



Alaska Native Plant Society 2000 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 --- Be prompt. Check each trip to see if reservations are necessary. 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 a fee of \$5, free if you are a member of the center.)

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 require sturdy hiking shoes, drinking water (it is unsafe to drink stream water anywhere), raingear, 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 of their time toward providing these botanical opportunities!

Plant Sales

May 21-Sunday-Alaska Rock Grden Society, (Muldoon), 9 AM to 4 PM

May 27-Saturday-Alaska Rock Garden Society-Recluse Gardens, Wasilla-New location on the Parks Hwy. near Church Road. Just beyond downtown Wasilla. 9 AM to 4 PM

May 27-Saturday-Valley Garden Club-at Wasilla Alternative School---about 1-1/2 miles passt downtown Wasilla on the east side. 9 AM to 4 PM

June 3-Saturday-Wildflower Garden Club, (Muldoon), 9 AM to 4 PM

June 3-Anchorage Garden Club-3734 West 35th Avenue, Anchorage, 10 AM to 4 PM

FIELDTRIP DESCRIPTIONS**May 13-Saturday-Wild Spring Salads & Greens**

Leader: Carole Lloyd,
 Time allotted: about 2 hours
 Meeting Time: 2 PM
 Meeting Place: Eagle River Nature Center
 Level of difficulty: easy
 Discover wild salad greens and other edibles. Learn how to cook and serve them. \$5 parking fee.

May 14-Sunday-Secrets to Successful Morel Hunting

Leader: Blanche Tinius
 Time allotted: 1 hour
 Meeting Time: 2 PM
 Meeting Place: Eagle River Nature Center
 Level of difficulty: easy
 Blanche, from *Greater Anchorage Mycological Association*, will present a slide talk on morels and their look-a-like cousins, the false morels. She will share her secrets to good morel hunting in the Anchorage area. This is a good primer to those new to a great spring activity for the whole family. \$5 parking fee.

May 20-Saturday-ARGS TRAINING

Leader: Verna Pratt
 Time allotted: 2-3 hours
 Meeting Time: 2 PM
 Meeting Place: Potter Trail Head
 Level of difficulty: Moderate
 The Alaska Rock Garden Society is starting to train Tour Guides for the North American Rock Garden Society Annual General Meeting to be held in Anchorage in June 2002. We welcome trainees or just people who wish to join on these excursions.

May 24-Wednesday-Baxter Bog

Leader: Marilyn Barker
 Time allotted: 2 hours
 Meeting Time: 7 PM
 Meeting Place: Baxter School on Baxter road just south of Northern Lights Blvd.
 Level of difficulty: easy
 No dogs.

May 27-Saturday-Calyпсо Orchids & Wild Violets

Leader: Carole Lloyd
 Time allotted:
 Meeting Time: 2 PM
 Meeting Place: Eagle River Nature Center
 Level of difficulty: easy 2-mile roundtrip walk. \$5 parking.

June 3-Saturday-Rainbow Valley

Leader: Marilyn Barker,
 Time allotted: All day
 Meeting Time and Place: 10 AM at Sears or 10:30 AM at Mile 108.4 on the Seward Highway
 Level of difficulty: Moderate. Bring lunch and drink.

June 4-Sunday-Bird Point

Leader: Connie Kison,
 Time allotted: 4 hours
 Meeting Time: 10 AM
 Meeting Place: Sears Mall to carpool
 Level of difficulty: easy
 Explore Bird Point for flowers. Seals might be seen, so bring binoculars, lunch, water and good hiking shoes for uneven ground.

June 4-Sunday-Arctic Valley

Leader: Verna Pratt
 Time allotted: 5 hours
 Meeting Time and Place: 9:15 AM at Carrs Muldoon (No. Lts. side near recycle bins) for car pooling, or 10 AM at Civilian Ski Lodge, Arctic Valley (fee area)
 Level of difficulty: Moderate
 This is an Alaska Rock Garden Society Tour Guide Training Session. Wear good hiking shoes. Weather could be cool. Bring lunch, water, notebook and pen/pencil.

June 6-Tuesday-Glen Alps

Leader: Verna Pratt
 Time allotted: 3 hours
 Meeting Time and Place: 6:15 PM at Carrs Muldoon or 6:30 PM at Carrs Huffman (Huffman side). Car pooling advised (fee area).
 Level of difficulty: Easy to moderate
 This is another Alaska Rock Garden Society Tour Guide Training Session.

Celebrating Wildflowers Week 2000

June 8-June 17

Celebrating Wildflowers is a way to encourage people to enjoy the beauty around them. Join one or more of these activities. All activities are FREE. No reservations needed. Just show up at the designated time and meeting place. If parking is in a residential area, please show consideration where you park. Trips are held rain or shine. Call ONLY if you do not understand instructions. (Verna Pratt or Marilyn Barker)

Look for the Celebrating Wildflowers signs.

8 June—Thursday Keynote Presentation 7:30 PM
 Opening lecture “**Special plants/special places**” presented by Verna Pratt
 See some special plants and some unique areas you might want to visit some day. Anchorage Museum of History and Art. Downtown at 7th and A St.

9 June—Friday Neighborhood Walks 7:00-9:00 PM

1. **Alaska Botanical Garden**
 Going East on Tudor Rd, turn right on Campbell Airfield Rd. Turn left at Benny Benson School Sign and park in School Parking lot. Meet at entrance to the Botanical Garden. Easy gravel trail.
2. **Muldoon Fitness Park**
 Go East on Northern Lights Blvd. Past Patterson. Turn right into parking area on the right just before Carrs Muldoon shopping area. Easy trail, gentle slopes.
3. **Hillside Park**
 Go east on Abbott and use parking area adjacent to street. Easy trail, gentle slopes.
4. **Gary's Wildflower Garden**
 From 15th go south on C St. Turn left on 23rd AVE. it is the first house on the left 2203 C. St.
5. **Campbell Creek Bike Trail**
 Going south on Old Seward Hwy, take the 2nd right below Dowling (Fischer) follow it to the end. Meet at trailhead at Fisher and Lynwood.
6. **Chester Creek Trail**
 Park at East 24th Ave west of Lake Otis Parkway. Easy Bike Trail.
7. **Balto-Seppala Park**
 Drive West on Northern Lights Blvd to the Tumagain/Wisconsin intersection. Turn left on Wisconsin and drive to the end.

All Walks are sponsored by the **Alaska Native Plant Society**

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10 June—Saturday Williwaw Lakes Trail 7:30 AM
All day Annual joint trip with the Anchorage Audubon Society. Meet at Glen Alps parking area. Hike the Williwaw Lakes Trail to look at flowers and birds. All day hike. Bring lunch and water. Parking FEE area.

11 June—Sunday Turnagain Pass Mile 68.5 12:00 PM
Park in the southbound parking lot to see early blooming plants. Bring lunch, drink, bug spray, rubber boots and dress warm. This trip will be repeated on 16 July and 13 August. Minimum age 10. Moderate walk across the tundra. Allow 2-4 hours.

12 June— Monday Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge 7:00 PM
Go south on old Seward Hwy, past Huffman. Turn right on Oceanview and meet at the corner of Oceanview Dr. and Coral Lane. Easy walk, no strollers. 2 hours.

13 June—Tuesday Potter Creek Trail Head 1:00 PM
First left turn on the Seward Hwy after Potter Section House (south of Potter Marsh) Moderate trail—3 to 4 hours.

14 June—Wednesday APU Walk 10:00 AM
Park at APU across from Grant Hall. Meet at West end of Parking lot. Easy woodland trail. 2-3 hours

15 June Thursday East Anchorage Garden tours. 6:00-9:00 PM
Tour 2 gardens: Both houses are on the west side of Muldoon Road
1. 7435 Old Harbor Rd (Old Harbor is between 6th and 12th St.
2. 7446 E. 20th Ave. (Corner of 20th and Chandalar Dr.)

16 June Friday Cheney Lake 2:00 PM
Park by the Lake on Baxter Rd between 16th Ave and Northern Lights. Easy trail around the lake 2 hours.

17 June Saturday Centennial Park North 2:00 PM
From Tudor Rd. go south on Campbell Airstrip Rd. for 1.1 mile. Look for parking area on the right side. Easy trail. 2 hours.



June 18-Sunday-Burst of Color:Wildflowers

Leader: Carole Lloyd

Time allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 2 PM

Meeting Place: Eagle River Visitor Center

Level of difficulty: easy

Carole leads a wildflower identification class on the Albert Loop Trail.

June 24&25-Sat.&Sun.-McLaren Summit (Denali Highway) 94 miles E of Cantwell, 42 miles W of Paxson

Leader: Connie Kison,

Time allotted: 2 days

Meeting Time:

Meeting Place: Tangle River Campground, Mile 21.7 from Paxson. (260 driving miles from Anchorage)

Reservations: Call Connie by June 21 so she can reserve campsites

Minimum age: 10

Level of difficulty: easy to moderate

Explore the highest highway pass in Alaska --- wonderful alpine plants. This is a primitive campsite so bring all necessary camping gear and food. Water is available. Bring waterproof boots, hiking boots, warm clothing, bug spray. Snow may be present in some areas.

June 24-Garden Faire at Alaska Botanical Garden, 10 AM to 5 PM, see local newspaper for details.**June 25-Sunday-Wildflowers and Watercolors**

Leader: Gail Niebrugge & Verna Pratt

Time allotted: about 2 hours

Meeting Time: 2 PM

Meeting Place: Eagle River Visitor Center

Level of difficulty: easy

Artist Gail Niebrugge and field guide author Verna Pratt team up to lead a program about wildflowers. Gail will share her perspective in a short slideshow featuring her wildflower paintings. Then go on a walk with Verna and Gail to look at wildflowers through an artist's eye and a botanist's eye.

July 9-Sunday-Bird Creek

Leader: Connie Kison

Time allotted: 4 hours

Meeting Time: 10 AM

Meeting Place: Sears Parking Lot

Driving Distance: 30 mi to Bird Creek Rest Area, Mile 96.7

Level of difficulty: Moderate

Trail will be somewhat longer than mileage indicates. We will walk from Bird Creek, along the Old Seward Highway (by Bird Point) which is now a bike trail. Seeing the plants on this while it was a road was difficult, now it will be a delight. We will be shuttled back to Bird Creek. Bring lunch, water, and bug spray.

July 15-Saturday-Sheep Mountain

Leader: Anjanette Steer,

Time allotted: 6 hours

Meeting Time: 10 AM

Meeting Place: Sheep Mt. Lodge, Mile 113.5 Glenn Hwy.

Driving time: 2 hrs N of Anchorage. Meet at Carr's on Boniface & DeBarr (N.W. corner near gas station) at 8 AM for car pool

Level of difficulty: Moderate

Minimum Age: 12

We will depart the Lodge and hike up an old mining road to the foothills of Sheep Mt. From there we will climb up at least 2000' in search of blooming alpine plants. Bring a sense of adventure - we'll be exploring with no trail. Pack a lunch, raingear and extra water, binocs for sheep viewing.

July 16-Sunday-Turnagain Pass

Leader: Connie Kison,

Time allotted: About 6 hours total

Meeting Time: 10 AM at Sears for carpooling

Meeting Place: Noon at Mile 68.5 Seward Hwy., Southbound parking area

Level of difficulty: Moderate

Minimum age: 10

This is a return trip of the June 17 trip to see the changes that took place over the last month. Many meadow flowers in bloom. Orchids, Iris, Sundew, Chocolate Lily, Lupine, etc. WET - Bring appropriate boots, lunch, drink, and bug spray.

July 22-Sat-Mt. Marathon, Seward

Leader: Carol Griswold, (call Verna at)

Time allotted: All day

Meeting Time: 9 AM

Meeting Place: The Mt. Marathon Trailhead is located at the intersection of First Avenue and Monroe Street right against the foot of the mountain. Parking is limited to the street right-of-way; no parking allowed on the trail right-of-way so that emergency vehicles can have access to the trail. Please carpooling.

Driving distance: About 125 miles south of Anchorage.

Level of Difficulty: Strenuous

This trip goes through moist woodlands up into meadows and alpine scree.

July 20-22-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 28-30-Homer & Jakalof Bay with Daisy Lee Bitter

Leader: Dale Donahue, and Nancy

Krieger,

Meeting Time: 7 PM Friday

Meeting Place: Homer, (

miles east of intersection of East Hill Road and Skyline Drive. yards past the Wynn Nature Center on the bay side of the road. A log food cache marks the driveway.)

Level of difficulty: easy

Daisy Lee has space inside for those who bring sleeping bag and pad. Call leaders to arrange to stay there. Bring food for breakfast and lunches and for one potluck dinner. Bring swimsuit for hot tub. No pets due to wildlife. Well-behaved children are welcome.

August 5-6-Sat. & Sun.-Valdez

Leader: Bev Churchill,

Time allotted: 2 days

Meeting Time: 9 AM Saturday

Meeting Place: Commons Bldg. at the Prince William Sound Community College on Neals between Pioneer and Alatna. (Large Indian Head carving in front).

Reservations: Call if you need a place to stay, Dorm rooms probably will be available.

Level of difficulty:

Possible trips to Thompson Pass, tidal pools, etc. If you plan on camping at Thompson Pass call in advance for alternative meeting time and place.

August 11-13-Fri-Sun-Hope / Summit Lake

Leader: Diane Toebe,

Meeting Place: Call by Aug 8 for further instructions.

Driving Distance / Car Pooling: Call for directions and reservations to stay at Nancy's cabin Fri and Sat nights, as space is limited, or camp at Porcupine Campground. (If you are staying at Nancy's, make reservations and bring sleeping bag and any food and water you will need for the duration of your stay.

Level of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous

Minimum age: 10

Saturday, hike Summit Creek Trail (starts about one mile south of Summit Lake Lodge). Meeting time 9 AM (Parking area is at 1700 ft., will hike to 3450 ft.)

August 13-Sun.-Turnagain Pass

Leader: Connie Kison

Time allotted: About 6 hours total

Meeting Time: 10 AM at Sears for carpooling

Meeting Place: Noon, Parking area W side of Seward Hwy.

Level of difficulty: easy

Minimum age: 10

Another return trip to the Pass to see changes from past months. Good easy trip on your way home from the Kenai Peninsula.

August 18-20-Fri-Sun-Katmai State Park

Leader: Rita Jo Scholtz, , ritajo@alaskahardy.com

Friday, August 18 in Homer

Sat. August 19 at 5:30 AM fly into Katmai by float plane

Sun. August 20 return to Homer at 7:30 PM via Bald Mtn.

Air float plane. \$550 for airfare and food (all food will be packed by leader to ensure keeping plane's weight at proper level, also to ensure food is planned that does not attract bears). Deposit of \$100 due by June 1 to reserve a space. (If change in plans, deposit returned when your space is filled with alternate person). Other \$450 due August 1. This is Brown Bear country. Be aware. Plant guide and safety person will accompany group.

Limited to 12 people, alternative list may be possible.

Weight limit is 243 lbs each person including gear, sleeping bag and tent. This is outside the National Park, so we can collect seeds. Check web site at:

<http://endeavor.des.ucdavis.edu/nps/>[species.asp?park=AKSOKATM0&TAXA=PLANT](http://endeavor.des.ucdavis.edu/nps/species.asp?park=AKSOKATM0&TAXA=PLANT)**August 27-Flattop Mountain / South side**

Leader: Diane Toebe,

Meeting Time and Place: Service High School parking lot at 8:30 AM (call leader about regrouping at trailhead for carpooling due to limited parking).

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

August 28-Monday-Sheep Mountain Lodge

Leader: Anjanette Steer, weekends or

Mondays thru Thursdays.

Time allotted: 2-1/2 hours

Meeting Time and Place: 3 PM at Sheep Mountain Lodge

Level of difficulty: East to moderate

Minimum Age: 10

Fall color hike of Sheep Mountain. We will explore the foothills of Sheep Mountain with an emphasis on berries and native plants. Bring binocs, snack food, water, good hiking boots, and raingear.