

2013

Plant Hikes across Wyoming

Wyoming Native Plant Society field trips and others



All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Important: For all outings – bring plenty of water and food and wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots, sunglasses, sunscreen, and sun hat. Bring appropriate clothing for all types of weather. Difficulty varies with each outing. Sorry, no dogs. All hikes are full day events unless otherwise stated, and you should bring lunch. ...Above all, be safe and enjoy Wyoming's plants!



May 25, Saturday, 10:00 am – **Hike the gardens and grounds** of the Great Plains Garden headquarters, 14229 Windbreak Road, Hermosa, SD for a morning walk and wildflowers foray. Bring something to eat & your folding chair if you wish to join in a pot-luck picnic lunch afterwards. Bring cameras, plant books, bird books, sun & insect protection, drinking water, snacks & guests. Contact the trip leader if more specific directions to the site are needed. Great Plains Native Plant Society event. (It will be cancelled in the case of rain.)
Trip leader: Cindy Reed (c.reed@gpnps.org or 605 745-3397)

June 9, Sunday, 9:00 am – **Hike the Penrose Trail**. Meet at the Trailhead at the end of Penrose Rd. in Story, WY. Pack a lunch and bring water. Bighorn Native Plant Society event.
Trip leader: Jennifer Williams at 307-763-3327 or whiteboulder13@gmail.com.

June 20, Thursday, 1pm - 3pm - **Take a River Walk**. Learn about aquatic native and nonnative plant species. We will also learn about Flat Creek and clean up debris along the river. Bring gloves, water, food, sunscreen, sun hat, and appropriate clothing/footwear. Meet at the Rodeo Grounds in Jackson. All ages (parents or guardian must accompany kids). Joint event of Teton Conservation District, Teton County Weed and Pest District, and the Wyoming Native Plant Society. Free, please RSVP by June 17th to Rachel at 733-2110 or rachel@tetonconservation.org

July 13, Saturday, 8:30 am – **Hike the Pasture Park Trail** just before the Bull Creek Campground off of Hwy 16. Meet at Buffalo, WY Shopko for car pool arrangements and directions. Pack a lunch and bring water. Bighorn Native Plant Society event.
Trip leader: Ami Erickson at 307-683-3412 or ami.erickson@gmail.com.

July 18, Thursday, 10am - 12pm - **Native Plant Hike and Noxious Weed Pull** - Learn about native and nonnative plant species. We will also pull noxious weeds to improve wildlife habitat. Bring gloves, water, food, sunscreen, sun hat, and appropriate clothing/footwear. Meet at the Karnes Trailhead on Wildlife Dr. in Jackson. All ages (parents or guardian must accompany kids). Joint event of Teton Conservation District, Teton County Weed and Pest District, and the Wyoming Native Plant Society. Free, please RSVP by July 15th to Rachel at 733-2110 or rachel@tetonconservation.org

July 20, Saturday, 10:00 am – **Hike Dugout Gulch Botanical Area, WY**
This will be a fairly easy 4 hrs of botanizing, perhaps covering a mile or two, in Dugout Gulch Botanical Area (Black Hills National Forest) in the northern Black Hills. Plants likely to be seen include yellow lady slipper (*Cypripedium parviflorum*), foxtail sedge (*Carex alopecoidea*), and highbush cranberry (*Viburnum opulus* var. *americanum*).
Meet at the Beulah, WY exit off I-90, at the gas station/post office on the north side of the highway. Travel by car caravan from there to the Dugout Gulch Botanical Area trailhead.

Bring sunscreen, camera, plant books, bird books, lunch & snacks, drinking water, full insect protection, and guests. Minimum of 5 participants required. Please RSVP early. Great Plains Native Plant Society event.

Trip leader: Beth Burkhart (burkhart@gwtc.net or 605 673-3159)

July 26-28, Friday thru Sunday – **Beartooth Mountains, 2013 Wyoming Native Plant Society Annual Meeting**. All hikes: Bring your lunch, bug spray, bear spray, water, rain gear, layers for change in weather, and rubber boots or waterproof footwear. Please register for dinner presences and/or hike preferences! If you don't have internet access, look for the registration in your newsletter. **Registration is due 24 June**.

Friday night – Short hike starting from Lily Lake Campground at 7:00 pm

Saturday morning Option 1. Hike starting from Clay Butte Lookout parking lot on Beartooth Butte/Clay Butte at 9:00 am; proceeding to Swamp Lake in afternoon

Saturday morning Option 2. Hikes starting from Top of the World parking pull-off (across from store) with alpine stops to see rock polygons, a newly-discovered moss known from nowhere else, fungal features and a rainbow of alpine plants

Saturday evening events are all at HUNTER PEAK RANCH, 5:30 social hour and 6:30 dinner – RESERVATIONS DUE BY 24 JUNE! (There are three menu choices, and the evening expenses total \$22.00/adult, with discounts for kids.)

7:30-8:30 evening programs, Geology of the Beartooths, by Ken Pierce; and Plants and Volcanoes of Yellowstone, by Jennifer Whipple

Sunday morning events all start at HUNTER PEAK RANCH

Annual meeting at 8:00 am – coffee's on! Hikes start at 9:00 am.

Hike Option 1. Morning alpine hike (highlights of the full-day hike on the previous day)

Hike Option 2. All-day hike to Sawtooth Peat Beds leaving from Morrison Jeep Trail parking lot across from Long Lake at 9 am (7 miles roundtrip, strenuous)

Lodging: Forest Service campgrounds are in the area, and lodging is available at Hunter Peak Ranch with advance reservation (call 307-587-3711 or <http://www.hunterpeakranch.com/>).

See: www.wynps.org for a trip map with registration materials, and a separate link with checklists and a geology map. Questions? Contact Kent Houston (khouston@bresnan.net), Ann Boelter (amb748@yahoo.com) or Bonnie Heidel (bheidel@uwyo.edu).

August 10, Saturday, 10am-12pm - **Granite Creek Trail plant walk and soak!** A joint field trip of the Teton AND Sublette chapters of the Wyoming Native Plant Society. Moderate 1-2 hour hike followed by optional soak in Granite Hot Springs. Take Granite Creek Road from US Hwy 191. Drive to end of road to meet in parking lot below hot springs. Bring food, water, and swimsuit, towel, money for hot springs entrance fee. For more information: tetonplants@gmail.com or updates at tetonplants.wordpress.com

This information is also posted at www.wynps.org. There'll be more Teton Chapter hikes later this season posted at www.tetonplants.wordpress.com.

Reminder: Facebook photos from hikes are welcome!