



Alaska Native Plant Society 2002 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 some 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.) Arctic Valley has a \$5 fee that benefits the Ski Association.

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:

Plant Sales

May 18-Saturday-Alaska Rock Garden Society, 7435 Old Harbor Ave. (Muldoon), 9 AM to 4 PM

May 25-Saturday-and May 26-Sunday-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 both days

May 25-Saturday-Valley Garden Club-at Wasilla Alternative School---about 1-1/2 miles past downtown Wasilla on the east side. 9 AM to 4 PM

June 1-Saturday-Wildflower Garden Club, 7435 Old Harbor Ave. (Muldoon), 9 AM to 4 PM

June 1-Anchorage Garden Club-3734 West 35th Avenue, Anchorage, 10 AM to 4 PM

June 29-Saturday and June 30-Sunday-Alaska Botanical Garden, 10 AM to 5 PM---The Garden Fair

FIELDTRIP DESCRIPTIONS**May 18-Saturday-McHugh Creek**

Leader: Cara Wardlaw-Bailey,

Time allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 2 PM

Meeting Place: Uppermost parking lot. Trailhead next to latrines.

Level of difficulty: Easy

Description: A walk through cottonwood and spruce forest above the Turnagain Arm to see some of the first plants of spring. We will turn left along the Turnagain Arm Trail (towards Potter) and walk at least a mile before turning back. It is mostly flat and crosses many small streams. The trail is muddy but there are boardwalks much of the way.

June 2-Sunday-Bird to Girdwood

Leader: John Wenger,

Time allotted: about 4 hours

Meeting Time: 10 AM

Meeting Place: Bird Point Parking Area

Level of difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Description: Nice walk. Gradual rise in elevation on a Bike Path. See early spring flowers and enjoy the views. This is the old Seward Highway roadway.

Note: -No dogs-, Bring lunch and water.

June 27-Thursday-Arctic Valley

Leader: Joyce Weaver-Johnson,

Time allotted: 3-4 hours

Meeting Time: 6 PM

Meeting Place: Arctic Valley Ski Area, Civilian Lodge

Level of difficulty: Difficult

Minimum Age: 6 years

Description: A fast trip up the mountains to enjoy the flowers and the long hours of daylight.

Equipment: Good sturdy hiking shoes!

Note: We MUST leave the Parking Area by 9:30 PM

June 29 & 30-Saturday & Sunday-Garden Faire-Alaska Botanical Garden

Two full days of Plant Sales, Talks, Activities.

Watch newspaper for full details.

July 14-Sunday-Bird / Gird Trail

Leader: Connie Kison,

Time allotted: 5-6 hours

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: Sears Mall Parking Lot, SE corner (or 11:00 AM at mile 96.7 Seward Hwy., Bird Point Rest Area

Level of difficulty: Easy

Minimum Age: 10 years

Description: Easy 3-mile walk along old road bed. Many orchids and other interesting plants.

Equipment: Bring lunch and drink. Good walking shoes.

NOTE: Please call by 7/13 if you plan to meet at trail.

Leader will not drive to trailhead if nobody is at Sears unless notified that someone will be at trailhead.

July 20-Saturday-Shorty Creek

Leader: Nancy Moore / Cecily Fritz,

Time allotted: 7 hours

Meeting Time: 8:30 AM

Meeting Place: Depends on Fishhook Rd construction (call ahead, will be either Palmer or Wasilla Carrs/Safeway)

Please call by Wednesday, 7/17/02 to confirm your attendance with trip leaders.

Level of difficulty: Moderate

Description: Variable plant community from timberline to alpine depending upon group pace, wetland area along creek. Can hike up to 8 miles roundtrip. Trail gradually gains in elevation, some side-hilling with faint trail. Elevation gain approximately 1700 feet.

Special Instructions: Bring adequate snacks, lunch and water, sunscreen, bug dope, rain gear, treated hiking shoes/boots. Don't forget to RXVP to Nancy or Cecily so they know to expect you. Call to determine exact meeting location and time which is dependant on current road construction.

July 21-Sunday-Turnagain Pass

Leader: Connie Kison,

Time allotted: 5-6 hours

Meeting Time and Place: 10:00 AM at Sears Mall SE corner parking lot (if you plan on meeting at trail site, call leader by 7/20/02. Leader will not drive to trailhead if nobody is at Sears unless notified that someone will be at trailhead.)

Level of difficulty: Moderate Minimum Age: 10 years

Description. Many spring plants as well as summer plants due to altitude and late snow melt in low areas. WEAR BOOTS! We will be crossing shallow streams and walking in bogs. Wet, wet, wet!

Bring: BOOTS! Bug dope, lunch, water.

Celebrating Wildflowers Week 2002

June 19 - June 26

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. Look for the "Celebrating Wildflowers" signs.

19 June—Wednesday—Keynote Presentation

Opening Presentation---"Getting The Most out of Your Summer"---Verna Pratt

Wednesday, June 19, 7 PM (about 2 hours)--Campbell Creek Science Center.

(Abbott Road) going south on Lake Otis, turn left (east) on 68th Ave., then right on Abbott Loop and an immediate left. Follow the road to the left to the Science Center.

Special places—special plants—Many close to home.

Slide presentation for 30-45 minutes, then split into groups to walk in the woods.

20 Jun—Thursday—Glen Alps—3 PM (about 2 hours)

Meet at the Glen Alps Parking Lot near the stairs. This is a State Park fee area. (\$5/day or \$25/season pass).

From the southbound Seward Highway, take O'Malley Road, turn right on Hillside Drive, left on Upper Huffman Road, and right on Toilsome Hill Drive. Moderate gravel and dirt trail.

21 June—Friday—Alaska Pacific University—10 AM (about 2 hours)

From Lake Otis, take Providence Drive, go past the hospital to APU. Park in right end of the Parking Area on the west (right side) across from Grant Hall. Easy walk through open woodlands around the campus.

21 June—Friday—Earthquake Park—7 PM (about 2 hours)

Meet in the parking area. It is on West Northern Light Blvd., just past Turnagain Subdivision. Easy walk on a paved Bike Trail.

22 June—Saturday—Kincaid Park—1 PM (about 2 hours)

Meet at the Chalet for a leisurely walk to the Inlet.

23 June—Sunday—Potter Trailhead—2 PM (about 2 hours)

An easy moderate hike up a good trail through woodlands. Go south on the Seward Highway, past Potter Marsh. Turnoff is the first one on the left after Potter Section House. Meet at the parking lot.

24 June—Monday—Muldoon Woods—7 PM (about 2 hours)

From Muldoon Road, turn east on 6th Avenue, right on Valley and left on 10th. Trailhead is at the end of this dead-end street. Do not block driveways or mailboxes. Nice Woodland walk.

25 June—Tuesday—McHugh Picnic Area—10 AM to Noon

About Mile 112, Seward Highway. Park at upper parking area near latrines.

25 June—Tuesday—Baxter Bog—7 PM (about 1 to 1-1/2 hours)

Meet in parking lot at Baxter School. This is on the east side of Baxter Road just south of Northern Lights Blvd.

26 June—Wednesday—Alaska Botanical Garden (ABG)—7 PM (about 2 hours)

Meet at the entrance of the Alaska Botanical Garden to walk the Lowenfels Family Trail. This is an uneven trail (about 1 mile) through the woods. To get to ABG, go east on Tudor Road, turn right (south) on Campbell Airfield Road, and take the next left. Park at Benny Benson School.

August 9-Friday-Glen Alps

Leader: Verna Pratt,

Time allotted: 3-4 hours

Meeting Time: 1 PM

Meeting Place: Glen Alps Parking Lot. Fee area.

Level of difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Description: Seed gathering on Blueberry Loop area..

August 10-Saturday-Mt. Alyeska

Leader: Verna Pratt,

Time allotted: All day

Meeting Time: 9:30 AM, return about 6:00 PM

Meeting Place: Sears Mall Parking Lot, SE corner for car-pooling (or, 10:30 AM at Alyeska Tram area).

Minimum age: 5 years

Level of difficulty: Moderate to difficult

Description: Ride Tram up the mountain. Hike up even higher and return by Tram.

NOTE: Bring lunch, water, warm clothes, good STURDY hiking shoes. Walking stick if desired. Tram cost \$12.

August 31-Saturday-Glen Alps

Leader: Verna Pratt,

Time allotted: 6 hours

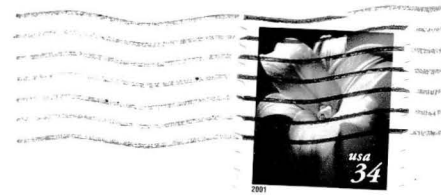
Meeting Time: 9 AM

Meeting Place: Glen Alps Parking Lot. Fee area.

Level of difficulty: Moderate

Description: A late season trip to see *Gentiana platypetala*.

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