

ANPS Summer 2018 Field Trips & Activities

General instruction: always plan for Alaska weather, carry raingear and snacks.

PLEASE Contact field trip leader to let them know you will be there.

A Liability Waiver must be signed for each participant. One is included here.

29 April, Sunday: Windy Corner Field Trip

Meeting Time & Location : 1 PM. Roadside Parking at Milepost 106.6 of Seward Highway (12 miles from Anchorage).

Description: Expect 3 hours hike, 2 miles, on Turnagain Arm Trail. Fairly level, but rocky in places

Contact / Leaders: Annie Ronsse & Marilyn Watts. Message akronsse@gmail.com a couple days in advance if you would like to reserve a space or have questions. Non-ANPS members welcome, but due to narrow trail, this trip will be limited to 10 participants with priority given to ANPS members.

13 May, Sunday: Indian House Ridge

Time & Location: 1 PM. Carrs Huffman parking lot (south side, along Huffman Rd.)

Description: Expect 3-4 hours, hike 1 mile with 600 feet elevation gain on a narrow, steep & rocky trail in places. Hiking pole advised.

Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com a couple days in advance if you would like to reserve a space or have questions. Non-ANPS members welcome, but due to narrow trail, this trip will be limited to 10 participants with priority given to ANPS members.

Carpool: required due to limited parking at the trailhead, 14 miles from Anchorage.

15 May, Tuesday: Table Top / Airstrip Field Trip

Time & Location: 10AM. Meet at Goldenview Middle School (not at trailhead)

Description: Expect 2-3 hours. The trailhead is very small and the route crosses private land. Please respect the neighborhood, no dogs, reasonable fitness and hiking boots suggested. Some short sections of trail have loose rocks.

Contact: Amelia Walsh amelia_101@hotmail.com or text _____ if you plan to attend or have questions at least by the evening before.

Carpool: Required due to limited parking / private property access

22 May, Tuesday: Tragopogon Pull

Time: 6:30- 8:30 PM

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

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

Description: Wester salsify (*Tragopogon dubius*) is an invasive weed, rather recently found in Alaska, currently at only in a few places along Turnagain Arm. Due to ANPS it is very close to eradication, and Gino Graziano, Invasive Plants Instructor from UAF Cooperative Extension Service will be joining us this summer with additional help. Volunteers are needed every other Tuesday evening with dandelion digger type tools, gloves, and garbage bags, to walk the shoulder of the Seward Highway and stop a problem before it starts.

Special Instructions: Please contact the trip leader as the schedule may change with weather or *Tragopogon* bloom. Some dates may be added as the season progresses, if need.

26 May, Saturday: Glen Alps Field Trip

Time & Location: 1 PM. Glen Alps Parking Lot

Description: Expect 1.5 mile, climb 300 feet. Wide gentle climbing trail. We'll not go all the way up Flat Top.

Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com a couple days in advance if you would like to reserve a space or have questions. Non-ANPS members welcome, but this trip will be limited to 12 participants with priority given to ANPS members.

29 May, Tuesday to Saturday, June 2

Description: Dr. Ernie Brodo Lichen Workshop. Sold out. Contact Beth Baker for waitlist.

29 May, Tuesday: "What lichen and craneflies are telling us about global warming and why we should listen"

Time: 7pm

Location: Anchorage Museum, 625 C St, Anchorage, AK 99501

Presenters: Fenja & Irwin Brodo

30 May, Wednesday: "North and to the Sea: Lichens of the Pacific Northwest"

Time: 7pm

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center

Presenter: Dr. Irwin Brodo

JUNE

2 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: Campbell Creek Science Center.

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

NOTE: Be sure to let CCSC staff know you are with ANPS as this counts towards a price reduction for our meeting space.

5 June, Tuesday: Tragopogon pull.

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Dianne Toebe (dmtoebe@alaska.edu)

See May 22 for more...

10 June, Sunday: Lazy Mountain Field Trip

Time & Location: 10 AM at the Lazy Mountain Trail Head.

Description: Expect 6.5 miles (6+ hours) with 3,120 feet ascent, steep & slippery in places. The best place for early alpine flora in the Mat-Su.

Non-ANPS members welcome.

Leaders: Dennis Ronsse and Forrest Baldwin

Contact: Dennis.ronsse@gmail.com a couple days in advance if you would like to attend or have questions. Non-ANPS members welcome.

12 June, Tuesday: Table Top / Airstrip Field Trip

Time: 10AM. Expect 2-3 hours

Location: Meet at Goldenview Middle School (not at trailhead)

Description: The trailhead is very small and the route crosses private land. Please respect the neighborhood, no dogs, reasonable fitness and hiking boots suggested. Some short sections of trail have loose rocks.

Contact: Amelia Walsh amelia_101@hotmail.com or text if you plan to attend or have questions at least by the evening before. Open to non-ANPS members.

Carpool: Required due to limited parking / private property access

13 June, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Gardens

Time: 10 AM-12 PM

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center

Description: Care of native flower beds helps support CCSC and reduces cost of ANPS meeting space.

Leader: CCSC staff will direct volunteers

16 June, Saturday: Gold Cord Lake (Hatcher's Pass) Field Trip

Time: 9AM

Location: Meet at Palmer Fred Myers by front door at 9 am.

Description: 1/2 day, 1-2 mile round trip easy hike. Bring lunch.

Leaders: Jaime Rodriguez (AK Rock Garden Society), and Beth Baker (Pres ANPS)

Contact: Please call Beth if you plan to come and leave a message or daisymae@mtaonline.net

17 June, Sunday: Fauna & Flora of Arctic Valley & Mt. Gordon Lyon with Anchorage Audubon & ANPS

Time: 10 AM (bring a lunch)

Location: Arctic Valley Ski Area (Parking \$5.00 / day)

Description: Expect Total 4.5-5.5 Hrs, 5 miles, 1763 feet over Mt. Gordon Lyon in a loop. Bruce Talbot, from Anchorage Audubon will co-lead the trip.

Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com for more, possible car pooling, previous plants & birds. Open to non-ANPS members.

24 June, Sunday: Pepper Peak Field Trip

Time: 9:00 AM (Expect 6-10 hours. Bring a lunch.)

Location: Eklutna Lake

Description: Expect to hike / climb 4500 feet, 10 miles.

Contact: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com a couple days in advance if you plan to attend or have questions. Open to non-ANPS members.

25 June, Monday: Tragopogon pull.

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Gino Graziano (gagraziano@alaska.edu)

See May 22 for more...

27 June, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Gardens

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center

Description: Care of native flower beds helps support CCSC and reduces cost of ANPS meeting space.

Leader: CCSC staff will direct volunteers

29 June- July 1, Friday-Sunday: Hoodoos Botany Weekend

Time: Arrive in the evening. Camp, hike and botanize all weekend in the AK Range.

Leader: Jeff Mason

Location: Isabel Pass, Richardson Hwy

Description: A dirt road leads several miles east. Car camping at the end. Trail hiking and bushwacking. Its above treeline, recently deglaciated alluvium, tundra, and shrub habitat.

Contact: jdotmason@gmail.com if you plan to attend, have questions or want to carpool.

11 July, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Gardens

Time: 10 AM-12 PM

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center

Description: Care of native flower beds helps support CCSC and reduces cost of ANPS meeting space.

Leader: CCSC staff will direct volunteers

12 July, Thursday: Tragopogon pull.

Time: 6:30 PM

Leader: Gino Graziano (gagraziano@alaska.edu)

See May 22 for more...

21 July, Saturday: Wildflowers of Fresno Creek/Shell Mt. Area Field Trip

Time & Location: 8:30am Car pool from Carrs Huffman (SW Corner of the parking lot). Plan on 1.5 hrs drive to Lower Summit Lake. Park in the pullout at north end of the lake. Plan to hike by 10 AM. Bring a lunch. After hike dinner at Summit Lake Lodge?

Description: Hiking boots and trekking poles recommended. Elevation gain 2700 feet and about 3.5 miles to the old mine site (if we go that far). The trail goes up Fresno Creek Valley, the South fork, and west up the mountain.

Contact: Bob Estey (bneestey@gci.net or bneestey@gci.net) a couple days in advance if you have questions or plan to attend.

28 July, Saturday: Wildflowers of Craigie Creek, & April Bowl Hatcher Pass Field Trip

Time & Location: 9:00 am meet near the dumpster at new Fred Meyers Store in Palmer to carpool.

Descriptions: **April Bowl-** 2.2 miles round trip; elevation gain about 800 feet. Trail passes alpine lakes and up a ridge line.

Craigie Creek: Trail is an old mining road up a lush valley, about 2 miles with very little change in elevation.

Contact: Beth Norris (ejnorris@sbcglobal.net or Annie Ronsse, akronsse@gmail.com a couple days in advance if you have questions or plan to attend.

25 July, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Gardens

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center

Description: Care of native flower beds helps support CCSC and reduces cost of ANPS meeting space.

Leader: CCSC staff will direct volunteers

AUGUST

Aug 4, Saturday: The Dome, Trail Field Trip

Meeting Time & Location: 9AM, Kaladi's at Tudor & Muldoon.

Description: 1/2 day 5 miles, a little steep at the beginning and on top; bring lunch

Leaders: Beth Baker and Zoe Meade

Contact Beth if you plan to come or daisymae@mtaonline.net.

Note: Hikers will need a base pass from <http://jber.isportsman.net> (call 907-552-8609 for assistance)

8 August, Wednesday: Campbell Creek Science Center Gardens

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center

Description: Care of native flower beds helps support CCSC and reduces cost of ANPS meeting space.

Leader: CCSC staff will direct volunteers

SEPTEMBER

29 September, Saturday: National Public Lands Day

Time: 8:30- 9:00 AM Check-in

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center.

Description: Trail work, weeding and putting the garden to bed for winter.

Note: 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 at 12:00.

OCTOBER

1 October, Monday: First Regular Monthly Indoor Meeting of the Fall

Time: 6:00 PM (note this time is earlier than that for future meetings which will be 7PM)

Location: Campbell Creek Science Center

Description: The first fall meeting is a potluck and "slide show" where all are welcome to share pictures of summer botanical trips. Bring a dish to share.

ALASKA COMMUNITY FOREST COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Are you interested in helping create healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities in Alaska? Consider applying for a seat on the Alaska Community Forest Council. The Council is a nonprofit and state advisory organization that works to improve Alaskans' quality of life by expanding and caring for urban and community forests.

An application and information about the council can also be found on the web at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council.htm>. Applications are due no later than **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**. New appointees will be notified in late May and the terms begin on July 1, 2018.

Send applications by mail, fax, or e-mail to: Alaska Community Forest Council, PO Box 241282, Anchorage, AK 99524 / 907-269-8931 (fax) / stephen.nickel@alaska.gov.

For more information, contact:

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ANPS Monthly Meeting: May 7 – Monday 7:00PM

The final indoor meeting of the season for the Alaska Native Plant Society, Anchorage, will be held on Monday, May 7th at the Campbell Creek Science Center, at 7:00 PM.

The main speaker will be James Walton of the US National Park Service, who will discuss “Non-vascular Vegetation Research across Alaska’s National Parks”.

Marilyn Barker will lead the culminating discussion of the season’s focus on the Rosaceae Family, with information on members of the genus *Malus*.

The Mini-Botany presentation will be given by Charlene Johnson, whose topic will be “Why cottonwood trees are not present in a mature forest”.

At this meeting we will also discuss the Summer Field Trip Calendar, so bring any question you might have after reading this schedule.



Liability Waiver

Starting with the summer 2016 outings each field trip participant has been 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.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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 2018!

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

Invite your friends and visiting family.

Want to 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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