



## Botanizing the Adirondacks

June 15-17, 2020

\$495 double occupancy or \$575 single occupancy

### Summary

This tour will occur immediately prior to the NARGS Annual General Meeting at Cornell University. The tour focuses on the native flora of the Adirondack region and includes guided hikes to see alpine vegetation on Whiteface Mountain (one of the “High Peaks” of the Adirondacks) and to two bogs in the western Adirondacks. The tour will also visit the rock garden at White Pine Camp that is maintained by volunteers from the NARGS Adirondack Chapter and the Adirondack Experience Museum that highlights the history and culture of the region. The tour will use a 28-passenger, professionally driven minibus throughout the tour and will be limited to 25 participants.

### Monday, June 15

The tour will depart from the Syracuse airport at 12:30 pm and will travel to the rock garden at White Pine Camp in Paul Smiths, NY. John Gilrein from the Adirondacks Chapter will lead a tour of the garden, and will discuss its history, plantings, and the chapter’s involvement. We will then drive to Wilmington, NY, for dinner and lodging.

### Tuesday, June 16

We will leave the hotel at 7:30 to meet our guide (tentatively Kayla White from the Adirondack Mountain Club) for a 4-hour botanic hike on Whiteface Mountain. Plants that should be in bloom include *Rhododendron groenlandicum*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Trichophorum cespitosum* ssp. *cespitosum*, *Carex scirpoidea* ssp. *scirpoidea*, *C. bigelowii*, and *Salix uva-ursi*. Notable plants we may also see include *Prenanthes boottii*, *Sibbaldiopsis tridentata*, *Solidago leiocarpa*, and *Minuartia groenlandica*. After the hike, we will stop in Saranac Lake for lunch and then drive to Blue Mountain Lake to visit the Adirondack Experience Museum. We will end the day in Inlet, NY, for dinner and lodging.



### Wednesday, June 17

Our guide for the morning will be Gary Lee, retired New York State Forest Ranger and avid naturalist. We will leave the hotel at 7:30 to meet Gary at Ferd’s Bog, where we will hike on a boardwalk to enjoy a wide variety of native plants and birds. Plants that should be in bloom include *Sarracenia purpurea*, *Drosera rotundifoliam*, *Rhododendron groenlanicum*, *Andromeda polifolia*, and more. We will depart at around 10:00 to drive to Remsen, NY. Be prepared to get your feet wet at Remsen Bog while looking for *Cypripedium reginae*, *Calopogon tuberosus* var. *tuberosus*, and *Liparis loeselii* as well as pitcher plants and sundews. We will depart from Remsen Bog at roughly 12:30 on our way to Utica for lunch. We hope to be at Cornell University by 4:00.

### Other information:

- Meals: The tour price include breakfast at both hotels as well as water and snacks on the bus. We will provide transportation to recommended local restaurants for lunch and dinner, but each participant will be responsible for selecting and paying for these meals.
- Lodging: Cadence Lodge in Wilmington and Marina Motel in Inlet. Both hotels are highly rated by Trip Advisor. Single participants may be asked to share room if necessary for all participants to stay at the same location.
- Transportation: Air conditioned bus driven by professional driver. The bus is not equipped with bathroom facilities, but will makes scheduled stop every two hours.
- Guide and Entrance Fees: Guide and entrance fees to all tour sites are included.
- Hikes: Tour participants should be in reasonable shape and able to traverse uneven terrain. Whiteface Mountain summit is 4,867 ft. versus 4,600 ft at parking area. The goal of the tour is to botanize and is not a test of endurance or climbing skills
- Group Size and Price: The tour price is based on 20-25 participants. If there are fewer than 20 participants, NARGS may need to cancel the tour or increase the price.