

NATIVE ORCHID CONSERVATION INC.
2016 Field Trip Schedule

(Depending on the weather, there is no guarantee which orchids or other plants may be seen.
Dates may be altered according to conditions.)

Saturday, May 28

Sandilands area - last of the early spring flowers like three-flowered avens, cowslip, marsh marigolds, sand cherry, and coltsfoot. Orchids - possibly coral-root, ram'shead and yellow lady's-slipper. **NEW**

Saturday, June 4

Blueberry Rock Trail near Lac du Bonnet, Agassiz ski trails on Pit Road, marsh area - yellow lady's-slippers, moccasin flower and coral-root. **NEW**

Saturday, June 18

Foresters' Footsteps Trail and the goose sanctuary trail in central Whiteshell Provincial Park - moccasin-flower, coral-root, lesser and checkered rattlesnake-orchids, and yellow lady's-slippers.

Wednesday, June 22

Opening of the Brokenhead Wetlands Ecological Reserve boardwalk. Official opening at 10:00 am. Please see www.nativeorchid.org or www.debwendon.org for further details and any changes. This is not a NOCI field trip, but guided tours will be provided during the day.

Saturday, July 9

Brokenhead Wetlands Interpretive Trail and the Libau Bog in the Mars Hill Wildlife Management Area - rein-orchids, white bog-orchids, green bog-orchids, grass pink, slender ladies'-tresses, rattlesnake-orchids. This later date highlights different orchids in Brokenhead than on June 22.

Saturday, July 16

Carrick-Badger and Woodridge Road area, then Buffalo Point in southeastern Manitoba - rattlesnake-orchids, fungi, Indian pipe and the rare purple fringed-orchid. Due to the distance, this is an all-day trip.

Saturday, August 20

Bird's Hill Provincial Park - along the southern border of the park are late summer flowers like the wild pink onion, Western silvery aster, dotted blazing star, white and purple prairie clover, Indian bread root, giant hyssop, lead plant, bouncing bet and slender agalinis. **NEW**

To register for a field trip, email NOCI at nocifieldtrips@gmail.com or phone 204-223-8209 after May 1, 2016. Please include a phone number for contact purposes on the trip day. Registration may be limited to a small group of participants to minimize damage to the more sensitive habitats. **The cut-off date for registering will be the Wednesday just prior to the particular trip.**

There is a charge of \$15 per adult or \$5 per child under 18 to help to cover costs. You must sign the liability waiver and be a NOCI member to join these trips. (You may become a member on the day of the trip - annual membership fee is \$15). Please dress suitably for the weather as we go rain or shine. Hats, drinking water, a bag lunch, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. We will meet at a location in Winnipeg that is on a bus route. Car-pooling is done for efficiency and environmental reasons, so be prepared to pay a share of the gas expenses. NOCI reserves the right to cancel or reschedule trips due to weather conditions or insufficient volunteers to lead trips.

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