



Sears Mall Meeting place  
is corner of Benson and  
Seward Highway

## SPRING & SUMMER 1999: FIELD TRIPS

**May 8 – Nature Outing: Birds, Plants & Tracks** Leader: John Wenger: (ER Visitor Center)  
Meeting Place: Eagle River Nature Center Meeting Time: 2 PM Trip Time: 1 ½ -2 hours  
This guided nature walk will cover plants, mammals, birds, tracks and their interrelationships.  
Bring field guides, binoculars, camera. \$3.00 Parking fee at park entrance.

**May 23 – Wishbone Hill/Sutton** Leaders: Diane Toebe: and Curvin Metzler:  
Meeting Place: Carr's in Muldoon Meeting Time: 9 AM Regroup in Sutton 11 AM Trip Time: All day  
A strenuous hike kicks off the summer season with this 8<sup>th</sup> annual outing up Wishbone Hill, a joint trip with  
the Gem & Mineral Society. Be on the lookout for leaf fossils at your feet among the early wildflowers  
(purple mountain saxifrage is spectacular on top of the hill) and beautiful views of the Matanuska Valley.

**May 27 – Potter Creek Trailhead** Leader: Anjanette Steer:  
Meeting Place: Potter Creek Trailhead Meeting Time: 7 PM Trip Time: 2 hours  
An easy hike on good gravel and dirt trail. This warm spot hosts many flowers – from woodland to rocky  
outcropping types. Rattlesnake fern may also be seen. Bring rain gear, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, bug dope.  
No pets, please

**May 29 – Calypso Orchid & Wild Violet Hike** Leader: Carole Lloyd: (E.R. Visitor Center)  
Meeting Place: Eagle River Visitor Center Meeting Time: 2 PM Trip Time: 1-2 hours  
An easy hike near the visitor center to search out these beautiful wild orchids and violets. Sponsored by Eagle  
River Visitor Center.

**June 8 – North Fork Eagle River** Leader: Carole Lloyd: (Eagle River Visitor Center)  
Meeting Place: Canoe launch area Mile 7.4 on Eagle River Rd. Meeting Time: 7 PM Trip Time: 1 ½ -2 hrs  
Easy walking, this trip is in conjunction with the Eagle River Nature Center.

**June 9 – Potter Creek Trailhead** Leader: Marlina Mooring:  
Meeting Place: Potter Creek Trailhead Meeting Time: 7 PM Trip Time: 2 hours  
An easy hike on good gravel and dirt trail. This warm spot hosts many flowers – from woodland to rocky  
outcropping types. Rattlesnake fern may also be seen. Bring rain gear, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, bug dope.  
No pets, please

**June 10 – Salt Marsh – Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge** Leader: Marilyn Barker:  
Meeting Place: Potter Creek Trailhead Meeting Time: 7 PM Trip Time: 2 hours  
Call Marilyn for directions to the meeting area.

**June 13 – Twin Peaks** Leader: Nancy Krieger:  
Meeting Place: Sears Parking Lot or Eklutna Lake Trailhead Meeting Time: Call leader Trip Time: All day  
We will hike up through woodlands into alpine areas and up to the peaks. This trip is of moderate difficulty,  
with a long and sometimes steep trail. Minimum age 10. Wear good hiking shoes/boots. The trail may be  
skippy if it has been rainy. Bring lunch, drink, and layered clothes for the weather.

**June 19 – Little O'Malley and The Ballfield** Leaders: Dianne Toebe: and John Lofgreen  
Meeting Place: Glen Alps Parking Lot Meeting Time: 7:30 AM Trip Time: 6-7 hours  
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. Bring a packed lunch, water, rain gear and sturdy footwear.

**June 19 – Bison Gulch, Alaska Range** Leader: Carolyn Parker: or [fnclp1@uaf.edu](mailto:fnclp1@uaf.edu)  
Meeting Place: Bison Gulch pullout on East side of Parks Highway, just N of Nenana Canyon Bridge  
120 miles from Fairbanks or 240 miles from Anchorage Meeting Time: 10:30 AM Trip Time: All day  
Join Carolyn's botany class from Fairbanks to hike up an alpine ridge above the highway and look for interior alpine taxa. Emphasis on field ID of families, origin of Alaska's modern flora, alpine adaptations, sight recognition of alpine plants. A large gravel pit located east of Parks Highway just N of Bison Gulch offers free camping for both tents and small camper trailers.

**June 21 – Prospect Heights** Leader: Dianne Toebe:  
Meeting Place: Prospect Heights Parking Lot Meeting Time: 9 PM Trip Time: 1-2 hours  
An easy summer solstice hike to view flowers in the midnight sun. Parking fee or Park sticker required.

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Meeting Place: Potter Creek Trailhead Meeting Time: 7 PM Trip Time: 2 hours  
An easy hike on good gravel and dirt trail. This warm spot hosts many flowers – from woodland to rocky outcropping types. Rattlesnake fern may also be seen. Bring rain gear, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, bug dope. No pets, please

**June 26-July 6 – Eagle and the Yukon River** Leader: Jean Poor:  
Join us for some or all of the time on this joint trip with the Gem & Mineral Society to Eagle on the Yukon River. Side trips possible. Camping or motor homes. This historical area has museums, restored buildings and artifacts from the Gold Rush Days. This is Gold Country with spectacular alpine flowers to boot! It is important to call Jean before June 16<sup>th</sup> to coordinate for this trip and get trip details. Bring bug dope, sunglasses, rock hammer and hand lens.

**July 7 – Russian Jack Spring Park** Leader: Diane Toebe:  
Meeting Place: Russian Jack Parking Area on Boniface Rd Meeting Time: 10 AM Trip Time: 2 hours  
An easy walk through woodlands to Russian Jack Springs. Yellow Monkey Flowers (*Mimulus guttatus*) should be in bloom.

**July 9 – Thunderbird Falls** Leader: Diane Toebe:  
Meeting Place: Thunderbird Falls Trailhead Meeting Time: 7 PM Trip Time: 2 hours  
Leisurely walk to platform above the falls (2 miles total) Look for flowers blooming along the trail.

**July 10 – Girdwood Moose Meadow** Leader: Verna Pratt:  
Meeting Place: Sears Mall Parking Lot (9 AM) or in Girdwood at Moose Meadow trailhead between Alyeska Princes Hotel and public parking area (10 AM) Trip Time: 6-7 hours  
We will explore the meadows to see orchids, pedicularis and sundews and then go on to Virgin Creek which is a deep mossy woods. Bring a packed lunch, rain gear, bud dope, rubber shoes or boots for the bog and hiking shoes for woods.

**July 11 – Turnagain Pass** Leader: Connie Kison:  
Meeting Place: Sears Mall Parking Lot at 9:30 AM carpooling to Mile 68.5 Seward Hwy: Southbound Rest Area; hike will begin at 11 AM Trip Time: All day  
An easy but wet hike through alpine meadows, stands of birch, hemlock, spruce, aspen and glacier fed streams. Growing season is delayed in this area due to late snow melt so many early spring flowers should be blooming. Bring waterproof boots, packed lunch, raingear, water, camera.

**July 16-18 – Eagle to Dawson Via Yukon River** Leader: Dianne Toebe:  
Meeting Place: American Summit near Eagle, Alaska  
Friday, 7 PM: American Summit – alpine flower walk  
Saturday, 9 AM: Eagle Mountain hike or Tour Eagle museums  
2 PM: Yukon Queen River Boat from Eagle to Dawson, B.C., overnight in Dawson  
Sunday, 8 AM: River boat back to Eagle; explore Gold Rush restoration museums.  
Call Grayline (277-5581) for river boat tickets and reservations (\$252/Round Trip); make lodging arrangements in Dawson, camp in Eagle.

**July 18 – Mt. Alyeska** Leader: Verna Pratt:

Meeting Place: Sears Mall (8:45 AM, regroup at Alyeska Tram (10 AM) Trip Time: All day  
Ride the tram up and then explore Mt Alyeska in the summer! Bring lunch, good hiking shoes, appropriate clothing (rain gear/warm clothes). Return to Anchorage by 6 PM. Tram costs \$12 for Alaska residents.

**July 22-24 – St. Paul/Pribilof Islands** Leader: Nancy Krieger:

Call Nancy for trip brochure and details. Alaska Airline miles (15,000 miles) may be used for Reeve flight; cutting the cost considerably.

**July 24 – High Grade Mine/Hatcher Pass/Willow** Leader: Marilyn Upton:

Meeting Place: Gate at Independence Mine Meeting Time: 9 AM Trip Time: All day  
Carpooling from Independence Gate over Hatcher Pass to High Grade Mine (above Gold Card and Independence Mines). Your hostesses are Ann Short and Marie Betts. A chance to explore and look for plants, then over the Pass and down along Willow Creek to look for serpentine. Pot luck in the evening at Willow Lake. Bring a sack lunch and something to share at a supper pot luck. This is a joint meeting with Chugach Gem & Mineral Society.

**July 25 – Turnagain Pass** Leader: Susie Crosby:

Meeting Place: Mile 68.5 Seward Hwy, Southbound Rest Area Meeting Time: 2 PM Trip Time: 2 hours  
An easy hike on wet alpine meadows. Several varieties of orchids can be seen in the area. Call a friend to arrange for carpooling to Turnagain Pass about 50 miles from Anchorage.

**August 6-8 – Homer** Leaders: Dale Donohue: and Nancy Krieger:

Meeting Place: Homer: 60385 E. Skyline Drive Meeting Time: 7 PM Trip Time: 3 day weekend

**Friday**, 4:30: Dinner at Halibut Cove – meet at 4:30 PM at Central Charters on Cannery Row on The Spit (first cluster of buildings across from Coal Point Trading). Dinner \$10-20 Danny Joe Ferry: \$20

Reservations needed – contact leader with number of people, dress warmly with raincoat for boat ride

**Saturday**, 8 AM: Tour of Daisy Lee Bitter's gardens and yard

9:30-11:30: Calvin and Coyle Trail Hike through an old growth forest of birch and Lutz spruce to an observation platform at the edge of Beluga Wetlands. Early part of the trail is an excellent example of secondary plant succession. A new section of trail – Bitter Trail – is on the wetlands. Informative brochures will be provided.

1:00-3:00: Pratt Museum on Bartlett Street; nominal charge

4:00- Gull Island Tour check-in: Rainbow Tours at Homer Small Boat Harbor. Parking spaces may be hard to find; be prepared to walk several blocks.

4:30 – Gull Island Tour. First stop is at the Field Station of the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. Then we circle the Gull Islands' Seabird Rookery for close-up observation of 8 species who nest there: tufted puffins, horned puffins, murre, pigeon guillemots, pelagic cormorants, red-faced cormorants, black-legged kittiwakes, and glaucous-winged gulls. The birds have grown used to presence of tour boats, but will spook at sight of eagle. Cost \$15. Dress warmly for boat trip.

7:30 PM – Potluck at Daisy Lee Bitter's home, visiting with local plant group:

Drive

**Sunday**, 6 AM: Marine and Shore Plants walk guided by Daisy Lee Bitter; emphasis on edible species and algae, and how to prepare them. Low tide: .9 ft @6:45 AM. Meet @ north end of lagoon on Homer Spit (aka "Fishing Hole"). Wear waterproof boots.

After breakfast: 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 \$5, checks payable to Alaskan Coastal Studies.

**Note:** Since parking is scarce at the campgrounds and on Homer Spit, those who wish may park at Daisy Lee Bitter's at ( miles east of the 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. Daisy Lee has cabin space for those who want to sleep inside. Call trip leaders to arrange to stay there. Bring your sleeping bag and pad. Bring food for breakfast and lunches. Saturday night bring dish for potluck at Daisy Lee's. Bring swimsuit for hot tub on Saturday night. No pets, due to wildlife. Well-behaved children are welcome.

**August 22 – Falls Creek Trail** Leader: Marilyn Barker:

Meeting Place and Time: Sears Mall (9 AM); regroup at Falls Creek trailhead, 21 miles s. of Anchorage on the Seward Highway Level of Difficulty: Moderate Trip Time: All day

This is an excellent trail to see plants that usually flower in June flowering in August. A special flower will be the Broad-petalled Gentian (*Gentiana platypetala*). Bring sturdy hiking boots, packed lunch, plenty of water and snacks.

**August 29 – Flattop Mountain/South Side** Leader: Dianne Toebe:

Meeting Place: Service High School parking lot (Call leader about regrouping at trailhead for carpooling due to limited parking) Meeting Time: 9 AM Trip Time: 4-6 hours

A lovely late season trip to see Broad-petalled Gentian (*Gentiana platypetala*) in bloom. Beautiful views of the Inlet. We will climb Flattop from the south side. Blueberries should be plentiful. Bring lunch, plenty of water, layered clothing, wind/rain gear and sturdy hiking boots.

**September 11 – Middle Glacier/Portage** Leader: Verna Pratt:

Meeting Place: Sears Mall Parking Lot Area Meeting Time: 9 AM Trip Time: 6-7 hours

Late blooming flowers at the base of an avalanche area and glacial stream area a real late-season treat!

### 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 listings to determine the level of difficulty, allotted time and special requirements for each trip. Please call the leader a few days before the outing; unforeseen things can come up and plans may change.

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 we will visit.

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

### SPRING PLANT SALES

<b>Alaska Rock Garden Society:</b>	May 22: 7435 Old Harbor Road (Muldoon); 9 AM-4 PM
<b>Wildflower Garden Club:</b>	May <del>22</del> <sup>29</sup> : 7435 Old Harbor Road (Muldoon); 9 AM-4 PM
<b>Valley Garden Club:</b>	May 29: Historical Park behind Wasilla Lib., 10 AM-4 PM
<b>Anchorage Garden Club:</b>	June 5: 3734 W. 35 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. 10 AM-4 PM
<b>Sage Herb Garden</b>	May 22-23; Herb Plant Sale; 5108 Strawberry Road
<b>Alaska Botanical Garden Fair:</b>	June 26 Alaska Botanical Gardens

# **Celebrating Wildflowers**

**Summer 1999**

is a 10-day celebration to help and encourage the general public to learn more about native plants.

Verna Pratt ( ) is coordinator.

Call only if you don't understand where to meet.

No need to call for reservations. Walks are held rain or shine.

Unless otherwise noted plan on about 2 hour activities.

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## **June 2-Wednesday-7:30 PM-Opening Program for Celebrating Wildflowers**

**By Martha Hatch**

Meeting place: UAA, 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.

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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. Level of difficulty is easy on most of the walks, unless otherwise noted.

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## **June 3-Thursday-10 AM to 2 PM-Chester Creek Bike Trail**

Leader is Verna Pratt.

Meet at small parking area on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. east of Seward Highway going north between Fireweed Lane and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## **June 3-Thursday-7 PM-Neighborhood Trail Walk-Muldoon**

Leader is Sally Karabelnikoff.

Meet at intersection of Old Harbor Avenue and Creekside. Old Harbor Avenue is about halfway between DeBarr Road and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue west from Muldoon Road.

## **June 4-Friday-10 AM to 1 PM-Glen Alps**

Leader is Heather Johnson.

Meet at Glen Alps State Park parking lot. From O'Malley Road turn right on Hillside, left on Upper Huffman and right on Toilsome Hill Road. Bring extra very warm clothing in case it is windy and/or stormy in the mountains.

## **June 4-Friday-7 PM-Campbell Creek West**

Leader is Brigitte Ressel.

From Old Seward Highway going south, turn right on Fischer. This is second street after Dowling Road. Trailhead is at the end of the Street.

## **June 5-Saturday-7 PM-Muldoon Fitness Park**

Leader is Diane Toebe.

Going east on Northern Lights, Park at Park entrance which is on the right side after Patterson and just before the entrance to Carr's Muldoon.

**June 6-Sunday-7 PM-Centennial Park North**

Leader is Diane Toebe.

From Tudor Road go south on Campbell Airstrip Road for 1.1 mile. Park at parking area on the right.

**June 7-Monday-1 PM to 4 PM-Russian Jack Park**

Leader is Verna Pratt

From DeBarr Road go south on Boniface. Take first turn to right. Bear right for parking area.

**June 7-Monday-7 PM-Baxter Bog**

Leader is Anjanette Steer.

From Northern Lights, go south on Baxter Road. Park at Baxter Elementary School. Could be wet in off-trail areas.

**June 8-Tuesday-3 PM-Cheney Lake**

Leader is Marilyn Upton.

Meet at the Lake Parking Lot on Baxter Road just north of Northern Lights. Might be wet.

**June 8-Tuesday-7 PM-North Fork Eagle River**

Leader is Carol Lloyd, from Eagle River Nature Center.

Meet at the Canoe Launch area at Mile 7.4 on the Eagle River Road.

**June 9-Wednesday-7 PM (2 to 3 hours)-Potter Trailhead on Seward Highway**

Moderate Walk-Leader is Marlana Mooring.

Park at parking lot up the hill on left side of Seward Highway just beyond the Potter Section House.

**June 10-Thursday-Salt Water Marsh**

Leader is Marilyn Barker.

Going south on Old Seward Hwy., south of Huffman Road, turn right on Oceanview Drive, and left on Reef which is just beyond the railroad tracks. Park at end of the road. Meet at trail sign of "Winged and Wooly". Bring binoculars. Could be wet.

**June 11-Friday-7 PM-Alaska Botanical Garden Trail**

Leader is Connie Kison.

Park at Benny Benson School across from the Botanical Garden. Meet at entrance to the Garden