

Alaska Native Plant Society 1998 Field Trip Schedule

General Information:

The purpose of the Alaska Native Plant Society (ANPS) 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. Remember, there is a \$5.00 per visit (or \$25 for annual pass) usage fee for all Alaska State Parks collected at the entrance. (Eagle River Visitor Center has its own fee as that is operated as a concession).

Please read the individual trip listings 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. **For out-of-town trips (Kenai Peninsula, Fairbanks, etc.) please call the leader** a few days before the outing, as unforeseen events 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 anywhere), 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 ANPS. Collecting is illegal in many of the locations that 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.

Thank you to Field Trip Leaders:

This summer schedule is the result of the efforts of ANPS members in suggesting and arranging outings. Thank you to everyone who gave their time toward providing these botanical opportunities!

TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

May 16-Saturday-Potters Marsh

Leader: Marilyn Barker & Rick Sinnott
 Time allotted: 6 hours (9 to 3)
 Meeting time: 9 AM
 Meeting place: South end of Potters Marsh
 Level of difficulty: Easy

Bring lunch, snack, and hot thermos. Be prepared to slog through the marsh and water, i.e. hip waders, and canoe are helpful.

May 17-Sunday-Wishbone Hill

Leader: Curvin Metzler
 Time allotted: All day
 Meeting time: 9 AM

Meeting place: Sears Mall

Level of difficulty: Strenuous, beautiful flower filled walk. up into a rocky alpine situation. Wonderful plants — wonderful views with plenty of interesting rocks along the way. The area is home to many fossil rocks. Bring your rock hammer and gloves.

May 23-Saturday-Valley Garden Club Plant Sale (also Master Gardeners & Alaska Rock Garden Society), at Historical Park behind the Wasilla Library from 10 AM to 4PM.

May 23 & 24- Saturday & Sunday-Plant Sale (Alaska Rock Garden Society and Sally Arant) at DeArmoun Road, Anchorage, from 10 AM to 5 PM each day.

May 25-Monday-Eklutna Lake

Leader: John Wenger
 Time allotted: 9 AM to 12 noon
 Meeting time: 9 AM
 Meeting place: At campground by trailhead, by the interpretive sign and the public viewing scopes.
 Level of difficulty: Easy

Bring water and lunch. Possible entrance fee. Look for *Cypripedium passerinum*, Bird egg orchids in bloom, possible Dall sheep lambs, birds, mammals, and tracking in addition to plants and flowers. This is a joint trip with Anchorage Audubon. No pets and no firearms.

May 29-Friday-Opening Program for Celebrating Wildflowers

Leader: Marilyn Barker
 Time allotted: 1 to 1-1/2 hours
 Meeting time: 7:30 PM
 Meeting place: UAA, Room 117, Business Educ. Bldg. The green building between Lucy Cuddy Center and Sports Center. (Only 3-story Building on campus). Parking is free at UAA during summer.

Celebrating Wildflowers is a 10-day celebration to help and encourage the general public to learn more about native Plants. Thanks to those who have offered their time. ANPS members please join fellow botanists and, if possible, help them as these trips will be advertised to the public, so should be well attended. No need to call for reservations.
 Level of difficulty: Easy.

May 30-Saturday-Wildflower Garden Club Plant Sale

At Sally Karabelnikoff's,
 Anchorage--- ---9 AM to 4 PM

May 30-Saturday-Calypso Orchid and Wild Violet Hike

Sponsored by Eagle River Visitor Center (ERVC).
 Meet at ERVC at 2 PM. Easy trail. Fee area.

May 31-Sunday-APU Woodland Walk

Leader: Dianne Toebe
 Time allotted: 2 to 3 hours
 Meeting time: 1 PM
 Meeting place: Parking lot across from Grant Hall (1st parking lot on the right). We will walk on trail around APU.
 Level of difficulty: Easy

June 1-Monday-Evening Neighborhood Walks

- All will be 1 to 2-1/2 hours.
- #1-Hillside Park-6:30 PM
 Park in lot off of Abbott Road just before the curve where it meets Hillside Drive. Nice trail. Some hills.
 - #2-Baxter Bog-7 PM
 Meet at Baxter Elementary School at southeast corner. Easy walking. May be wet off of the trail.
 - #3-B. Centennial North-7 PM
 Go south on Campbell Airfield Road to the parking lot on the right side at mile 1.1. Easy trail
 - #4-Huffman Park Fitness Trail
 From Huffman (towards mountains) turn left on Lorraine (just before Elmore). Road dead-ends at Huffman Elementary School, which is on the right side of the road. Meet at trailhead.
 - #5-Campbell Creek West
 From the Old Seward Highway (going south) turn right on 64th Avenue. Bear right when it ends --- it will become Linwood Drive. Trail is at the end of Linwood. Easy trail.
 - #6-Stork Park-7 PM
 From the Seward Highway, take Rabbit Creek Road, go past the blinking light at Bear Valley School, turn right on Clark Road. Stork Park parking lot will be on the right. Easy walk, probably dry. May be some downed trees to step over.
 - #7-Balto Seppla & Lloyd Steele Parks-7 PM
 Meet at parking lot on Wisconsin between 32nd Ave., and 35th Ave.
 - #8-Sitka Street Park-7 PM
 Go south on Sitka off 15th Avenue (this is across from south side of Merrill Field) to parking lot for Sitka Street Parking. Wetland, need rubber boots.
 - #9-Cheney Lake-7 PM
 Park at Cheney Lake Park at south end of lake on Baxter Road for a hike around the lake. Easy walk, but may be damp in some areas.
 - #10-Muldoon Fitness Park-7 PM
 Meet at parking lot on Northern Lts. near Muldoon Road (across from Carr's) Easy, good woodland trail.

June 2-Tuesday-Goose Lake

Leader: Verna Pratt
 Time allotted: 10 AM to 2 PM
 Meeting time: 10 AM
 Meeting place: East end of Goose Lake parking lot
 Level of difficulty: Easy walking through woods to APU, some hills. Bring lunch.

June 3-Wednesday-Potter Creek Trailhead

Leader: Marlana Mooring
 Time allotted:
 Meeting time: 7 PM
 Meeting place: Potter Creek Trailhead
 Level of difficulty: Moderate, good trail. Many flowers as this is a warm spot. Fee area.

June 4-Thursday-Earthquake Park/Coastal Trail

Leader: Sue Jensen
 Time allotted: 1 PM to 3 PM
 Meeting time:
 Meeting place:
 Level of difficulty: Easy walking.

June 5-Friday-Briggs Bridge

Leader: Carol Lloyd
 Time allotted: 1-1/2 to 2 hours
 Meeting time: 2 PM
 Meeting place: Take Glenn Hwy to Eagle River Loop/Hiland Road exit. Turn right on River Access just before the bridge.
 Level of difficulty: Easy trail

June 6-Saturday-Anchorage Garden Club Plant Sale

at , 9 AM to 5 PM

June 7- Sunday-Bodenburg Butte

Leader: Carol Hoblitzell
 Time allotted: All day
 Meeting time: 9 AM
 Meeting place: Sears Mall Parking Lot
 Level of difficulty: Moderate

Alternate Meeting Place-Take Glenn Hwy north and turn off onto the Old Glenn Hwy. Near Palmer, look for Bodenburg 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 7- Sunday-North Fork Eagle River

Leader: Carol Lloyd /Verna Pratt
 Time allotted: 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
 Meeting time: 2 PM
 Meeting place: Canoe Launch area at Mile 7.4 on Eagle River Road
 Level of difficulty: Easy walking, this is in conjunction with the Eagle River Nature Center.

 Thanks everyone for making Celebrating Wildflowers a success!

June 8-Monday-Campbell Tract Botanical Study

Leader: Verna Pratt
 Time allotted: 3 hours
 Meeting time: 6 PM
 Meeting place: Parking lot at mile 1.1 on the Campbell Creek.
 Level of difficulty: Easy. This is the first of three evening walks to learn, gather, and press samples for an herbarium at the Campbell Creek Science Center.

June 14-Sunday-Potter Marsh, biking from Potter Marsh along Turnagain Arm

Leader: Susan Willhoft
 Time allotted: 3 hours
 Meeting time: 9 AM
 Meeting place: Railroad station at far end of Potter Marsh on Old Seward Highway
 Level of difficulty: Easy

June 20-Saturday-Ball Park / O'Malley

Leader: Joel Hubbard
 Time allotted: 6 to 7 hours
 Meeting time: Promptly at 7:30 AM.
 Meeting place: Glen Alps parking lot. Fee area.
 Level of difficulty: Moderate. Joint trip with 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. Bring a packed lunch, waterproofs and sturdy footwear.

June 26,27,28--Eagle Summit / Circle

Leader: Dianne Toebe
 Time allotted: 3 days
 Meeting time: (Call Dianne)
 Meeting place: (Call Dianne)
 Level of difficulty: Easy. Eagle Summit north of Fairbanks and Circle Hot Springs

June 27-Saturday-Garden Fair / Botanical Garden

10 AM to 5 PM

July 7-Tuesday-Russian Jack Springs

Leader: Susan Willhoft

Time allotted: 2 to 2-1/2 hours

Meeting time: 6 PM

Meeting place: The Chalet at Russian Jack Park

Level of difficulty: Easy. Hike to springs and see the Monkey Flowers in bloom

July 10,11,12-Friday, Saturday, Sunday-Homer

Leader: Daisy Lee Bitter & Dianne Toebe

Time allotted: 3 days

Meeting time: Let Dianne know when you'll arrive

Meeting place: Read on

Level of difficulty: Easy.

Friday, July 10---Since parking spaces are scarce at the campgrounds and on the Homer Spit during July, those who wish may park at Daisy Lee Bitter's @

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intersection of East Hill Road and Skyline Drive. It is yards past the Wynn Nature Center on the bay side of the road. A marks the driveway.

Please let Dianne know if you plan to arrive on Friday and approximately what time.

Saturday, July 11

8:30-11:30 AM---Marine and Shore Plants (with an emphasis on edible species and how to prepare them). Low tide -3.2 @ 10:28 AM Meet @ north end of lagoon on the Homer Spit (AKA: "Fishing Hole")

1:30-3:30 PM---Calvin and Coyle Trail Hike through an old growth forest of birch and Lutz spruce to an observation platform at the edge of the Beluga Wetlands. early part of the trail is an excellent example of secondary plant succession. (Brochures will be provided).

4 PM---Check in @ Rainbow Tours. Parking spaces are hard to find in July. Be prepared to park and walk several blocks.

4:30 PM---M/V Rainbow Connection leaves the Homer Small Boat Harbor. First stop is at the Field Station of the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies to pick their day tour guests. Then we circle the Gull Islands' Seabird Rookery for close-up observation of the eight species of seabirds that nest there. (Tufted

puffins, horned puffins, murre, pigeon guillemots, pelagic cormorants, red-faced cormorants, black-legged kittiwakes, and glaucous-winged gulls). Cost is only \$10 each if our group is 20 or larger. (Make checks payable to Rainbow Tours). This is a great photo opportunity since high tide is +18.5 @ 5 PM. Over the years generations of these seabirds have become accustomed to the presence of boats. The birds will spook, however, at the presence or even the shadow of a bald eagle. By July 11 we should be able to see several chicks. (Dress warmly for boat trip).

7:30 PM---Potluck at Daily Lee Bitter's home with local native plant group.

Sunday, July 12

8:30 AM---Guided tours at the Carl E. Wynn Nature Center. Priscilla Russell Kari, who wrote *Tanaina Plantlore-An Ethnobotany of the Dena'ina Indians of Southcentral Alaska* will be one of the naturalist guides. (Cost is \$5 each. Make checks payable to Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies.)

1 PM---Tour of Toby Tyler's native plant garden. (Cost is \$6. Make checks payable to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust since Toby does these tours as a benefit for them.) Toby illustrated Janice Schofield's book, *Discovering Wild Plants-Alaska, Western Canada, the Northwest*. His colored prints are sold at Ptarmigan Arts.

Be sure to visit the Pratt Museum on Bartlett Street before leaving Homer.

Comments:

Well-behaved children are welcome. No pets allowed. At several locations, including , they would be problems due to the presence of moose, porcupines, and an occasional black bear. Daisy Lee has cabin space for those who want to sleep inside. Bring your sleeping bag and pad.

July 14-Tuesday-Campbell Tract / Botanical Study

Leader: Verna Pratt

Time allotted: 3 hours

Meeting time: 6 PM

Meeting place: BLM entrance parking lot on Abbott Loop Road. This is 2nd in our series of 3 to study plants of Campbell Tract.

Level of difficulty: Easy

July 18-Saturday-Archangel Creek to Lane Cabin in Hatcher Pass

Leader: Nancy Krieger
 Time allocated: All day
 Meeting time: 8:30 AM
 Meeting place: Sears Mall for car-pooling
 Level of difficulty: Moderate. Call leader if you plan to go directly to the parking area (Reed Lakes Trail). This is too far to go if nobody shows up. We will probably start hiking at 10 AM.

July 18-Saturday-Visit Coyote Gardens in Willow

Leader: Les Brake (owner)
 Time allocated:
 Meeting time:
 Meeting place:
 Level of difficulty: Easy. Fee. Part of proceeds go to the Alaska Rock Garden Society and to the Alaska Botanical Garden

July 19-Sunday-Palmer Lakes

Leader: Warren Jones / Dianne Toebe
 Time allocated: 6+ hours
 Meeting time: 10 AM
 Meeting place: Coeur d'Alene Campground in Hope
 Level of difficulty: Moderate. This will be a short hike up a steep slope to see a multitude of wildflowers still in bloom, albeit past their peak. We will climb 1-1/2 miles up the side of a mountain in tundra to reach alpine lakes. Bring raingear and your own meals. There is camping available at Coeur d'Alene or Porcupine Campgrounds.

July 23, 24, ?-Thursday thru ?-Pribilof Islands

Call Dianne Toebe @ for information

July 26-Sunday-South Fork, Eagle River

Leader: Verna Pratt
 Time allocated:
 Meeting time: 8 AM or 8:45 AM (see below)
 Meeting place: Carr's Muldoon (S.E. corner of parking lot) at 8 AM to carpool; or South Fork Entrance to Chugach State Park at 8:45 AM.
 Level of difficulty: Moderate. Hike the trail toward Eagle Lake.

August 8-Saturday-Hatcher Pass / Willow

Leader: Marilyn Upton
 Time allocated: All day
 Meeting time: 9 AM
 Meeting place: Mile 69.5 of Parks Hwy at the Willow Trading Post. Willow end of Hatcher Pass Road.
 Level of difficulty: With the Chugach Gem & Mineral Society. Look for serpentine and gather seed of wildflowers. Bring lunch. Bring pot luck dish for supper at Willow Lake!

August 11-Tuesday-Campbell Tract Botanical Study

Leader: Verna Pratt
 Time allocated: 3 hours
 Meeting time: 6 PM
 Meeting place: Road to the Science Center. Park at the 2nd set of barricades on your right. We will explore this different habitat for more choices of plants.
 Level of difficulty: Easy

August 15-Saturday-Winner Creek Trail (to Falls)

Leader: Jonathan Schilk
 Time allocated: 8 to 10 hours
 Meeting place: Carrs Huffinan parking lot at 9:45 AM or Prince Alyeska Hotel Shuttle Shack at 11 AM
 Level of difficulty: Easy. Emphasis on forest flowers. Five mile round trip starts at trail sign-in box. Maximum elevation gain is 260 feet. Trail passes through northern extent of temperate rain forest inhabited by fern, blueberry, spruce, and hemlock. Bring raingear, hand lens, camera, lunch, and typical Alaskan hiking gear.

August 22-Saturday-Arctic Valley - South Fork of Eagle River Traverse

Leader: Sue Jensen
 Time allocated: All day
 Meeting time: 9 AM
 Meeting place: Sears Mall. (Regrouping at 10 AM at Arctic Valley at the Alpen Glo Ski Area)
 Reservations by: August 21. Please call Sue as a car shuttle is necessary. Fee area.
 Minimum Age: 10
 Level of difficulty: Moderate - steep downhill. This traverse is a 5-6 mile trip, with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. We will hike up a "late blooming" valley on the north side of the valley. A possible side trip could include the summit of Rendezvous Peak. Blueberries should be abundant on the Hiland Road side of the trip. Bring lunch, water, and weather proof gear.

August 30-Sunday-Glen Alps

Leader: Dianne Toebe
 Time allocated: 2 to 3 hours
 Meeting place: Sears Parking Lot at 9 AM for carpooling. Regroup at Glen Alps about 9:30 to 9:45 AM.
 Level of difficulty: Easy. Fee area. A lovely late season trip to see *Gentiana platypetala* in bloom.

September 3-Thursday-Portage / Explorer Glacier

Leaders: Verna Pratt / Allene Franklin
 Time allocated: 6 hours
 Meeting time: 9 AM
 Meeting place: Sears Parking Lot for carpooling.
 Level of difficulty: Easy. Late blooming flowers at base of the glacier stream are a real late season treat.



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