

Alaska Native Plant Society

Summer 2017 Field Trip and Activity Schedule

General Instructions: 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 and if your plans change.

Symbols: ✂ = Work Party * = Field Trip

April

- * **28 April, Friday: Windy Corner on Seward Hwy**
Time: 6 PM Total Time: 2.5 hours.
Location: Turnagain Arm Trail
Description: Best place for early spring flora near Anchorage.
Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com for questions, location, car-pooling 5:30.

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May

- * **9 May, Tuesday: Indian House Ridge**
Time: 6 PM
Description: Expect to climb 1500 feet in 3 hours. (parts of trail steep with loose rock)
Great area for spring flora because of wind and sun.
Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com for questions, location, possible car-pooling by 5:30.

- ✂ **16 May, Tuesday: Tragopogon Pull.**
Time: 6:30 PM
Leader: James Sowerwine or james.sowerwine@gmail.com
Place: Potter Section House Parking Area (Seward Hwy just past Potter Marsh)
Description: Volunteers are needed to help to eradicate the invasive weed *Tragopogon dubious* (western salsify) from Alaska. This invasive plant grows only in a few places in Turnagain Arm, and is best removed by hand pulling. ANPS members meet every other Tuesday evening in the spring to search for and remove *Tragopogon* from the three primary locations it grows at or near. Volunteers should be prepared to walk or scramble rough terrain in and near active transportation corridors (the shoulder of the Seward Highway, steep adjoining hillsides, etc.) for up to two and half hours at a time. Please do not bring dogs or children. Helpful items include gloves, a sturdy dandelion digger or similar device adequate to loosen rocky compacted soil with, a trash bag to put plants into, and a bright, visible jacket or hat. Rewards include the amazing views over the Arm during quiet summer weekend evenings and the potential for complete eradication of an invasive species from our state by volunteer efforts only.
Special Instructions: If planning to attend, please email or call James Sowerwine in advance at the contact information above, as outings may be rescheduled around weather or volunteer availability.

- ✂ **18 May, Thursday: Invasive Trees**
Time: 6:00 PM at the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead (off Campbell Airstrip Road)
Description: Group will search for invasive species such as *Prunus padua* and *Prunus virginiana*.
Group will learn how to use the invasive weed app.
Contact: Gino Graziano gagraziano@alaska.edu

*** 21 May, Sunday: Bird Ridge**

Time: 9 AM at the Bird Ridge Parking Lot, Mi. 101.7 Seward Highway, \$5 Chugach State Park pass

Description: Watch the flowers go back to winter time as you slowly climb the ridge.

Allow plenty of time to look at the flowers, and take photographs. Bring lunch and snacks. If the weather is nice, we may be out past dinner.

Contact: Marilyn Barker mhwbarker@icloud.com

✂ 23 May, Tuesday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels Trail.

Time: 7-9 PM

Leaders: Anjanette Steer (anjsteer@gmail.com) or _____ and Mary Stella (mstella@gci.net)

Description: 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

*** 27 May, Saturday: Lazy Mountain (near Palmer)**

Time: 8 AM

Leaders: Dennis Ronsse and Forrest Baldwin

Description: The best spot for early flora in the Mat-Su and different from the Anchorage Chugach. Expect a steady climb 3,120 of feet, Total 6.5 miles steep & very slippery if wet.

(This trip will be cancelled if it is too wet.)

Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com for details, location, possible car pooling

✂ 30 May, Tuesday: Tragopogon pull.

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: James Sowerwine or james.sowerwine@gmail.com

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

See May 16 for details.

June

✂ 3 June, Saturday: BLM National Trails Day.

Time: Check in time 8:30 to 9:00 AM Sign up for the activity of your choice.

Location: Meet at the East entrance of the BLM Science Center.

Description: Volunteer to help with trail and garden maintenance. Free pizza at noon.

NOTE: Be sure to let Louise or the BLM person in charge know you are with ANPS as this Service counts towards a price reduction for our meeting space for ANPS

*** 4 June, Sunday: Mount Eklutna**

Time: 8:15 AM

Leader: Dennis Ronsse

Description: Expect 6-7 hours, Total 6.5 miles, Climbing 2800 feet (some steep loose rock)

Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com for details & location, possible car pooling

✂ 13 June, Tuesday: Tragopogon Pull.

Time: 6:30 PM

See May 16 for details.

✂ 14 June, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party

Time: 10 AM-12 PM

Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center

Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.

Leader: Dennis Ronsse dennis.ronsse@gmail.com



✱ **14 June, Wednesday: Eklutna Calcareous Swamp**

Time: 6 PM **Location:** Meet at Eklutna Campground, Mile 10 Eklutna Lake Road, State Park fee

Description: Expect 2 hours hiking, total .5 mile on family friendly, easy trail. Some parts swampy (boots helpful, not essential)

Unusual plants: Sparrow egg Lady's Slipper, Round-leaved Orchis, Greenland Primrose, Simple Bog Sedge & Sticky False Asphodel

Contact: Dennis Ronsse - dennis.ronsse@gmail.com for details, location, possible car pooling

✱ **17 June, Saturday: Hatcher Pass—possibly Marmot Mountain**

Time: 9 AM

Location: Meet at Turner's (yellow) store—Palmer-Fishhook Road, about Mile 9

Description: Moderate hike with up to 2000 foot elevation gain. Sturdy boots required.

Come explore a new area and enjoy early blooming wildflowers.

✂ **22 June, Thursday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels Trail.**

Time: 7-9 PM

Leader: Ginger Hudson growingtallllc@gmail.com or

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

✂ **27 June, Tuesday: Tragopogon Pull.**

Time: 6:30 PM

See May 16 for details.

✂ **28 June, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party**

Time: 7-9PM

Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.

Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.

Leader: Beth Baker - daisymae@mtaonline.net

July

✱ **1 July, Saturday: Bold Ridge Overlook, Eklutna**

Time: 8 AM for possible carpooling **Total Time:** Expect 8-9 hours

Description: Bike 5 mile in / 5 miles out, on old road. Lock bikes in brush. Hike 4 miles up ridge 3600 feet of climbing / 4 miles down.

Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com for details, location, possible car pooling

✱ **2 July, Sunday: The Ball Park, Chugach State Park**

Time: 8:30 AM -4 PM

Meeting place: Glen Alps Lower Parking Lot

Description: Hike along Powerline Pass, cross South Fork Campbell Creek, climb up towards the saddle between Little O'Malley and O'Malley peaks and then wander back through the Ballpark. We should find some alpine plants. Wear sturdy boots for climbing on loose rock; dress in layers; bring rain gear, water, lunch. Please call or email if you plan to come.

Level of difficulty: moderate to difficult (steep climb) **Minimum Age:** 12

Leader: Mel Langdon mellenlangdon@gmail.com [503-991-8282](tel:503-991-8282)

✱ **9 July, Sunday: April Bowl Trail, Hatcher Pass**

Location: Meet 9 am near dumpster at new Fred Myers Store, Palmer

Description: 2.2 miles round trip; elevation gain about 800 feet. Switchbacks take you through a small valley with a cirque lake and several small ponds. It soon turns into a ridge trail and is extremely narrow and rough, ending at Hatch Peak. Explore alpine plants with Jaime Rodriguez, extremely knowledgeable member of Rock Garden Society; bring lunch and water.

Contact: Beth Baker, co-leader, if you plan to attend: daisymae@mtaonline.net

✂ **12 July, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party**

Time: 10 AM -12 PM

Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.

Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.

Leader: Dennis Ronsse. Please contact dennis.ronsse@gmail.com

11-13 July: Carex workshop and 15-17 July: Carex workshop

Workshops will be led by Dr. Tony Reznicek, cost \$200.00

For information, contact Beth Baker: daisymae@mtaonline.net

13 July, Thursday: Short Botany Hike, BLM Science Center

Time: 6 PM

Meeting place: Entrance to Campbell Creek Science Center

Description: After a short botany hike, coordinated by Anjanette Steer, **BLM will honor Verna Pratt** with a short dedication of garden art

13 July, Thursday: Lecture

Time: 7 PM

Place: Campbell Creek Science Center

Topic: "The World in Your Garden: A rock gardener and plant collector explores diversity and evolution.

Presented by: Dr. Anthony Reznicek

✂ **18 July, Tuesday: Tragopogon Pull.**

Time: 6:30 PM

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* **16 July, Sunday: Black Tail Rocks, Eagle River**

Time: 8 AM

Location: Meet near dumpster at Carr's in Eagle River for possible car pooling

Description: Great alpine wonderland; 10 miles round trip; bring lunch and water; hiking poles

Contact: Beth Baker - daisymae@mtaonline.net

✂ **26 July, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party**

Time 7-9PM

Leader: Beth Baker daisymae@mtaonline.net

Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.

Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.

August

✂ **9 August, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party**

Time: 7-9PM

Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.

Description: This is mostly weeding of the wildflower beds.

Leader: Ann Nevaldine



*** 12 August, Saturday: Summit Creek Trail**

Time: Meet 9 am in Carr's Huffman parking lot, SW corner for carpooling.

Leader: Jean Tam **Contact:**

Description: Trailhead is at Mile 43.9, on the west side of the Seward Highway, just south of Summit Lake. See map and description in 55 Ways book, 5th Ed., page 100. Ambitious hikers can go all the way to the Resurrection Pass Trail (9 miles), but most of us will go about 3 miles up the trail. Good chance to see *Gentiana platypetala* in bloom.

We could have dinner at the Summit Lake Lodge after the hike.

*** 19 August, Saturday: Hanging Valley off South Fork of Eagle River**

Time: 8 AM **Location:** Near dumpster Carr's Eagle River for possible car pooling

Description: elevation gain 1,200 ft; moderate difficulty; 10 miles round trip; approx 6-8 hours; bring lunch and water,

Contact: Beth Baker - daisymae@mtaonline.net

✂ 22 August, Tuesday: Dandelion removal for the Lowenfels Trail.

Time: 7-9 PM

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✂ 23 August, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party

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Leader: Beth Baker daisymae@mtaonline.net

September

*** 9 September, Saturday Hope Point**

Time: 10 AM at Hope Point Parking Lot, Hope

Description: A lovely new trail with lots of switch backs leading from coastal vegetation to alpine.

Pace will be slow to allow time to appreciate the flowers and the stunning views. Be sure to bring a lunch and some snacks. The trail is endless on a beautiful day.

Contact: Marilyn Barker mhwbarker@icloud.com for details, location and possible carpooling.

✂ 30 September, Saturday: National Public Lands day

Time 8:30 AM

Meeting Place: East entrance to Science Center.

ANPS work part 9AM-12PM

Description: This is mostly weeding and putting the garden to bed for the winter. Be sure to check in with Luise or BLM person in charge to let them know you are with ANPS as this service counts towards a price reduction for our meeting space.

Free Pizza for lunch!



HERE'S YOUR ANPS SUMMER 2017 FIELD TRIP & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE!

Final Monthly Meeting: May 1, 7PM Campbell Creek Science Center

Note that there are several trips planned in April and May – see inside!

- **Heads-Up: Our December monthly meeting, Dec. 4, will be a celebration of Verna Pratt and her special importance to ANPS. We're sure you have lots of memories and photos and stories to share. Keep them in mind as you enjoy your summer of outdoor exploration and in the fall we'll start collecting them in preparation for the December meeting.**

So join us as we explore the hills and dales of Alaska to see the wonders of our native plants up close and personal. You'll have so much fun and may even learn something!

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