

# Borealis

the newsletter of the



PO Box 141613, Anchorage, Alaska

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## JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL POTLUCK

Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.  
at the Campbell Creek Center  
off 68<sup>th</sup> and Lake Otis  
(See Map on Back)

### "Share, Show & Tell"

Bring a dish to serve four times  
the number in your party. We'll  
provide drinks and tableware.  
Bring up to 10 slides of summer  
activities, native plants.

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### HELP NEEDED !

We are urgently looking for a  
program chairperson to line up  
speakers for the monthly meetings  
- October through May. We  
already have one speaker signed  
on. Carolyn Parker, from the  
UAF herbarium, will be our  
speaker for January.

### And More Help...

We are looking for someone to mount  
and label the plants collected this year  
on the BLM collecting trips. It is not  
a huge job since, because of rain and  
cancellations, there were not as many  
collected as we'd hoped.

## Portage Field Trip

### *It took us back to Spring!*

Those of you who missed the September 3 trip to Portage will be surprised at what flowers we saw. It seems like we went back four months in time as many plants like *Aruncus sylvester* were just poking through the ground in some areas. In fact I had fiddlehead ferns for dinner that night, and it was obvious that the animals had had theirs before us. In areas just a few feet away *Aruncus sylvestris* was in bloom. Many other species, such as *Lupinus nootkatensis*, *Viola Langsdorfii*, *Geum calthifolium*, *Aquilegia formosa*, *Saxifraga punctata*, *Rubus arcticus*, *Rubus spectabilis* (berries, too!), *Heracleum lanatum*, *Leutkea pectinata* and *Romanzoffia sitchensis*, which was new to most people. It fooled Verna again until she saw the blooms!

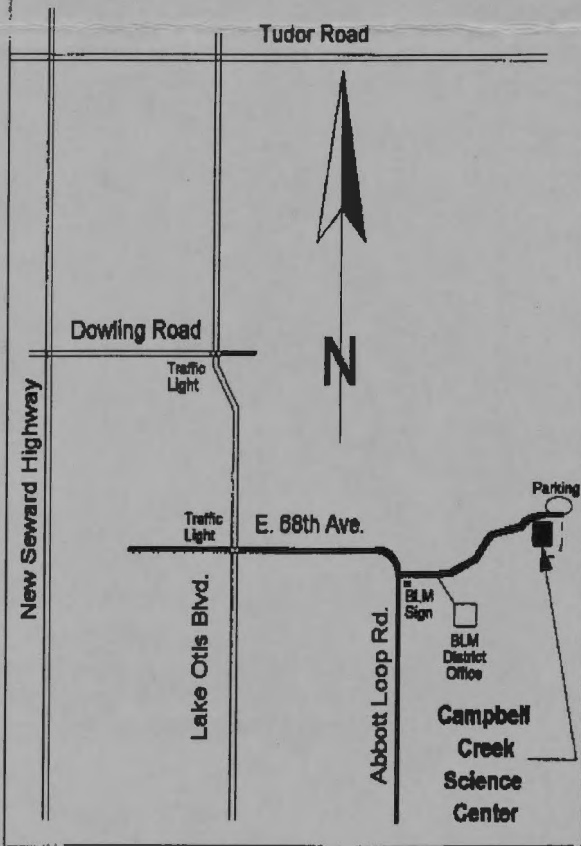
The glacier has receded over the years and hangs high above the valley floor, but frequent avalanches leave deep piles of snow at the bottom of the mountain. There was so much snow left this year that we were able to cross a huge snow bridge and inspect on the other side of the fast-moving, icy stream. We did not climb up to the glacier, but with enough energy and ambition it would have been possible. We were just happy to see spring again. And have good weather.

### THANK YOU!!



Thanks to everyone who made this year's field trips a success. We received lots of good feedback. Hopefully some good slides will show up at the potluck. It is not too early to think about next year's field trip possibilities - what would have been good this year, if only you'd volunteered?

**Map To The New Meeting Place  
Campbell Creek Science Center**



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