

2019 INPS Annual Meeting March Announcement

The 2019 INPS annual meeting will be held **Friday, July 12, 2019 – Monday, July 15, 2019**. It will be hosted by the Pahove (Boise) Chapter and it will be based in scenic McCall, Idaho. Our activity base will be the Peninsula Campground at Ponderosa State Park next to Payette Lake. A list of Hotels/Motels in McCall as well as Campground and RV Parks in or near McCall, Idaho can be found on our website. Reserve promptly!

The Peninsula section of the park has water and electric hook-ups, picnic tables, and bathhouses with flush toilets and hot showers. The pavilion (shelter) that we have reserved for our potluck dinner and gathering is a covered natural structure with 10 picnic tables that will accommodate up to 100 people. There are no restrooms, water, etc. at the shelter itself.

Ponderosa Park is a state park which requires a Park Pass, campsite/RV booking, or \$5 entrance fee.

Directions to Ponderosa State Park located at 1920 N Davis Ave McCall, ID 83638

- ❖ 107 miles north of Boise on HWY 55
- ❖ 190 miles south of Moscow on HWY 95

Field trips will accommodate easy and moderate/strenuous activity levels. Easy hikes will be half day on mostly level terrain. Moderate/strenuous hikes will be all day with significant elevation gain and/or distance.

Schedule of Events

Friday afternoon

- ❖ Check in/registration/information packets 12pm-6pm at the Peninsula Shelter, Ponderosa State Park
- ❖ Twin Peaks Nursery Tour (51 E Lake Fork Rd, McCall, ID 83638) OR Visit Charlie's Garden (Sylvan Creek Road McCall, Idaho 83638) 1pm-2pm
- ❖ INPS State Board meeting 3pm-5pm
- ❖ Potluck at the Peninsula Shelter 6pm (Please bring something to share with our group. We will provide the main course, grilled BBQ burgers/hotdogs with fixings and condiments.)

Saturday

- ❖ Lichen/Bryophyte Workshops led by Roger Rosentreter, retired BLM botanist/lichenologist, and Alma Hanson, retired USFS botanist, followed by field explorations around Ponderosa State Park to view some spectacular specimens (Bring your hand lens)
- ❖ Granite Mountain (An easy hike will take you around a meadows/riparian community with *Saxifraga bryophora var. tobiasiae*. The moderate/strenuous hike will venture to the lookout on top of the mountain with views of the Salmon River Mtns and Seven Devils of Hells Canyon.)
- ❖ Banquet Dinner/Business Meeting at McCall Senior Citizen Center (701 1st Street) from 6pm-7:30pm/Keynote Speaker 7:30pm-8:30pm (Barbara Ertter, retired curator of Botany Univ. of CA, Berkley-Flora and Geology of the McCall area). A silent auction to raise funds for ERIG will also take place Saturday evening 6pm-8:30pm. Announcements will be made just prior to close of evening events.

Sunday

- ❖ Granite Mountain (see details above-Easy to Moderate/Strenuous)
- ❖ No Business Lookout (This is one of the last remaining lookouts of a set spanning McCall to Fairfield, a showcase that was originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Easy/Moderate)
- ❖ Lick Creek Summit (A beautiful subalpine forest with open rock outcrops and seeps/ponds abound. Easy/Moderate)
- ❖ Dinner on your own

Monday-Optional Field Trip (Meanders kayak/canoe trip)