

ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

SUMMER 2016 FIELD ACTIVITIES

General instruction: always plan for Alaska weather:
Carry rain gear, snacks and water.

Participants on ALL field trips will be required to sign a LIABILITY WAIVER
at the start of each trip.

PLEASE Contact trip leader to let them know if you plan to attend.

Symbols: ✂=work party * = field trip

May

- * 7 May Sunday: Trail of Blue Ice.
Leaders: Marilyn Barker mhbarker@uaa.alaska.edu and
Mel Langdon mellenlangdon@gmail.com
Time: 9 AM – 3 PM.
Meeting place: Moose Flats Day Use area on the Portage Glacier Rd.
We will ferry a few cars to the visitor center then begin the hike at 9:30.
Easy 4.7 mile trail. The trail travels the length of portage valley with boardwalks
and bridges. Offers views of glaciers, wildlife and of course, wildflowers.
Allow 5 ½ hours.
Bring lunch, water and appropriate clothes. Hint, it could be windy and cold.
- ✂ 26 May Thursday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels Trail.
Time: 7 PM-9 PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Instructions: Helpful items to bring include dandelion digger, kneeling pad and a
5 gallon pail, or plastic bag.
Parking is available at the Benny Benson School

June

- ✂ 4 June Saturday: BLM Trails Day.
Time: Check in time 8:30 to 9:00 AM Sign up for the activity of your choice.
Meet at the East entrance of the Science Center.
Free pizza at noon.
Be sure to let Louisa know you are with ANPS as this service
counts towards a price reduction for our meeting space
- ✂ 8 June Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party
Time 7-9PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.
Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.
- ✂ 9 June Thursday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels trail.
Time: 7 PM-9 PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Instructions: Helpful items to bring include dandelion digger, kneeling pad and a
5 gallon pail, or plastic bag.
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June (cont)

* 14 June Tuesday: Tragopogon pull.

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net

Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)

Instructions: Adults only. Bring Garden gloves and dandelion digger.

Ground surface is steep and uneven.

* 18 June Saturday: North Eagle River Cascades

Time: 9-5

Leaders: Marilyn Barker and Les Horn

Place: 21630 Falling Water Circle, Eagle River

Directions: Glen Highway North to Anchorage Landfill, Eagle River Loop/Hiland Road exit -- bear right (off ramp). Take first right onto Hiland Road.

At 3 miles be alert for School Bus Stop caution sign, followed by bank of mail boxes on right. Bear left at the mailboxes onto Riverview Road.

Riverview becomes Waterfall Road at the first left turn.

Continue on Waterfall through a hard left turn at bottom of hill.

Take second right onto Barbara Falls Road.

Continue on Barbara Falls straight ahead, past intersection with Falling Water Road on left. Barbara Falls becomes Falling Water Circle at the intersection.

Expect a trail of moderate difficulty with spectacular views of North Eagle River and Barbara Falls. Estimated trip length 9 miles RT.

* 19 June Sunday: Pepper Peak

Leader: Dennis Ronsse Dennis.ronsse@gmail.com

Time: 9 AM (Total 8-10 hours)

Meet at Eklutna Lake Trailhead

Expect to hike 10 miles and climb 4500 feet.

Please contact Dennis.ronsse@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have questions.

* 22 June Wednesday: Wildflowers at Tryck Nursery

Time: 6-9 PM

Leader: Doug Tryck

Place: 8625 Rabbit Creek Road.

Visiting Tryck Nursery is always a treat. Look forward to seeing some of Alaska's unique wildflowers, trees and shrubs.

* 24-26 June Friday-Sunday: Red Rocks Canyon and Canwell Glacier.

Leaders: Jeff Mason jdotmason@gmail.com and

Alan Batten alanbatten@acsalaska.net

Place: Mile 213.6 Richardson Hwy at 5 PM

This is a joint field trip with the Fairbanks Alaska Native Plant Group.

Plan to arrive by dinner on Friday June 24. There will be campfire and music.

Saturday will be an all day hike into Red Rock Canyon. This mining road off mile

213.7 Richardson Highway gives access to spectacular landscapes and alpine flowers in the eastern Alaska Range near the Canwell Glacier. The first 2-3 miles are passable (albeit slowly and carefully) to normal vehicles. Beyond that we will probably be on foot. There will be a stream crossing to negotiate, but if the water is high I'm sure we can find interesting sites to visit without crossing.

We will be car camping, but there is no official campground so people may want to bring portable tables and chairs. To be safe we should plan on filtering or boiling water, or bringing our own.

People interested in this trip should contact one of the leaders a week or two prior to the trip for information about meeting place and time, and so we know who to expect. Sunday morning will be a half day botanizing hike in the area, allowing plenty of time for the drive home.

JUNE (cont)

✂ 28 June Tuesday: Tragopogon pull.

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net

Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)

Instructions: Adults only. Bring Garden gloves and dandelion digger. Ground surface is steep and uneven.

✂ 29 June Wednesday: : Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party

Time 10 AM-Noon

Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net

Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.

Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.

✂ 30 June Thursday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels trail.

Time: 7 PM-9 PM

Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net

Instructions: Helpful items to bring include dandelion digger, kneeling pad and a 5 gallon pail, or plastic bag.

Parking is available at the Benny Benson School

Become a Weed Warrior

Throughout this calendar you will see some events that are marked as ✂. These are opportunities for you to pull for Alaska". Every summer since 2004, the Alaska Native Plant Society has organized volunteer invasive weed pulls through the Weed Warriors program. Verna Pratt is our highest ranking weed warrior. Don't make her do it alone.

Any plant can vex a gardener, but invasive plants are plants that become established and spread without natural controls. Alaska is not free from invasion, nor the damage noxious and invasive plants cause. Alaska is one of the few places in the world where we can stop the threat of invasive plants now, which makes it even more important to work together right away.

Most of Alaska's invasive weeds are native to Europe and Asia but not North America. An important reason for this is that there are large areas of Europe and Asia that are very similar in climate and geography to Alaska. The plants of these regions are thus perfectly suited to thrive here when removed from their natural enemies in their native habitats.

ANPS Project #1: Tragopogon Weed Pull on Seward Highway. Great progress has been made in the past few years of control. They are a biennial with short lived seeds, so there is hope we may eliminate this showy but obnoxious weed.

ANPS Project #2: Dandelion Dig on the Lowenfels Trail at Alaska Botanical Garden. Most of the big flowering plants that were brought in by tires are gone but it will take more persistent trips to eradicate all of the babies that keep popping up as a result of seeds flying in off of the Campbell Airfield Road.

All are welcome-extra hands are always needed to help pull invasive plants and keep our corner of Alaska wild and free from weeds.



July

- ✂ 7 July Thursday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels trail.
Time: 7 PM-9 PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Instructions: Helpful items to bring include dandelion digger, kneeling pad and a 5 gallon pail, or plastic bag.
Parking is available at the Benny Benson School
- ✂ 10-11 July Sunday-Monday: Bean Creek access trail to Resurrection Pass
Leader: Diane Toebe dmtoebe@uaa.alaska.edu.
Time: Meet at 11 AM
Hike along south end of Resurrection Trail via Bean Creek, look at flowers on the 7 mile hike up and an overnight at Romig Foret Service cabin. Bring your own food, sleeping bag, pad, etc. Call Dianne Toebe for meeting place d irections.
- ✂ 12 July Tuesday: Tragopogon pull.
Time: 6:30 PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)
Instructions: Adults only. Bring Garden gloves and dandelion digger.
Ground surface is steep and uneven.
- ✂ 13 July Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party
Time 7-9PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.
Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.
- ✂ 13 July Wednesday: North Bivouac trail:
Time: 6-8 PM
Leader: Mel Langdon mellenlangdon@gmail.com
Meet at the north Bivouac trailhead parking lot (off Campbell airstrip road)
Expect 2 hours of bog tramping on uneven wet ground. Wetland plant will abound, maybe even some orchids in bloom.
Wear rubber boots and bring bug dope. If rain is likely, rain gear too.
- ✂ 16 July Saturday
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Falls Creek (look for the sign and parking lot approx 15 miles south Anchorage)
Leader: Mike Monterusso or mikemonterusso@yahoo.com
Time and Place: Meet at Falls Creek Trailhead at 10:00 AM:
Level of difficulty: Moderate
Minimum age: No set minimum
A casual hike, rain or shine, to the upper bowl area of Falls Creek.
It's about 4.5-5 miles round trip with perhaps 2,000' of elevation. Please consider this when you think about signing up. There are many woody species to view along the way with the goal of seeing some yellow fireweed at the upper end.
Please contact Mike for more information.
- ✂ 20-22 July Wednesday-Friday: Point Barrow
Leader: Beth Baker daisymae@mtaonline.net
Contact Beth Baker for details. Limit 20. Each person is responsible for their own air and hotel reservations.

- ✱ 23 July Saturday. Search for *Carex Hoodii*
 Leader: Dennis ronsse Dennis.ronsse@gmail.com
 Meet at McHugh Creek Trailhead on Seward Hwy
 Time: 9 AM
 Expect to hike 2500 feet elevation on McHugh Lake Trail
 Total 5-6 hours, 6 miles
 Please contact leader if you plan to attend or have questions.
- ✂ 26 July Tuesday Tragopogon pull.
 Time: 6:30 PM
 Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
 Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)
 Instructions: Adults only. Bring Garden gloves and dandelion digger.
 Ground surface is steep and uneven.
- ✂ 27 July Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party
 Time 10 AM till Noon
 Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
 Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.
 Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.
- ✂ 28 July Thursday Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels trail.
 Time: 7 PM-9 PM
 Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
 Instructions: Helpful items to bring include dandelion digger, kneeling pad and a 5 gallon pail, or plastic bag.
 Parking is available at the Benny Benson School

August

- ✂ 4 August Thursday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels trail.
 Time: 7 PM-9 PM
 Leader: Vena Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
 Instructions': Helpful items to bring include dandelion digger, kneeling pad and a 5 gallon pail. Parking is available at the Benny Benson School
- ✂ 9 August Tuesday Tragopogon pull.
 Time: 6:30 PM
 Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
 Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)
 Instructions: Adults only. Bring Garden gloves and dandelion digger.
 Ground surface is steep and uneven
- ✱ 10 August Wednesday: Wildflowers at Tryck Nursery
 Time: 6-9 PM
 Leader: Doug Tryck
 Place: 8625 Rabbit Creek Road.
 Visiting Tryck Nursery is always a treat. Look forward to seeing some of Alaska's unique wildflowers, trees and shrubs.
- ✱ 11 August Tuesday: Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge
 Time: 6 – 8 PM
 Leader: Leader: Dennis Ronsse Dennis.ronsse@gmail.com
 Meet at Ronsse home in Oceanview
 Expect 2 hours of hiking in soggy wetland. Bring hip boots and walking staff to balance and probe depth.

- ✂ 17 August Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party
Time 7-9 PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.
Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.
- * 17-18 August Wednesday : Lost Lake
Leader: Diane Toebe dmtoebe@uaa.alaska.edu.
Place:- meet in Seward at Lost Lake trailhead
Meet at 1 PM
Hike up to Dale Clemens cabin; blueberries and alpine flowers. Overnight at cabin.
Bring your own food, sleeping bag, pad, water purifier, etc. Call Dianne Toebe for meeting place and time at
- * 20 Saturday *Carex* Workshop
Saturday, August 20, 9am to 5pm,
Workshop Leader Al Batten & Assistant Dennis Ronsse
Meet at Ronsse home in Oceanview (contact Dennis for details)
Expect 45-60 min intro about *Carex* features
Travel to various locations around Anchorage for *Carex* habitats
Bring knee boots and a hand lens
Please contact dennis.ronsse@gmail.com if you plant to attend or have questions.
Maximum 10 participants.
- ✂ 23 August Tuesday Tragopogon pull.
Time: 6:30 PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)
Instructions: Adults only. Bring Garden gloves and dandelion digger.
Ground surface is steep and uneven.
- ✂ 31 August Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party
Time 10 AM-Noon
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.
Description: This is mostly weeding and deadheading of the wildflower beds.

September

- ✂ 10 September Saturday
Time 1 PM
Leader: Verna Pratt or verna@acsalaska.net
Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.
Description: This is mostly weeding and putting the garden to bed for the winter.

Liability Waiver

Starting with the summer 2016 outings each participant will be required to sign a liability waiver. The club has been fortunate in not having serious injuries occur and botany is not usually viewed as a high risk endeavor. That being said the unexpected can occur. This waiver is the participant's acknowledgement of risk and that he/she will not hold the society or its leadership responsible for injuries should they occur. The leader of each trip will be responsible for having all participants sign before the start of each outing and will return the form to the club president. We include a copy of the form here so that everyone will have a chance to read it and realize that it will be a part of the start of every hike, with signatures required for all participants.

LIABILITY WAIVER FOR THE ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY'S HIKES AND OUTINGS

I acknowledge that any trip has risks. The same elements that help create the unique character of this activity may cause loss or damage to my equipment, accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases permanent trauma, disability, or death. I understand that the ANPS officers, board, members, and the trip leader/coordinator do not want to reduce my enthusiasm for the activity but think that it is important for me to be informed in advance about the activities' inherent risks.

The trip may include hiking over uneven, rocky terrain and along ridges. Hiking up hills with significant elevation gain may occur. Travel may be over rough unpredictable terrain. Downed trees, steep slopes, slippery rocks and moving water may be encountered. Hikes may occur in wetland areas, along rivers, or along the ocean. Muddy terrain may be slippery. Associated risks include but are not limited to slipping, falling, being hit by objects, or striking objects. Risks of hiking include but are not limited to cuts, blisters, diarrhea, falling timber or rocks, falls causing soft tissue injury, fractures, concussions, drowning, hypothermia, heat exhaustion/heat stroke, dehydration, sunburn, and death. Environmental risks include but are limited to rapidly changing weather, insect bites and their transmitted diseases, rolling and shifting rock, earthquakes, lightning, tsunamis, and wild or domestic animals.

The trip may require vehicular travel. This activity has risks which include but are not limited to vehicular accidents and collision with vehicles or animals and malfunction which may result in injury, disability, and death. Vehicle malfunction may result in altering the itinerary.

Society activities may occur in remote places in a significant time and distance away from medical facilities or definitive care. The difficulty of communication and transportation may delay evacuation and transport to a medical facility. I declare that I am in good physical fitness to participate in this activity without causing harm to myself or another. . If I have medical concerns related to the activity, I have verified with my physician that I am physically and psychologically able to participate in the experience. I authorize that if I suffer injury or illness the trip leader/coordinator is entitled to arrange medical treatment and emergency evacuation services as deemed essential for my safety. I understand that I am responsible for all of these transportation and medical costs involved in this care. I release any person who renders medical services for me from any and all liability which may arise out of or be attributable to performance of such services. I am aware that environmental conditions or health/safety issues may require a change in the itinerary. This may require a change in the participant's travel plans. Any costs as a result of unexpected itinerary changes for any reason are the sole responsibility of the participant.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Alaska Native Plant Society officers, board, members, and the trip leader/coordinator against any and all claims, suits, or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation, or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and any related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to any claims made by me or by anyone else acting on my behalf. If the Alaska Native Plant Society officers, boards, members, or the trip leader/coordinator incurs any of these types of expenses I agree to reimburse them according for incurred costs.

I confirm that I am 18 years old or older. If not I am having an adult 18 or over sign this on my behalf. I (or my adult signer) have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigned personal representative or estate and all of my family members. I assume and accept full responsibility for myself and for death or any injury or loss of personal property. I will pay the expenses suffered by me or on my behalf as a result of any of the items listed anywhere above in this document.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

The **Alaska Native Plant Society** was organized in 1982 by an enthusiastic group of amateur and professional botanists. It is a non-profit educational organization with the goal of uniting all persons interested in the flora of Alaska. Membership is open to any interested individual or organization. If you wish to join us, please indicate the category of membership you desire, fill in the form below and mail it with the appropriate remittance to:

**Alaska Native Plant Society,
P.O. Box 141613,
Anchorage, AK 99514**

STATUS New RENEWAL

CATEGORY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full-time Student | \$12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Citizen | \$12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Organization | \$30 |

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership is on a calendar year basis.

HERE IT IS! THE ANPS FIELD TRIP CALENDAR FOR SUMMER 2016!

We hope to see you out enjoying the botanical bounties of Alaska!

Invite your friends and visiting family.

Want add another trip? Day/Evening, Short/Long – all are possible! Contact Alaska Native Plants at: aknativeplant@gmail.com and we'll get it on our Facebook and web pages.

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