunch, bug repellent and raingear.

This is an easy 2-mile trail where we will see Orchids, Coral Root and Goodyeara. This is a combined Audubon Society and ANPS outing to see both plants and birds. Highlights are the Arctic Loons and Coral Root Orchids. No collecting-State Park!

MAY 31---(SUN.)---LAZY MOUNTAIN

Leader---Forrest Baldwin---

Time allotted---all day

Meet at---9:00AM at the southwest corner of the Valley Fair Shopping Center on the left side of the Glenn Hwy just before Palmer (the actual Shopping Center sign may be down). Earlier meeting at Bldg. K parking lot at 7:45AM, then at Weigh Station on Glenn Hwy at 8:15AM.

Level of difficulty---moderate to difficult

Minimum age---5

A steady uphill climb into beautiful alpine country overlooking the Matanuska Valley. Bring lunch and necessary gear. It is possible to turn around at any point.

JUNE 9---(TUES.)---BEACH LAKE, CHUGIAK

Leader---Cathy Wright---

Time allotted---2-3 hours

Meet at---Bldg. K parking lot at 6:45PM, regroup at Chugiak Dog Musher's Parking Lot at 7:30PM. (North on Glenn Hwy, take S. Birchwood Loop, go past Chugiak High School, turn left at Beach Lake & Chugiak Dog Musher's sign. go about 2 miles. Dog Musher's parking lot is on the right).

Level of difficulty---easy

A nice walk around a local lake to investigate the plant life of the lake and surrounding bog area. Knee boots probably advisable.

JUNE 20---(SAT.)---CRESCENT LAKE

Leader---Peggy Pletcher---

Time allotted---all day---8:00AM to ?

Meet at---Lake Hood Floatplane Base (details with reservation)

Level of difficulty---moderate to difficult

Minimum age---16, this is a serious expedition and space is limited

We will be flying from Lake Hood to Crescent Lake. If weather is not suitable for flying on Saturday, we will try for Sunday. If Sunday weather is not good, we will cancel the trip. This is a return trip to look for the elusive Doulassia laebeulsi; which we failed to locate last year when several of us hiked into the area. It was found in 1985 by a visitor to the area, and verified by Dr. Murray of U of A, Fairbanks. It is important that we try to locate this plant as it is a new species to Alaska.

We will be climbing some 1500 to 2000 feet above the lake, over terrain that is very steep, including some scree slopes. Since this is a day-trip, you will not need camping equipment, but be sure to wear very sturdy and protective footgear. Fee will be \$40 or \$50 per person, and we must have your reservation by June 1st. The limit will be 6 (possibly 8) persons, with 4 standbys in case of cancellation.

JUNE 27---MENTASTA

Leader---Scott Christy---

Time allotted---all day

Meet at---10:00AM at Mentasta Lodge, Mile 281.1, Glenn Hwy.

Level of difficulty---moderate to difficult

Minimum age---10

Explore a limestone ridge just beyond Mentasta Lodge. This is a steep, rocky uphill climb. It is an excellent area that could prove very interesting, as limestone houses many different plants. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Since there is a considerable amount of Native Land in the area, we recommend that you use a public campground if you are camping, to avoid infringing on private property.

JULY 4,5,6---(SAT., SUN., MON)---CURRY RIDGE

Leader---Frank Pratt---

Time allotted---3 days

Meet at---10:00AM July 4th at Little Coal Creek Trailhead Parking Lot, Mile 163.8 Parks Hwy. This is 3.5 to 4 hours driving from Anchorage.

Level of difficulty---moderate to difficult

Minimum age---5

This is a moderate uphill trail. It will take about 3 hours or so to hike up to the alpine lake where we will make camp for 2 nights; once there, the camping will be easy. Remember all necessary gear for a 3 day campout, but travel light. Curry Ridge is a fantastically beautiful area within Denali State Park. We will have a wonderful view of Mt. Denali across the lake.

JULY 12---(SUN.)---FALLS CREEK TRAIL

Leader---Marilyn Barker---

Time allotted---2.5 hours to all day

Meet at---8:50AM at Bldg. K parking lot, regroup at Falls Creek parking lot (21 miles south of Anchorage) at 9:20AM

Level of difficulty---moderate

Minimum age---4

A moderate uphill trail to alpine country (about 1.5 hours). If weather is good, we will continue on. Bring lunch and appropriate clothing.

AUG 1---(SAT.)---KENAI FJORDS

Leader---Verna Pratt---

Time allotted---all day

Meet at---8:00AM at Kenai Fjords National Parks Tours Office in Seward, 127 miles from Anchorage.

Minimum age-6

This is a very special tour of the Fjords, arranged for ANPS by the people who originated the tours. We will be on the M.V. Shaman or the M.V. Foxy Lady. We should see lots of sea-life and birds. Unless the weather and seas are bad, we will be put ashore on one of the small islands to inspect the flora. If the seas are too rough, the tour will be cancelled and fees refunded. Bring lots of very warm clothing if you plan to spend any length of time out on the deck, as the wind can make it extremely cold even on a warm summer day. Bring lunch or purchase food on the boat.

The cost for this tour is \$73.50 per person, and we need 24 persons. We must have your reservations and money not later than July 1st! If more than 24 members wish to sign up, we will maintain a waiting list in case of cancellations. If you need to cancel, let Verna know by July 15th (we will be on vacation from 16th thru 28th), so we can line up a replacement for your slot.

AUG 2---(SUN.)---EXIT GLACIER

Leader---Lynn Catlin---

Time allotted---2 hrs to all day

Meet at---10:00AM at the Exit Glacier parking lot. Exit Glacier is 9 miles in on a well-marked road that begins 3.7 miles north of Seward.

We will walk to the glacier, an easy hike. If weather permits, we will go on to the Harding Icefield, a moderate to steep climb---not recommended for small children. If you plan the long hike, bring lunch and warm clothes.

AUG 15-16---(SAT. & SUN.)---PALMER CREEK

Leaders---The Pratts---

Time allotted---weekend

Meet at---Couer d'Alene Campground, Hope, Ak. (Take Seward Hwy south to Hope Cutoff at Mile 56.7. Go to Mile 16 to Resurrection Creek Road [Hope Airport]. When the road turns sharply to the right, turn left on the Palmer Creek Road. We will tent camp (area is strictly tent camping) at the Couer d'Alene Campground at Mile 7.6 on the Palmer Creek Road.

Caution! This is bear country! Bring appropriate food and take precautions. We will leave the campground at 10AM on Sat. 15th for the old mine at the end of the road, in the midst of an alpine meadow. Plenty of Gentiana platypetala there. Narrow road, the alders may brush your car.

AUG 22---(SAT.)---MUSHROOMS OF PETERS CREEK

Leader---Ben Guild

Time allotted---all day

Meet at---8:15AM at Bldg. K parking lot. Regroup at 8:35AM at Weigh Station on Glenn Hwy. Regroup again at the home of Ben Guild at Mile 22.5 Old Glenn Hwy, Peters Creek. Take S. Peters Creek turnoff, turn left under highway, take 1st right, and Ben's house is first driveway on the left. Bring lunch, and collecting materials, including pocketknife, hand lens, notebook, camera and paper bags.

SEP 6---(SUN.)---GLEN ALPS

Leader---Lynn Catlin

Time allotted---2hr to all day

Meet at---9:30AM at northeast corner of Sears parking lot at corner of Northern Lts. and Seward Hwy.

See the Chugach Mts. in the fall (and Gentiana platypetala for those who can't make the trip to Hope).

FALL CLASSES

Mark your calendars now for FALL classes at ACC. Two courses on plants will be offered:

BIOLOGY 075---ALASKA WILDFLOWERS---A traditional spring course will be offered for the first time in the fall. Here is a good chance to learn the late summer flowers and our wonderful edible Alaska berries.

Class dates: Friday, August 28, September 4, 11, and 18.

Class time: 9:30AM to 1:00PM

All day field trip: 29 August. Additional field trips during regularly scheduled class meetings

Instructor: Marilyn Barker

BIOLOGY 294---MUSHROOMS AND MOLDS---A twelve week course on fungi. The first six weeks will stress identification of our local fleshy fungi, highlighted by 3 field trips: September 12, 19, and 26. The second part of the course will emphasize molds---the blue and green invaders of your refrigerator.

Two college credits.

Instructors: Phyllis Kempton and Marilyn Barker

Class dates: Wednesdays, September 9-November 25.

Class time: 7 to 9:30PM

For more information call: ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 786-1344.

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