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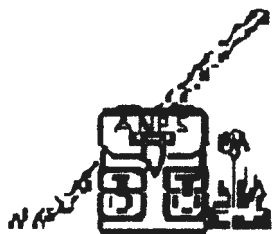


ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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## 1988 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 field notebook. A daypack would be handy for extra clothing and lunch, as appropriate. NOTE: We will use a blue, white and gold windsock with forget-me-nots as a camp marker this year.



Many trips list meeting place as Bldg. K. When feasible, we will meet there for convenience of car-pooling. The exact location is the south west corner of the parking lot west of Building K on the UAA campus at 36th

and Lake Otis. For further information, call the designated Field Trip Leader at the number listed or Verna Pratt at

### MAY 14---(SAT)---BURNT BUTTE

Leader---Scott Christy---

Time Allotted---All day

Meet---8:45 AM---N.E. corner of Sears parking lot (corner of No. Lights Blvd. and Seward Hwy.)

Regroup at 9:45 AM at Palmer at the "old" Valley Fair Shopping Center on left side of highway across from the State Fair Grounds.

Level of Difficulty---moderate hike, could be long. See below.

Minimum age---4 yrs

This should be an interesting early spring hike along an old road to a natural (ungrazed) butte left by receding glaciers. If conditions are favorable, we will shuttle people part way with 4-wheel drive vehicles; otherwise, it will be a long hike.

### MAY 25---(WED)---JOHNSON TRAIL

Leader---Larry Read---

Time Allotted---3 to 4 hours

Meet---6 PM---N.E. corner of Sears parking lot (corner of No. Lights Blvd. and Seward Hwy.)

Level of Difficulty---easy

See early spring flowers along this historic old trail along the Turnagain Arm. (State Park---NO collecting!)

### MAY 29---(SUN)---BEAR MOUNTAIN (Peters Creek)

Leader---Barb Johnson or Verna Pratt---

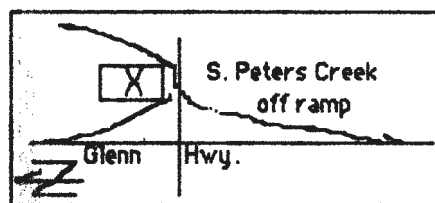
Time Allotted---All Day

Meet---8:30 AM---N.E. corner of Sears parking lot (corner of No. Lights and Seward Hwy.) Regroup in Peters Creek at S. Peters Creek Exit. (see map)

Level of Difficulty---moderate to difficult

Minimum age---5 yrs

This is a fairly steep trail thru woods and up the ridge to a south-facing alpine slope that leads to Mt. Eklutna and should prove interesting for early alpine plants.



MAY 30---(MON)---NANCY LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA

Leader---John Wenger---

Time Allotted---9 AM to 1 PM.

Meet---9 AM 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. 2-1/4 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.

Level of Difficulty---easy

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

JUN 1---(WED)---ARCTIC VALLEY

Leader---Dodie Nelson---

Time Allotted---2 to 4 hours

Meet---3:30 PM at Sears parking lot (corner of No. Lights Blvd. and Seward Hwy). Regroup at 4 PM at Arctic Valley (civilain side) Ski Lodge.

Level of Difficulty---moderate to steep

Explore a south-facing slope and the early plants at the base of the mountain.

JUN 4&5---(SAT & SUN)---BISON GULCH

Leaders---Frank & Verna Pratt

Time Allotted---1 or 2 days

Meet---9 AM---Sat. Jun 4th---at parking area at Bison Gulch, Mile 243.6 on the George Parks Hwy. Those wishing to camp should go just beyond, to the gravel dome on the right side of the road. Near the top of the hill there is a small gravel road (difficult to see). We will have ANPS sign there.

Level of Difficulty---moderate to steep

Frank & Verna have been going to Bison for 4 or 5 years now, so we're sure that almost all of the ANPS members have heard about it. It is a fabulous area for Pasque Flower (*Pulsatilla patens*), Lapland Rosebay (*Rhododendron lapponicum*), Parrys Wallflower (*Parrya nudicaulis*), Purple Cress (*Cardamine purpurea*), Douglassia (*Douglassia Gormanii*) and other early-blooming plants of Interior Alaska. We will investigate the Dome and Mt. Healy across the highway. This is also sometimes a good sheep viewing area. Bring warm clothing as it can be very windy and cold; although we have also basked in the warm sunshine.

JUN 12---(SUN)---MATANUSKA VALLEY

Leader---Diane Quinton---

Time Allotted---1/2 day

Meet---at 12:30 at Bldg K (see intro. above), or at 1:15 PM at "old" Valley Center Shopping Mall across from State Fair Grounds on the Glenn Hwy. in Palmer.

Level of Difficulty---easy to moderate

This area houses many woodland plants including the Fairy Slipper (*Calypso bulbosa*).

JUN 23---(THUR)---KLATT BOG

Leader---Marilyn Barker---

Time Allotted---4 to 5 hours

Meet---5:10 PM at Bldg. K or 5:30 PM at Dimond Center parking area at the S.E. corner, behind and east of Safeway store.

Level of Difficulty---easy, may be wet

Bring your evening meal and enjoy an interesting bog with the Spotted Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium gutatum*).

JUN 25-26---(SAT & SUN)---WILDFLOWER SHOW at Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle.

Time Allotted---12 noon to 6 PM

See a display of labeled local Alaskan wildflower plants, as well as a slide show.

Meet---9 AM---Bldg. K. Regroup at 9:45 AM at Arctic Valley (civilian side) Ski Lodge.

This is a return trip to see the changes that a month makes in this fabulous, close to home, alpine area. Bring a backpack and lunch if you desire. Time is open as a person could leave easily at any point during the day.

#### JUL 2 & 3---(SAT & SUN)---McCARTHY

Leaders---Frank & Verna Pratt

Time Allotted---2 days

Meet---11:30 AM---Sat, Jul 2 at the tram (river crossing), or 12 Noon--- in McCarthy.

Level of Difficulty---moderate

Saturday we will explore McCarthy and the old mining areas, and on Sunday we'll hike and explore the surrounding countryside. Those wishing to fly to McCarthy should let us know by the last week in May. One person flying will be in charge of making arrangements for everyone as it is by charter service. Because it is a drop-off and return trip, you are paying for 2 round trips. Wilbur Flight Service quotes are from \$268 to \$358 per person, depending on size of group and what type aircraft is used.

For those camping, we will camp by the River Crossing (tram) 1 mile before McCarthy.

#### JUL 13---(WED)---LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER

Leader---Sally Karabelnikoff---

Time Allotted---All Day

Meet---9 AM---Bldg. K. Regroup at 9:45 AM at the "old" Valley Center Shopping Mall in Palmer across the highway from the Alaska State Fair Grounds.

Level of Difficulty---moderate

This is a wooded area off of Shrock Road near the Little Susitna River. Bring knee boots because we will, if possible, cross the river at a shallow point. Bring backpack and lunch.

#### JUL 15-16-17---(FRI-SAT-SUN)---WILLIWAW LAKES

Leader---Dodie Nelson---

Time Allotted---2-1/2 days

Meet---6 PM---Fri. Jul 15 at Chugach State Park Glen Alps Parking Lot on Toilsome Hill Drive.

Level of Difficulty---moderate, long hike, backpacking

We will backpack in for a stay of 2 full days near these wonderful alpine lakes in the Chugach State Park. Bring alpine camping gear; lightweight tent or other shelter, mountain stove---there is no firewood! *Armeria maritima* was reportedly found here 2 years ago, so we will be searching for this small plant. Those who cannot leave on Friday evening can easily join us on Saturday. We will hang out a sign on a tent.

#### JUL 23---(SAT)---HATCHER PASS

Leader---Forrest Baldwin

Time Allotted---All Day

Meet---8:30 AM---Bldg. K. Regroup at "old" Valley Center Shopping Mall in Palmer across the highway from the Alaska State Fair Grounds.

Level of Difficulty---moderate

Forrest will show us one of his favorite spots in Hatcher Pass with its diversified flora.

#### JUL 24---(SUN)---McHUGH PEAK

Leader---Julie Riley---

Time Allotted---All Day

Meet---8:45 AM---Bldg. K.

Level of Difficulty---moderate to difficult

Minimum Age---4 yrs

This will be a long, all day hike up to McHugh Peak from the Rabbit Valley side near Julie Riley's home.

**JUL 26---(TUES)---RABBIT LAKE**

Leader---Peggy Pletcher---

Time Allotted---All Day

Meet---8:30 AM at Bldg. K or 9:15 AM at Chugach State Park Upper DeArmound Entrance.

Level of Difficulty---moderate

This is a long, very gradual hike along an old road to Rabbit Lake which is surrounded by alpine meadows and backed up by Suicide Peaks and McHugh Peak. Plan on a very long, enjoyable day.

**JUL 30-31---(SAT-SUN)---FULLER LAKES**

Leader---Frank & Verna Pratt---

Time Allotted---2 days (could be day hike)

Meet---9 AM---Sat, Jul 30 at Fuller Lake Trailhead, mile 56.9 Sterling Highway.

Level of Difficulty---moderate

Minimum Age---4 or 5

This is a long fairly steep, well-used trail through woodland and into alpine country near two lakes. Exploration here is new to all of us as we hiked here only once in the fall (an excellent fall day hike).

**AUG 20---(SAT)---HATCHER PASS**

Leader---Verna Pratt---

Time Allotted---All Day

Meet---8:30 AM---Bldg. K or 9:15 AM at "old" Valley Fair Shopping Mall in Palmer across the highway from the Alaska State Fair Grounds.

Level of Difficulty---moderate

We will visit the alpine meadows to collect seeds for our seed sale and to help reseed at Glen Alps along the new Flat Top Trail.

**SEP 3---(SAT)---GLEN ALPS**

Leader---Verna Pratt---

Time Allotted---1/2 day

Meet---12:30 PM---Bldg. K or 1 PM at Chugach State Park Glen Alps Parking Lot.

Level of Difficulty---moderate

This is our chance to help reseed at Glen Alps. Some work was done last fall, but we ran out of seeds. Bring seeds and something to scratch the surface of the ground slightly---otherwise the seeds will blow away. This is a good chance also to see some late blooming plants like *Gentiana platypetala*, our lovely large Blue Gentian.



# SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Many of the local greenhouses are now carrying a stock of Alaska wildflowers and plants.

Persons interested in obtaining plants might best contact owners of land destined for development. If the owner is unknown, call the Municipality or borough zoning and platting department. Contact the Dept. of Highways---Right of Ways---for new road construction.

Regarding collection of plant material-----We are discouraging this on GROUP outings as we feel that it could become a serious problem and is not in the best interests of conservation.

General rules for gathering material personally are:

- NO in NATIONAL PARK LANDS
- STATE PARK LANDS
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- CAMPGROUNDS
- ALONG HIGHWAYS
- PORTAGE VALLEY
- TURNAGAIN PASS

The Chugach Mountains are all State Park until the Chugach National Forest takes over just north of Girdwood.

O.K. At least 50 feet back from highway on state land that is not designated as park land.

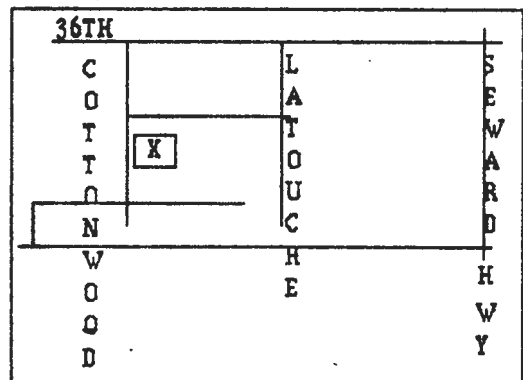
At least 200 feet back from established trails, roads, and campgrounds in National Forests.

## HINTS

If getting plants in an area not to be destroyed, take plenty of soil and BE SURE to fill the resulting hole with downed plant material, rocks or soil. A hole is not only unsightly and dangerous to leave; but, also do great damage by exposing the roots of other nearby plants. After digging your new plant, re-plant it as soon as possible and water well for the first season.

## PLANT SALES

MAY 28---(SAT)---WILDFLOWER GARDEN CLUB---9 AM to 3 PM  
3126 COTTONWOOD



JUN 4---(SAT)---ANCHORAGE GARDEN CLUB---9 AM to 1 PM OR EARLIER IF SOLD OUT  
WEST END OF COUNTRY VILLAGE MALL  
ACROSS BENSON FROM SEARS.