

The Alpines of Northern Wyoming

June 17-21, 2025 (5 day tour)

Price: \$1900 double occupancy, \$2140 single occupancy

This tour, led by Panayoti Kelaidis and another member of the Denver Botanic Garden, is a repeat of the successful tour offered June 21-26, 2017, the post-conference tour held after the Steamboat Spring Annual Meeting. June is the peak season for flowers of Wyoming. The Thomas the Apostle Retreat Center, located in Cody, will be the base for the tour. Cody is pretty much equidistant from the Bighorn Mountains, Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka Wilderness, which is transected by the Beartooth Highway. Our location will give the participants opportunities to visit these key wildflower sites of northern Wyoming.

One of the days we will drive to the summit of the Bighorn Mountains, which are largely composed of dolomitic limestone. This area is almost mythical for its wildflower displays, and there are many unusual and some very rare plants that are only known from here and a few neighbouring spots: the gorgeous Jone's columbine (*Aquilegia jonesii*), Kelsey moss (*Kelseya uniflora*) and the western dwarf cliffbrake (*Pellaea glabella* ssp. *occidentalis*) are just a few of the gems we will see.



Lupines on the Bighorns

Aquilegia jonesii

Another day will be a circle drive over the Beartooth Pass, one of America's most spectacular highways. The road transects the montane, subalpine and alpine zones, each which are home to a vast array of beautiful flowers. Purple mountain saxifrage (*Saxifraga oppositifolia*) has its southernmost distribution here, as do purple mountain heather (*Phyllodoce empetriformis*). For dozens of miles the road is edged by a tapestry of wildflower colour unequalled anywhere. It will be a day to remember!

The last full day will be dedicated to a visit to Yellowstone National park in search of wildlife and some of the flora which can be found enroute.

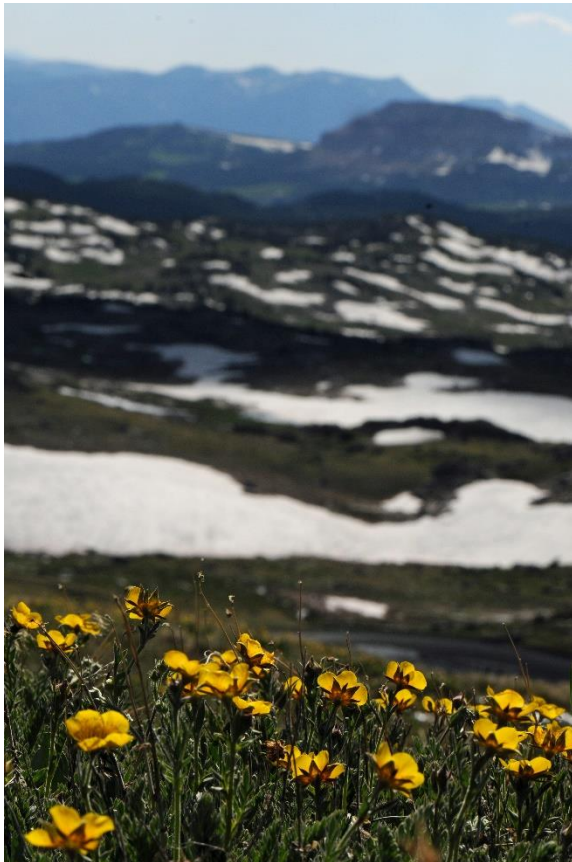
Come join us on this trip: we can guarantee you more flowers than you dreamed possible, and views to match.



Beartooth Highway



Eritrichium nanum



Geum rossii



Polemonium viscosum

NOTE: This tour starts and ends in Cheyenne, Wyoming, however, it is possible to end in Denver if that is more convenient. When you register, you can make note of your preference. Also note that most of the rooms have a **shared bath** between two rooms.

Included in the price: Guiding services, transportation, accommodations and all meals except two meals on your own. Please note: Drinks, tips, and items of a personal nature such as travel insurance, are not included.

Walking is generally easy but on some days a moderate walk will be required. Sturdy footwear is suggested.

Information Related Registration, Payments, and Cancellation

You must be a NARGS member to register. If you need to renew your membership or to join the society, please do so via the NARGS website (www.nargs.org) or contact Bobby Ward at nargs@nc.rr.com if you have questions or need help.

The cost for the tour is **\$1900 USD per person based on double occupancy; single occupancy \$2140 USD.**

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Space on this tour is limited to **16 guests**. Your space is not guaranteed until a deposit is paid. **The deposit is \$500 USD.**

Before submitting your deposit, send an email to **“contact us”** (to right of the main website) to confirm space availability. You will receive an email confirming space availability and a link to the Google Registration Form. Guests travelling together must EACH fill in a Google Registration Form.



Balsamorhiza incana



Clematis tenuiloba

Deposit Payment

To pay the deposit for the tour, use the PayPal link on the NARGS website (www.nargs.org). After logging onto the website, click on the "Donate" button at the top of the homepage. Then type "Wyoming Tour" in the "Purpose of Donation" box, select Educational trips from the "Program" picklist, select Other for the "Amount" list, then fill in the \$500 USD deposit amount, and then click the "Add to Cart" button. On the next page, check that the amount is correct and then click the "Checkout" button. On the next page, select "Secure checkout" with Credit Card or with PayPal account as the "Payment method" and confirm your address. You will then be routed to the PayPal website where you can pay via either a PayPal account (if you have one) or select Pay with Debit or Credit Card.

Final Payment

NARGS will email a reminder regarding final payment. Final payment is due by **May 1, 2025**. The preferred method for final payment is by check from a U.S. bank denominated in USD. The check should be payable to NARGS, note Wyoming Tour on the memo line of the check, and be mailed to NARGS, POB 18604, Raleigh, NC 27619-8604. Payment can be made via credit card, PayPal, postal or bank money order, or a check from a non-U.S. bank but must be denominated in USD and must include a 5% surcharge to cover banking fees. Failure to make final payment by May 1 will result in reservation cancellation and full loss of the deposit.

Cancellation

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to NARGS by the person making the reservation. Cancellations after deposit is paid but prior to the final payment due date will forfeit 50% of deposit. Failure to submit final payment by due date will result in forfeiting 100% of deposit. Cancellations after final payment is made but more than 30 days before start of the tour will forfeit 50% of tour cost. No reimbursements or credits will be given for cancellations within 30 days of start of tour unless another person can be found to fill the space. Each registrant is urged to obtain private trip insurance to cover any exigencies requiring cancellation. If the tour is cancelled by NARGS for any reason, all payments minus banking fees and incurred expenses will be refunded to registered participants. If the tour is cancelled by NARGS, any person who had previously cancelled will not be entitled to this refund.

Information Related to Insurance, Waivers, and Public Health Requirements

The tour price does not include insurance to cover costs associated with medical treatment, repatriation, flight cancellations, baggage loss, travel interruptions, cancellation fees, or other expenses. Each registrant is urged to assess their personal situation and to obtain private insurance to cover these costs if needed.

By submitting a tour deposit, you are acknowledging that you are aware of the risks associated with travel and that you will not hold NARGS or others associated with the tour responsible for any delays; changes in itinerary, staffing, or accommodations; injuries, illnesses, or deaths; or any circumstances beyond the control of NARGS.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact Panayoti Kelaidis at pediocactus@icloud.com