



P.O. Box 141613, Anchorage, AK 99514

1996 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. Please call the leader a few days before the outing, unforeseen things can come up and plans may change.

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 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.

Celebrating Wildflowers:

A two week celebration of our native wildflowers is being arranged through various agencies and organizations. Events will be publicized in the Anchorage Daily News and through other media sources. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event. See Page 7 for more details.

June 23 - July 1 : ANPS welcomes back NPSOT (Native Plant Society of Texas)

In this time period we will be joined again by members of the Native Plant Society of Texas. We are maintaining some flexibility in the schedule during this period in order to accommodate members of both groups. To confirm meeting times and places, call Julia or Trevor Ricketts ().

Tour of Plant Materials Center:

No date has been set as of printing time. Watch the newspapers for announcements.

Thank you to Field Trip Leaders:

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

1995 ANPS FIELD TRIPS

May 16 - Thursday: Plant Identification

Leader: Marilyn Barker ()
Time allotted: 7:00-9:00
Meeting time: 7:00
Meeting Place: UAA Science Rm 248
Level of difficulty: Easy



Learn the tricks of plant identification and how to use a key. Hands-on practice.

May 19 - Sunday: Wishbone Hill / Sutton

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

A strenuous hike kicks off our summer season with the 5th 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 27 - Monday (Memorial Day): Nancy Lakes

Leader: John Wenger ()
Time allotted: 4 - 5 hours
Meeting time: 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Tulik Trail Parking Lot. (Take the Parks Hwy. to Mile 67.2, turn left onto Park Roadway, follow to milepost 3 at the Tulik Trail Parking Lot)
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 footgear. Allow approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes to get to Nancy Lakes from Anchorage.

May 30- Thursday: Baxter Bog

Leader: Dianne M. Toebe ()
Time allotted: 2 Hours
Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Baxter Elementary Parking Lot
Level of difficulty: Easy

We'll follow the flat, gravel trail that loops around the bog. Watch for Lily pads, bog rosemary, leatherleaf, sphagnum and possibly sundews. Bring mud boots and binoculars for bird watching.

June 9 - Sunday: Arctic Valley - South Fork of Eagle River Traverse

Leader: Verna Pratt ()
Time allotted: All day
Meeting time: 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Sears Mall (Regrouping at 10 a.m. at Arctic Valley at the Alpenglow ski Area)
Level of difficulty: Moderate
Reservations By: June 7
Minimum age: 5, if a very good hiker

We will hike up the saddle and around the East side of Rendezvous Peak (for early flowers) and follow the ridge back to the South Fork of Eagle River. Beautiful views of Ship Creek Valley, the South Fork Valley and the Inlet. Bring lunch, plenty of water, good hiking shoes (it could be wet going up to the saddle) and appropriate clothing for the day. Call for reservations as a car shuttle must be arranged.

June 12- Wednesday: New Trails Above Prospect Hts.

Leader: Kathy Burke () & Carol Hoblitzell
Time allotted: About 2 hours
Meeting time: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: Prospect Hts. Parking Lot
Level of difficulty: Easy-Moderate



We will Explore up the lower loop of the South Rim Trail, getting great views up the Middle Fork Valley. Then we'll cross over on the Alder Trail and come back down the Denali View Trail.

June 18- Tuesday: Strawberry Bog Stroll

Leader: Kathy Burke () & Carol Hoblitzell
Time allotted: 1 - 2 hours
Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: At junction of Strawberry and 80th
Level of difficulty: Easy

We will walk a path through a boggy area to a birch lined pond. Hopefully we'll see shrubby potentilla, leatherleaf, bog rosemary, false meadowrue, iris,



marsh cinquefoil and Labrador tea. Wear waterproof foot-wear.

June 21 - Friday: Kincaid Park

Leader: Verna Pratt ()
Time allotted: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Chalet at Kincaid
Level of difficulty: Easy



A long easy walk through open woodlands. From the Chalet to the Inlet. Bring lunch, bug repellent, rain gear and appropriate, good walking shoes. Take Raspberry Road west from Minnesota bypass or Jewel Lake Road and follow it to the end. This hike is sponsored by Celebrating Wildflowers.

June 22- Saturday: Little O'Malley and the Ballpark

Leader: Julia & Trevor Ricketts ()
Time allotted: 6-7 Hours
Meeting time: 7:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Glen Alps Parking Lot
Level of difficulty: Moderate

This joint trip with the Anchorage Chapter of the Audubon Society will feature alpine tundra plants and birds. Enjoy numerous wildflowers while exploring for Surfbirds, Horned Larks, American Pipits, White-tailed Ptarmigan and Gray-crowned Rosy Finches. Meet at the Glen Alps parking lot at 7 a.m. Bring a packed lunch, waterproofs and sturdy footwear.

ANPS welcomes back NPSOT (Native Plant Society of Texas)

June 23 - July 1:

In this time period some members of the Native Plant Society of Texas are returning to Alaska. We are maintaining some flexibility in the schedule in order to accommodate members of both groups. The Texas group will be renting a van, and some seats may be available to ANPS members who wish to carpool. To confirm meeting times and places, call Julia or Trevor Ricketts ().

June 23 -Sunday: Arctic Valley

Leader: Julia & Trevor Ricketts ()
Time allotted: All day.
Meeting time: 8:30 a.m.



Meeting Place: Carrs at Muldoon and Northern Lights, near the newspaper bins on the N. Lights side. Regroup at 9 a.m. at Arctic Valley, at the Alpenglow Ski Area.

Level of difficulty: Moderate

This area features north and south facing slopes where early and late blooming plants can often be found at the same time. The rocky summit of Rendezvous Peak, elevation 4,050 feet, is an optional side hike (total elevation gain 1,500 feet). Bring lunch, water and rain gear.

June 24 - Monday: Hatcher Pass

Leader: Julia Ricketts ()
& Verna Pratt ()



Time allotted: All day
Meeting time: 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Carrs at Muldoon and Northern Lights, near the newspaper bins on the N. Lights side.
Level of difficulty: Easy

Visit alpine meadows full of blooming Bog Candles, Northern Green Bog Orchid, Chocolate Lily, Death Camas, Columbine and Weasel Snout. Hike to an alpine lake and visit an historic gold mine.

June 25 - Tuesday: Portage and Girdwood

Leader: Julia Ricketts ()
& Verna Pratt ()

Time allotted: All day
Meeting time: 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Carrs at Huffman, SW corner
Level of difficulty: Easy

Explore gravel bars at Byron Glacier, the Moose Meadows in Girdwood, and spruce / hemlock forest on the Winner Creek Trail. Bring waterproof footwear for the Moose Meadows. If enough people are interested, we may stay for dinner at the Double Musky.

June 26 - Wednesday: Mt. Eklutna

Leader: Verna Pratt
Time allotted: All day (We should be back for dinner)
Meeting time: 8:30 a.m.
Meeting Place: Carrs at Muldoon & Northern Lights, near the newspaper bins on the N. Lights side. Car pooling is recommended as parking at the trailhead is scarce. We will regroup around 9:00 a.m. at "Peter's Creek Bisempis Center" (On the frontage Road off of Glenn Hwy.). To get there take S. Peters Creek exit.

To get to the trailhead turn south (right coming from Anchorage) off of the Frontage Rd. on Ski Rd., right again on Whaley Ave. The name will change to Chugach State Park Dr. at a left bend. Go up steep hill where the name changes again at another sharp left bend to Kullberg. Turn right on Sullins (just before a dead end sign), and take another right on Malcolm.

Level of difficulty: Moderate but long.
Minimum age: 5, if a very good hiker.

We will walk through woods on an easy homestead road, then slowly climb through meadows and up into mountain tundra. The area has a few plants more typically found farther north, e.g. *Armeria Maritima* (Thrift) and *Polygonum bistorta* (Pink Plumes). Bring lunch and plenty of water.

**June 29-30 - Saturday & Sunday:
Carter and Crescent Lakes**

Leader: Julia Ricketts ()
Time allotted: Saturday & Sunday
Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Mile 33.1 of the Seward Highway (94 miles south of Anchorage) at the Carter Lake Trailhead. Parking area on west side of the highway.



Level of difficulty: Moderate

On Saturday, we will backpack to Crescent Lake via the Carter Lake trail (3.3 miles; total elevation gain 1,050 feet; some stream hopping may be necessary). We will camp and explore around Crescent Lake before returning on Sunday. The hike passes through hemlock forest, subalpine meadows with forget-me-nots, stream violets and chocolate lilies, and up into alpine country. For the adventurous, a steep hike onto the ridge above the lake offers pink poppies and other alpine specialists. Please call if you plan to attend.

June 30 - Sunday: Gold Cord Trail (located in the Hatcher Pass Independence Mine State Park)

Leader: Panthea Redwood (wk Anch., hm Palmer)

Time allotted: 3 hours

Meeting time: 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Independence Mine State Park Visitor Center (Anyone interested in carpooling- meet at Sears Mall at 12:00)

Level of difficulty: Easy-Moderate



This strip starts at the Independence Mine State Park Visitor Center with a slide show of wildflowers in the area. Next, rain or shine, we will hike across flat tundra inspecting wildflowers, and finish with a short steep hike up to an alpine lake. Panthea will also show us a Pika nest where we can examine the vegetation the Pika has stored there. (There is a \$3.00 per car entrance/parking fee at the Visitor Center, or for free, you may park at the parking area after the "A" Frame and before the Park Entry Gate, and walk to the Visitor Center (about a 1 mile walk)

July 5 - Friday: Close-up Photography Workshop

Leader: James Wallace (Marilyn Barker's Brother)
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Time allotted: 2 Hours

Meeting time: 7:00

Meeting Place: UAA Science Bldg., South Door, Room 248.

Level of difficulty: Easy

James Wallace of Western Carolina University will share his knowledge of close-up photography. Be on time, as the door will be locked.

July 6-7-Saturday,Sunday: Llamas Buddies will carry our loads up the Mint Trail (Hatcher Pass)

Leader: Verna Pratt ()

Time allotted: Two days

Meeting time: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Trail Head, across from the Mother Lode on Hatcher Pass Rd. About 1 1/2 hours drive from Anchorage. Car pooling can be arranged.

Level of difficulty: Easy

This is an easy overnight trip as the llamas carry most of the gear. We will camp at a nice spot, about 5 miles in, where we can explore the area from. All camping gear --tents, sleeping bags, thermal pads, food, etc. is provided. You need only bring your clothing for the two days. Pam Barnes of Llama Buddies will supply a stuff sack for 10 lbs. of extra clothing that the llamas will carry for you. Bring a pack suitable to carry the rest of your clothing. (Probably a daypack) We will be back to the trail head about 6:00 p.m., Sunday the 7th. Cost is \$245.00 a person.



July 14 - Sunday: Gold Cord Trail (located in the Hatcher Pass Independence Mine State Park)

Leader: Panthea Redwood (wk Anch.,
hm Palmer)

Time allotted: 3 hours

Meeting time: 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Independence Mine State Park Visitor Center (Anyone interested in carpooling- meet at Sears Mall at 12:00)

Level of difficulty: Easy-Moderate

This trip starts at the Independence Mine State Park Visitor Center with a slide show of wildflowers in the area. Next, rain or shine, we will hike across flat tundra inspecting wildflowers, and finish with a short steep hike up to an alpine lake. Panthea will also show us a Pika nest where we can examine the vegetation the Pika has stored there. (There is a \$3.00 per car entrance/parking fee at the Visitor Center, or for free, you may park at the parking area after the "A" Frame and before the Park Entry Gate, and walk to the Visitor Center (about a 1 mile walk)

July 17- Wednesday- Alaska Botanical Tour

Leader: A Botanical Garden Guide
(Hotline:)

Time allotted: 1 1/2 hours

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Alaska Botanical Garden Entrance

Level of difficulty: Easy

An evening tour of the many trails and gardens in the Alaska Botanical Garden. The flowers are in constant changing bloom.

July 20- Saturday: Wolverine Peak

Leader: Dianne Toebe

Time allotted: All day

Meeting time: 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Prospect Hts. Parking Lot

Level of difficulty: Difficult



From the forest to the alpine, we'll view the transition of wildflowers. Saxifrage at the top ridge. Great views of Anchorage and beyond, weather permitting.

July 27- Saturday: Ram Valley

Leader: Jan & Warren Jones

Time allotted: 3-5 hours

Meeting time: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Eagle River Nature Center (previously

Eagle River Visitor Center)
Level of difficulty: Moderate, but you should be in good shape.

This hike starts out with a steep climb up to Ram Valley, then it's fairly flat. Possible blueberry picking, bears, coyotes and sheep.

July 28- Sunday: Symphony Lake

Leader: Marilyn Barker

Time allotted: All Day

Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: South Fork Parking Lot

Level of difficulty: Moderate



Hike about 10 miles round trip enjoying the beauty of the South Fork of Eagle River valley, not to mention wildflowers. Sheep are often visible.

August 3- Saturday: Sally K's Garden

Leader: Sally Karabelnikoff

Time allotted: 2 hours

Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: 7435 Old Harbor Ave., the next street past the new Fred Meyers, between E. 10th and E 6th. The house is on the corner of Old Harbor Ave. and Creekside. Plenty of parking available.

Level of difficulty: Easy

Minimum age: Children must be supervised as Sally has many precious plants on her grounds.

Sally Karabelnikoff is hosting this visit to her gardens. Much of the garden is natural woodland, with small areas of bog and other habitats. With luck, some of her orchids may be blooming.

August 6- Tuesday: Cooper Landing

Leader: Verna Pratt ()

Time allotted: All day

Meeting time: 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Carrs Huffman, S/W Corner (Huffman Road side, West end, away from Carrs) or Mile (??, Call Leader) of the Sterling Hwy. at 10:30 a.m.

Level of difficulty: Easy

We will visit a newly developed area donated by David Rhodes' mother (deceased). This piece of land is triangular, about 400 feet on two sides, 100 on the third. Dave has made trails through it and is plotting

out planting areas to make it a natural landscape for visitors --what a great idea for use of a disturbed area.

Special Instructions: Bring lunch (some extras - let's treat Dave) If time allows we will visit areas on the return trip. If you have plant or seed donations, Dave would appreciate them --He is looking for help and ideas. This project is in early-design phase.

August 10- Saturday: Palmer Lakes (if the Road to Palmer Lakes is bad we'll go to Point Hope)

Leader: Nancy Krieger
Time allotted: All day
Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Coeur d' Alene Campground in Hope (about 2 hours drive from Anchorage). 16 miles from the junction of Hope Rd. and Seward Hwy., turn left on Resurrection Creek Rd. At Mile 0.7, continue straight ahead on Palmer Creek Rd., following it about 7 miles to the campground.

Level of difficulty: Moderate - Strenuous
Minimum age: This is a steep hike so kids will need supervision.

This will be a short hike up a steep slope. Snow lingers in this area, so a multitude of wildflowers would still be blooming, including Broad-petaled Gentian (*Gentiana platypetala*). We will climb 1 1/2 miles through tundra to reach alpine lakes and view a glacier. Mountain goats are sometimes seen here. Bring a packed lunch and rain gear. There is camping available at Coeur d' Alene or Porcupine campgrounds. The trailhead is 4.4 miles beyond the campground, at the end of an unmaintained road that is not recommended for large camper vehicles and trailers. It is driveable by most cars in dry weather.

August 17 - Saturday: Katchemak Bay Kayak.

Leader: Dottie Harness
, or Cell:
Time allotted: All day
Meeting time: Contact Leader
Meeting Place: Contact Leader
Level of difficulty: Easy

On this low-tide weekend, Seaside Adventures will taxi us across Katchemak Bay, give us a short kayaking lesson and provide us with the necessary equipment. Paddling around islands and coves we will see marine plant life and bird life. Possible sightings of otters, porpoises, whales, sea stars, anemones, and crabs.

August 24 & 25 - Saturday / Sunday: Crow Pass Traverse

Leader: Curvin Metzler ()
Time allotted: Two Days
Meeting time: Contact Leader
Meeting Place: Contact Leader
Level of difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous



Snow melts late up in the Crow pass area, so flowers are in bloom through July and August. Elevation gain is 2,000 feet on this 26 mile traverse through a beautiful mountain pass and valleys. You'll hike by Crystal Lake, Crow Glacier, and Raven Glacier. Watch for Dall sheep and mountain goats. There are several stream crossings and a crossing of Eagle River.

September 7 & 8- Saturday & Sunday: Nancy Lake Canoe Trip

Leader: Julia Ricketts ()
Kathy Burke ()
Time allotted: Two full days
Meeting time: To be arranged
Meeting Place: Carrs at Muldoon and Northern Lights, near the newspaper bins on the N. Lights side.
Level of difficulty: Moderate

Enjoy the last of summer and the beginning of fall with this canoe trip on the Nancy Lake Canoe Trails. We aim to complete the Lynx Lake Loop (8 miles), paddling through a chain of fourteen forest-rimmed lakes linked by short portages. This is a great opportunity to get intimate with wetland plants! Loons, waterfowl and beavers should also be abundant. We've reserved a cabin at Lynx Lake, but if there's enough demand we'll make extra reservations and maybe also have a tenting group. Canoe rentals are available at Nancy Lakes. Call Julia or Kathy by July 12, if you're interested. A pre trip meeting will be arranged. (We will share the \$35.00 cabin cost)



Celebrating Wildflowers : Tentative Schedule

The following is a schedule of events planned for the Celebrating Wildflowers campaign. Please call either Ginny Moran () or Mona Spargo () to confirm dates and times. Events will be advertised in the paper and throughout other media.

DATE	EVENT
May 22 (WED)- 7:00PM	Wildflower Tracking, Trip #1- McHugh Creek with Marlena Mooring()
June 5 (WED)- 7:00PM	Wildflower Tracking, Trip #2- McHugh Creek with Marlena Mooring()
June 13 (THU)- 7:30PM	"Know Your Local Flora" Slide Show, by Verna Pratt ()
June 15 (SAT)- 10:00AM	Wildflowers of Our Meadows & Forests by Julia Ricketts ()
June 15 (SAT)- 7:30PM	"Plants and Butterflies" Slide Show by Carole Lloyd ()
June 16 (SUN)- 2:00PM	Salt Marsh Walk with Virginia Moran ()
June 16 (SUN)- 2:00PM	Gold Mint Trail Hike with Panthea Redwood ()
June 19 (WED)- 7:00PM	Wildflower Tracking, Trip #3- McHugh Creek with Marlena Mooring()
June 19 (WED)- 3:00-8:30PM	Open Lab at UAA Biology Dept. with Marilyn Barker ()
June 19 (WED)- 7:00PM	Flower Photography Workshop ()
June 20 (THU)- 7:30PM	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Eagle River Road, Carole LLOYD ()
June 20 (THU)- Please Call	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Creekside Park, Sally Karabelnikoff ()
June 20 (THU)- Please Call	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Hillside, Claire Marsden ()
June 20 (THU)- 7:00PM	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Forsythe Park, Julia & Trevor Ricketts ()
June 20 (THU)- 7:30PM	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Muldoon Fitness Park, Verna Pratt ()
June 20 (THU)- 7:00PM	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Please Call, Deborah Blank ()
June 20 (THU)- 7:00PM	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Northwood Park, Virginia Moran ()
June 20 (THU)- 6:30PM	Neighborhood Flora Walk- Turnagain, Rob DeVelice ()
June 21 (FRI)- 10:00AM	Kincaid Walk with Verna Pratt ()
June 22 (SAT)- 9:00AM	Williwaw Lake Hike with Virginia Moran ()
June 22 & 23 (S&S)- 2:00PM	Insects and Wildflowers by Carole Lloyd ()
June 23 (SUN)- 7:00PM	Evening Stroll at APU with Virginia Moran ()
June 23 (SUN)- 2:00PM	Gold Cord Lake Trail Hike with Panthea Redwood ()
June 24 (MON)- 5:00PM	Wildflower Exploring by Bike with Debbie Blank ()
June 25 (TUE)- 5:00PM	Chester Creek Trail Walk with Debbie Blank ()
June 27 (THU)- Please Call	Wader Walk, Wildflowers of a Floating Bog with Connie Hubbard ()
June 28 (FRI)- 7:30PM	Beach and Tidal Wildflowers with Keith Boggs ()
June 29 (SAT)- 9:30AM	Vegetation and Fire History with Michele Potkin ()
June 30 (SUN)- 9:30AM	Altitude Walk with Rob DeVelice ()
June 30 (SUN)- 2:00PM	Gold Cord Lake Trail Hike with Panthea Redwood ()

SPRING PLANT SALES

Wildflower Garden Club

Saturday, June 1, 1996
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
7435 Old Harbor Ave.
(Muldoon)

Native plants, annuals and perennials.
Plants are from the gardens of members.

Plants for sale include: beach pea, columbine, ferns, forget-me-nots, iris, shooting stars, violets, lupine, rhubarb, vegetables, hardy roses, raspberry, strawberry, herbs, small trees, poppies, trollius and many others.

Anchorage Garden Club

Saturday, June 1, 1996
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(or until sold)

3734 W. 35th Ave.

for more information call Carole at
or Carmel at

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