



2022 Spring Wildflower Foray Schedule

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Online map guide to meeting locations: bit.ly/springwildflowerforaymap

Friday, April 22

1. **9:00 a.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele Nature Preserve: Moderate Hike**

Wildflower author **Kay Yatskievych** will lead a 2 ½ to 3-hour MODERATE wildflower walk in and around this lovely state nature preserve. **Limited to 20 people, masks encouraged; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3qjs70e**

Meeting Location: T.C. Steele State Historic Site, meet at Singing Winds Visitor Center

2. **9:00 a.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele Nature Preserve: Rugged Hike**

DNR Nature Preserves Assistant Director and Ecologist **Tom Swinford** will lead a 3-hour RUGGED wildflower walk in and around this lovely state nature preserve. **NO LIMIT; NO REGISTRATION – JUST SHOW UP!**

Meeting Location: T.C. Steele State Historic Site, meet at Singing Winds Visitor Center

3. **9:30 a.m. Salt Creek Hillside Hike**

Explore a limestone hillside abundant with twinleaf and trilliums, then venture down into a creek valley known for producing white-flowering Virginia bluebells with **Jill Vance**, Interpretive Naturalist for Monroe Lake. This 2-hour off-trail hike will ramble down a moderately-sloping hill into the floodplain next to the creek, so wear shoes with good tread. **Limited to 20 people; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3JuMUWg**

Meeting Location: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office (1620 Monroe Dam Ct., Bloomington)

4. **11:00 a.m. Journey to Kelp Village**

Adventure with State Park Naturalist **Eli Major** and plant guru **David Mow** to the site of an old village dating back to the late 1800s. Add new and amazing flowers to our list as we find old home sites using plants and flowers, planted by the early settlers, as our guide. Be prepared for a MODERATE 2-hour trek of about 4.5 miles round trip. **Limited to 25 people; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3tvnMZX**

Meeting Location: Brown County State Park, meet at Strahl Lake parking lot *Park entrance fee applies

5. **1:00 p.m. Butterflies at Allens Creek**

Jeff Belth author of *Butterflies of Indiana, a Field Guide*, and retired Monroe Co. Parks & Rec Naturalist **Sandy Belth** will lead a 1 ½-hour MODERATE walk to identify butterflies and larval host plants important to these “flying flowers.” **Limited to 15 people, MASKS REQUIRED; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3KTu5Mp**

Meeting Location: Allens Creek State Recreation Area, meet in upper parking lot

6. **3:30 p.m. Kent Farm Trek**

Wildflowers and wildlife abound at the Kent Farm unit of the Indiana University Research & Teaching Preserve. Join IU biologist **Mark Sheehan** for a RUGGED 3-hour, 1.3-mile loop through rich Salt Creek bottomland, up a wooded ridge crowned with chestnut oak, and back. Mark will stress wildflower and tree identification and work in as much forest ecology as he can. **Limited to 15 people, MASKS REQUIRED; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3JpNwwf**

Meeting Location: Kent Farm, park in grass next to largest outbuilding

7. **3:30 p.m. Hot Hills, Cool Valleys**

Search for wildflowers, ferns and fascinating fungi (edible and otherwise) as you explore ridge tops and valleys with Interpretive Naturalist **David Mow**. For this 2-hour, MODERATE hike through the northernmost section of Brown County State Park. **Limited to 25 people; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3tmsmcQ**

Meeting Location: Brown County State Park, meet at Saddle Barn *Park entrance fee applies

8. **5:00 p.m. Birding by Kayak**

Join birding guide **David Rupp** of IndiGo Birding Nature Tours for a 2-hour, slow evening paddle. Participants will search for birds such as the great blue heron, wood duck, and the beautiful prothonotary warbler, with emphasis on identifying some birds by their songs. Beginning kayakers and birders welcome. **Limited to 10 people; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/36tKys3**

Bring your own kayak or canoe OR rent one for a \$25 fee (6 rental kayaks available, first-come first-served; select this option during registration and bring cash/check for kayak rental to the program).

Meeting Location: Crooked Creek State Recreation Area, meet at boat ramp

Saturday, April 23

9. **7:30 a.m. Early Birds at Stone Head Nature Preserve**

Join **Mike Kelley** and **Jeff Riegel** president and vice president of the Stone Head Conservancy, for an EASY, 2 ½-hour stroll through part of the beautiful, 138-acre Stone Head Nature Preserve. High rubber boots are recommended for walking through the Zimmerman Wetland Bird Habitat in search of some of the 176 species of documented birds. **Limited to 15 people, masks encouraged; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3NORfm6**

Meeting Location: Stone Head Nature Preserve, meet in parking area behind the house

10. **10:00 a.m. Creek Walk**

Join “Moment of Science” radio personality **Don Glass** and naturalist and botanical illustrator **Gillian Harris** for a 2-hour EASY walk along a stream in the Schooner Valley. Participants will identify a variety of wildflowers that flourish in and around the park’s creeks and valleys. **Limited to 20 people, masks encouraged; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3IAdAUh**

Meeting Location: Brown County State Park, meet at Ogle Lake parking lot *Park entrance fee applies

11. 11:00 a.m. Gardening with Natives

Spend some time with INPS Native Seed Communities Coordinator **Bill Daniels** and Park Naturalist **Eli Major** as they talk about the new Interpretive Gardens at the Brown County State Park Nature Center. Learn ways to use native plants in your garden beds at home, creating beautiful garden beds and great pollinator habitats! We will even give you tips on native plants that deer don't like, plants that tolerate the shade, and plants that grow in difficult soils. **No limit on attendance, but registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3KUyLIs**

Meeting Location: Brown County State Park, meet at Nature Center **Park entrance fee applies*

12. 12 to 4 p.m. Arts of the Earth Day

Spend the afternoon outdoors at Impressionist painter T.C. Steele's hilltop home on this **free outdoor visit day**, from 12-4 p.m. Explore the blooming gardens, grounds, and hiking trails at the site, and watch the artists at work as painters and carvers will be at work en plein air! **NO LIMIT; NO REGISTRATION – JUST SHOW UP!**

For the kids, from 1-2 p.m.: a Teddy Bears' Picnic! Bring your best friend in their finest for story time and old-fashioned games and activities beside the formal garden, \$4/child. Lemonade and cookies will be served. **Limited to 20 children with tickets available online at bit.ly/teddybearpicnic2022 or day-of (if space remains) in the Singing Winds Visitor Center at T.C. Steele.**

Meeting Location: T.C. Steele State Historic Site, meet at Singing Winds Visitor Center

13. 1:00 p.m. Ogle Hollow Hike

Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve is one of the richest coves in Brown County, with a profusion of wildflowers, ferns and the rare yellowwood tree. State Park Naturalist **Eli Major** and Naturalist Interpreter **David Mow** will lead a 2-hour MODERATE hike into the hollow, identifying plants and migrating songbirds. **Limited to 25 people; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3tmEwSV**

Meeting Location: Brown County State Park, meet at Trailhead #5 **Park entrance fee applies*

14. 3:30 p.m. Weed Wrangle for Wildflowers

Show your love for native plants by removing one of their enemies: invasive garlic mustard! Join Brown County State Park Naturalist **Eli Major** for a Brown County Native Woodlands Project Weed Wrangle Indiana® workday. It's a national event that highlights the need for hands-on invasive species management. Wear appropriate clothes for work: gloves, long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes. **NO LIMIT; NO REGISTRATION – JUST SHOW UP!**

Meeting Location: Brown County State Park, meet at northwest end of Horse Camp **Park entrance fee applies*

15. 7:00 p.m. Evening Program: Wildflower Counts and Carroll Ritter program & book signing, *Magnificent Trees of Indiana*

Join us as wildflower author **Kay Yatskievych** summarizes the 2022 wildflower count, followed by a program from the new *Magnificent Trees of Indiana* author **Carroll Ritter**. Get your book signed and mingle with fellow Forayers at this 1-hour program. **Suggested donation \$5 at the door. Limited to 40 people, masks encouraged; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3N1AMxQ**

Meeting Location: T.C. Steele State Historic Site, meet at Singing Winds Visitor Center

Sunday, April 24

16. 9:00 a.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele Nature Preserve: Moderate Hike

Wildflower author **Kay Yatskievych** will lead a 2 ½ to 3-hour MODERATE wildflower walk in and around this lovely state nature preserve. **Limited to 20 people, masks encouraged; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3lu8SaA**

Meeting Location: T.C. Steele State Historic Site, meet at Singing Winds Visitor Center

17. 9:00 a.m. Porter West Ramble

This Sycamore Land Trust preserve features carpets of wildflowers beneath large oaks and hickories, sinkholes, and interesting rock outcroppings. Join naturalist **Gillian Harris** and Sycamore Education Director **Mary Welz** for a 2 ½-hour MODERATE walk through this property in western Monroe County. Some uphill walking. **Limited to 20 people; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3imwB1H**

Meeting Location: Eco Logic (8685 W. Vernal Pike, Bloomington), meet in parking lot

18. 10:00 a.m. Low Gap Back Country

Join Naturalist Interpreter **David Mow** in exploring the Morgan-Monroe State Forest. This 2 ½-hour, approximately 2 mile RUGGED hike will be off-trail, following the creeks, and will skirt the Low Gap Nature Preserve. We will make several creek crossings so appropriate foot-ware is a must. **Limited to 25 people, masks encouraged; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/3637iiM**

Meeting Location: Morgan-Monroe State Forest, meet at the Low Gap parking lot on Low Gap Road

19. 1:00 p.m. Wander the Wilderness

Explore Hoosier National Forest's Hayes Trail in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness with botanist **Cheryl Coon**. Bring lunch and water for this 4-hour RUGGED hike. Attendees will carpool/caravan from the meeting location to the hike starting point. **Limited to 18 people, masks encouraged; registration required by April 20 at noon at bit.ly/34RRHSm**

Meeting Location: Paynetown State Recreation Area, meet at parking lot behind property office

20. 1:00 p.m. Salt Creek Saunter

Join Brown County State Park naturalist **Eli Major** for a 1-hour EASY and ADA accessible walk along Salt Creek. Help identify wildflowers and plants as we discuss streamside ecology and land management. Learn about the Salt Creek Trail and its future developments connecting downtown Nashville with Indiana's very own Brown County State Park. **NO LIMIT; NO REGISTRATION – JUST SHOW UP!**

Meeting Location: Pat Reily Drive (Nashville), municipal parking lot

Virtual Programs

Spring Wildflowers at Brown County State Park bit.ly/3eABY6j

Basics of Wildflower ID: bit.ly/3ImV7u9

Backyard Plants Hike: bit.ly/3D7DoGd

Salt Creek Wildflowers Hike: bit.ly/3CQzi52

Unfurling Ferns: bit.ly/3ljkA7D

Wild Hyacinth Virtual Hike: bit.ly/3u6vd8J