



## The Spring Wildflower Foray is presented by...

- ❖ Brown County State Park
- ❖ Hoosier National Forest
- ❖ Indiana Division of Nature Preserves
- ❖ Indiana University Research & Teaching Preserves
- ❖ Monroe County Parks and Recreation
- ❖ Monroe Lake
- ❖ Stone Head Conservancy

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## Thank You to the 2023 Wildflower Foray Planning Committee!

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Map to All Program Locations: [bit.ly/springwildflowerforay-map](https://bit.ly/springwildflowerforay-map)

## Friday, April 28

### 1. 9:15 a.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele: Moderate Hike

Wildflower author **Kay Yatskievych** and understudies **Mary Damm** and **Marc Evans** will lead a 2 ½ to 3-hour MODERATE wildflower walk in and around this lovely state nature preserve. **Limited to 20 people; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-selma](https://bit.ly/foray2023-selma)**

**Meeting Location:** T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Singing Winds Visitor Center (parking lot)

### 2. 9:15 a.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele: Rugged Hike

Nature Conservancy Director of Stewardship **Tom Swinford** and naturalist **Cathy Meyer** will lead a 3-hour RUGGED wildflower walk around this lovely state nature preserve. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Singing Winds Visitor Center (parking lot)

### 3. 10:00 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. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Strahl Lake (parking lot)

4. **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; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-butterflies](https://bit.ly/foray2023-butterflies)**

**Meeting Location:** Monroe Lake, Allens Creek State Recreation Area (upper parking lot)

5. **2:00 p.m. Wildflowers after Wildfires**

Join Brown County State Park Naturalist **Eli Major** for a very RUGGED 3 ½-mile hike to the wildfire area! In November 2022, Brown County State Park had a low intensity, 112-acre wildfire. Learn about wildfire ecology and see which wildflowers thrive in the burn area. This 3-hr hike should be considered very rugged due to distance and elevation change. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Park Office (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, 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; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-kent](https://bit.ly/foray2023-kent)**

**Meeting Location:** Kent Farm Preserve, 8475 E. Kent Road (follow lane, then park as directed near outbuildings)

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. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Saddle Barn (parking lot)

8. **8:00 p.m. Sounds of Spring**

Enjoy a 1-hour EASY walk with naturalist **Cathy Meyer** to listen to frogs and other wildlife as darkness falls. Be prepared for wet trail conditions as we wander the wetlands at Karst Farm Park. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** Karst Farm Park (large parking lot between fields #2 and #3)

## Saturday, April 29

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

Join **Randy Jones** of Indiana Audubon Society 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. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** Stone Head Nature Preserve (parking area)

10. **9:30 a.m. The Wild Side of Mushrooms**

Learn about several easily identifiable, edible wild mushrooms with Naturalist Interpreter **David Mow**. He will give a 1-hour power point presentation in the T.C. Steele Visitor Center, where participants will learn about hunting wild mushrooms, as well as cooking and preserving them. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Singing Winds Visitor Center (Orientation Room)

11. **9:30 a.m. Creek Walk**

Join “Moment of Science” radio personality **Don Glass** and naturalist and botanical illustrator **Gillian Harris** for a 2.5-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; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-creek](https://bit.ly/foray2023-creek)**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Ogle Lake (parking lot)

12. **11:30 a.m. Gardening with Natives**

Spend 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 registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Nature Center

13. **1:00 p.m. Wild Hyacinth Hike**

Botanist **Cheryl Coon** and Hoosier National Forest Interpreter **Summer McDuffee** will lead a 2-hour RUGGED, off-trail hike along a unique limestone ridge in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area looking for wild hyacinths. **Limited to 18 people; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-hyacinth](https://bit.ly/foray2023-hyacinth)**

**Meeting Location:** Paynetown SRA, Main Office (parking lot behind building) - caravan/carpool to hike start

14. **1:30 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 noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-ogle](https://bit.ly/foray2023-ogle)**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve / Trail #5 (parking lot)

15. **4:00 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. This is 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 on people, but registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-wrangle](https://bit.ly/foray2023-wrangle)**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Horsemen’s Campground (northwest end)

16. **7:00 p.m. Foray Species Count & Asian Jumping Worm Presentation**

Join your fellow Forayers for cake, coffee, and this year’s species count at this Saturday evening program on the latest invasive species to gain ground in Brown and Monroe Counties—the Asian Jumping Worm. **Ellen Jacquart**, former president of the Indiana Native Plant Society and current president of MC-IRIS, will present. Already in the Park after a hike? Head to Abe Martin Lodge for dinner before the evening program, where you can find menu service or a soup and salad buffet. **Limited to 90 people; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-sat-evening](https://bit.ly/foray2023-sat-evening)**

**Meeting Location:** Brown County State Park, Abe Martin Lodge (Allison Peabody Room)

# Sunday, April 30

## 17. 9:00 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, C.I.G. 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. **No registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office (parking lot)

## 18. 10:00 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 Sycamore Education Director **Mary Welz** and naturalist **Cathy Meyer** for a 2 ½-hour MODERATE walk through this property in western Monroe County. Some uphill walking. **Limited to 20 people; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-porter](https://bit.ly/foray2023-porter)**

**Meeting Location:** Eco Logic (parking lot)

## 19. 10:00 a.m. Low Gap Back Country

Join Naturalist Interpreter **David Mow** in exploring the Morgan-Monroe State Forest. This 3-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; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-lowgap](https://bit.ly/foray2023-lowgap)**

**Meeting Location:** Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Backcountry Area Parking Lot on Low Gap Road

## 20. 1:00 p.m. Wander the Wilderness

Explore Hoosier National Forest's Hayes Trail in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness with botanist **Cheryl Coon** and naturalist and botanical illustrator **Gillian Harris**. Bring lunch and water for this 4-hour RUGGED hike. **Limited to 18 people; registration required by noon on April 26 at [bit.ly/foray2023-wander](https://bit.ly/foray2023-wander)**

**Meeting Location:** Paynetown SRA, Main Office (parking lot behind building) - caravan/carpool to hike start

## 21. 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 registration needed!**

**Meeting Location:** Pat Reilly Drive Municipal Parking Lot

### Related Events

- ❖ **April 26 at 1 p.m.:** Wildflower ID Workshop at Paynetown SRA (Monroe Lake). *Limited to 16 people; registration required by April 24 at noon at [bit.ly/wildflowerID-apr2023](https://bit.ly/wildflowerID-apr2023)*
- ❖ **April 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.:** Friends of Brown County State Park Plant Sale at BCSP Nature Center
- ❖ **April 29 at 10 a.m.:** Arbor Day Weed Wrangle at Cedar Bluffs, *Limited to 10 people and a maximum of 4 vehicles; register at [forms.office.com/r/BLF7VPPj0a](https://forms.office.com/r/BLF7VPPj0a)*

### Virtual Programs

- ❖ BCSP Spring Wildflowers: [bit.ly/bcsp-spring-wildflowers](https://bit.ly/bcsp-spring-wildflowers)
- ❖ Salt Creek Wildflowers Hike: [bit.ly/salt-creek-wildflowers](https://bit.ly/salt-creek-wildflowers)
- ❖ Wild Hyacinth Virtual Hike: [bit.ly/hyacinth-hike](https://bit.ly/hyacinth-hike)
- ❖ Unfurling Ferns: [bit.ly/unfurling-ferns](https://bit.ly/unfurling-ferns)
- ❖ Basics of Wildflower ID: [bit.ly/basics-wildflower-id](https://bit.ly/basics-wildflower-id)
- ❖ Backyard Plants Hike: [bit.ly/backyard-plants-hike](https://bit.ly/backyard-plants-hike)