



## 1993 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.

### **Items to bring:**

All trips will require sturdy hiking shoes, drinking water (it is unsafe to drink stream water), rain gear, proper clothing and insect repellent. A walking stick may be a good idea. Bring your camera, binoculars, a hand lens and a field notebook.

### **Caution:**

Digging plants and/or collecting specimens is strongly discouraged by the ANPS. It is also illegal in many locations.

### **Meeting Place:**

Unless otherwise indicated in the individual trip listings, the common meeting place for ANPS field trips is the south east corner of the Sears Mall. It is located at the intersection of Benson Boulevard and the New Seward Highway. We will wait a few minutes for late-comers, but please be prompt.

## FIELD TRIPS

7/10  
**June 5, 1993 -- Saturday -- McRoberts Creek Trail**

Leader -- Chuck Adsit -- Phone --

Time allotted -- 5+ hours

Meeting place and time -- 9:00 AM at Carr's Muldoon or 10:30 AM at the trailhead.

Level of difficulty -- Easy to Moderate

Take the Old Glenn Highway towards Butte turning left onto Smith Road then left onto Harmony Road. You can expect to see cottonwoods, alder, birch, dryas, geraniums, chocolate lilies, bearberry and other species.

**June 12, 1993 -- Saturday -- Bodenbug Butte**

Leader -- Carol Hoblitzell Phone --

Time allotted -- All day

Meeting place and time -- 9:00 AM at the Sears Mall parking lot.

Level of difficulty -- Moderate

Take the Glenn Highway north and turn off onto the Old Glenn Highway. Near Palmer, look for Bodenbug Butte Road. The trailhead is near the reindeer farm. Please try to carpool because parking is limited near the trailhead. Bring all weather gear, lunch and water. It may be windy at the top of the butte.

**June 13, 1993 -- Sunday -- Seventeen Mile Lake**

Leader -- Marilyn Barker -- Phone --

Time allotted -- 6 hours

Meeting place and time -- Carr's Muldoon, SE corner; call leader for time

Level of difficulty -- Easy

This will be a working trip to evaluate a population of orchids. We will set up plots and count plants, flowers and last years capsules. This site has recently changed ownership and the new owner is interested in protecting the orchids. Please pack a picnic dinner.

**June 20, 1993 -- Sunday -- Mt. Marathon, Seward**

Leader -- Verna Pratt -- Phone:

Time allotted -- All day

Meeting place and time -- 9:30 AM at House of Diamond Willow, Seward

Level of difficulty -- Moderate to Difficult

Once in Seward, drive past the boat harbor, through the housing area to the House of Diamond Willow. We will hike the mountain that runners climb on the famous Fourth of July race to see what grows there.

**June 25, 1993 -- Friday -- Campbell Tract**

Leader -- Group participation -- Phone

Time allotted -- 3 hours

Meeting place and time -- 7:00 PM at loop parking area on Basher Road on the right side, a short distance past the creek

Level of difficulty -- Easy

We hope to formulate a list of plants located on the Bureau of Land Management land in the area designated for a public education building. Plans are for building completion in 1994. If you have expertise in flowering plants, especially grasses, sedges, mosses and lichens, please plan to attend at least one of these trips.

**June 25 through 28, 1993 -- Friday through Monday -- Eagle, Alaska**

Leader -- Penny Knuckles and Marilyn Barker -- Phone --

Time allotted -- All day

Meeting place and time -- American Summit, Eagle, Alaska; 1,000 mile RT from Anchorage; call leader for time

Level of difficulty -- Variable; Moderate to Difficult

This four day trip is divided into single-day trips which must be scheduled in advance. At this time, the Monday trip is full and one space is left on Sunday. Participants will compile plant lists for all sites and count populations of rare plants.

Friday -- American Summit: A pleasant walk through alpine tundra where we will encounter many species of plants in bloom.

Saturday -- Eagle Bluff: This steep 1,500 foot south-facing bluff on the upper Yukon River is home to many unusual plant species. Hip waders may be necessary to cross Mission Creek if the water level is high.

Sunday -- Areas north of Eagle: We will access several small, steep bluffs using National Park Service boats. Participants will need to sign up as official NPS volunteers to be covered by liability insurance while on the boats.

Monday -- Calico Bluff: This is an unstable scree slope only accessible by NPS boats. Participants must sign up as official NPS volunteers.

**June 27, 1993 -- Sunday -- Georgeson Botanical Garden and UAF Arboretum, Fairbanks**

Leader -- Pat Holloway -- Phone --  
Time allotted -- To be announced  
Meeting place and time -- To be announced  
Level of difficulty -- To be announced

Call leader for details.

**July 2, 3, and 4, 1993 -- Friday, Saturday and Sunday -- Nome/Anvil Mountain**

Leader -- Verna & Frank Pratt -- Phone --  
Time allotted -- Three days  
Meeting place and time -- Nome Airport; various arrival times  
Level of difficulty -- Moderate

Bring lots of mosquito repellent for this trip! The Pratts will be staying at Shirley Bronson's "Ocean View Bed & Breakfast". Plenty of space is available with them. You can reach the bed & breakfast at 443-2133. If you wish to save money, make reservations too late or sleep under the stars, plan to bring your camping gear. In any case, bring snack food and rain gear. Plan on extra money for evening meals and your share in the rental of a fifteen passenger van to visit area sites in search of native plants.

MarkAir and Alaska Airlines fly to Nome daily. The following arrival times on Friday can be accommodated: MarkAir 8:30 AM Friday morning, Alaska at 8:10 AM Friday and 7:48 PM on Thursday. This trip is limited to fifteen people.

**July 11, 1993 -- Sunday -- McHugh Peak**

Leader -- Julie Riley -- Phone --

Time allotted -- 6 to 8 hours

Meeting place and time -- Huffman Carr's, near road; call for time

Level of difficulty -- Easy to Moderate

This will be an easy ridge walk with a steep climb towards the end. Some time will be spent below the treeline, but most of the trip is through alpine vegetation. Bring lunch and rain gear, if needed.

**July 17, 1993 -- Saturday -- Arctic Valley**

Leader -- Warren and Janet Jones -- Phone --

Time allotted -- 5 hours

Meeting place and time -- Sear's parking lot, NE corner

Level of difficulty -- moderate

Bring lunch, water and rain gear for a steep hike up the slopes of Arctic Valley to see what will be blooming.

**July 18, 1993 -- Sunday -- Wolverine Peak**

Leader -- Verna Pratt -- Phone --

Time allotted -- All day

Meeting place and time -- 9:00 AM at the Prospect Heights trail head. From Upper O'Malley, turn left on Prospect Heights Road and right into Chugach State Park.

Level of difficulty -- Moderate to Difficult

This will be a long all day hike exploring Chugach mountain flora from the woodlands to the alpine reaches.

**July 20, 1993 -- Tuesday -- Campbell Tract**

Leader -- Group participation -- Phone --

Time allotted -- 3 hours

Meeting place and time -- 7:00 PM at Basher Road loop parking area

Level of difficulty -- easy

For details, see the June 25 trip listing.

**July 25, 1993 -- Sunday -- Angel Rocks Trail**

Leader -- Al Batten -- Phone --  
Time allotted -- To be announced  
Meeting place and time -- To be announced  
Level of difficulty -- To be announced

Call leader for more information.

**July 31, 1993 -- Saturday -- Palmer Lakes**

Leader -- Nancy Krieger -- Phone --  
Time allotted -- 6+ hours  
Meeting place and time -- 10 AM at Coeur d'Alene Campground in Hope, Alaska  
Level of difficulty -- Moderate

This will be a short hike up a steep slope to see a multitude of wildflowers still in bloom, albeit well past their peak. We will climb 1 1/2 miles up the side of a mountain in tundra to reach alpine lakes. Please bring rain gear and your own meals. There is camping available at Coeur d'Alene or Porcupine Campgrounds.

**July 23, 24, and 25, 1993 -- Friday through Sunday -- Devil's Pass Trail**

Leader -- Frank Bogardus -- Phone --  
Time allotted -- 2 1/2 days  
Meeting place and time -- 7:00 PM at trailhead, Mile 36.9 Seward Highway  
Level of difficulty -- Difficult

We will leave the parking lot and hike for approximately 3 hours before setting up camp. Saturday morning we will hike all the way in to Devil's Lake and on Sunday we will hike out. Please bring camping gear, rain gear and food. A weapon is advisable.

**August 7, 1993 -- Saturday -- Sudcamp Home in Wasilla**

Leader -- Lois and Jerry Sudcamp -- Phone --  
Time allotted -- 5 hours  
Meeting place and time -- 9 AM Sear's parking lot  
Level of difficulty -- Easy

Take the Glenn Highway north to the Parks Highway through Wasilla. Two miles after the railroad tracks turn right on Pittman Road. Go 3.7 miles down Pittman, taking

a right at the "Y". Watch for a sign in the Sudcamp's driveway.

This will be an easy walk through the woods and along the roadside looking for plants and wildflowers. There are some bog areas where we may see some wetlands plants. Bring lunch, water and rubber boots.

### **August 12, 1993 -- Thursday -- Alaska Botanical Gardens**

Leader -- Cathy Wright -- Phone --

Time allotted -- 2 hours

Meeting place and time -- 10 AM at the Alaska Botanical Gardens, 4515 Campbell Airstrip Road

Level of difficulty -- Easy

This will be a joint field trip with the Wildflower Garden Club.

### **August 14, 1993 -- Saturday -- Falls Creek Trail**

Leader -- Verna Pratt -- Phone --

Time allotted -- All day

Meeting place and time -- 9:00 AM Sears Mall; re-group at Falls Creek trail head, 21 miles south of Anchorage on the Seward Highway.

Level of difficulty -- Moderate

This is an excellent trail where you should be able to see plants that usually flower in June flowering in August. A special plant to see will be the Broad-Petalled Gentian, *Gentiana platypetala*. Remember, bring plenty of water and no collecting in the State Park.

### **August 17, 1993 -- Tuesday -- Campbell Tract**

Leader -- Group participation -- Phone --

Time allotted -- 3 hours

Meeting place and time -- 7:00 PM at the Basher Road loop parking area

Level of difficulty -- Easy

See the June 25 trip listing for details.

**August 28, 1993 -- Saturday -- Willow and Hatcher**

Leader -- Marilyn Upton -- Phone --

Time allotted -- All day

Meeting place and time -- 8 AM at Carr's Muldoon or 10 AM at Willow Trading Post

Level of difficulty -- Easy

This will be a joint trip with the Gem and Mineral Society. We will be gathering seeds and serpentine and panning for gold. Please bring containers for the seeds that you collect as well as water and lunch. After the expedition, there will be a potluck dinner at Willow Lake so bring a dish if you wish to join us for dinner.

**August/September 1993 -- To Be Announced -- Murphy Dome berry picking**

Leader -- Mike Emers and Laura Welp Phone --

Time allotted -- To be announced

Meeting place and time -- To be announced

Level of difficulty -- To be announced

Call leader for details.



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