



# 2016 Wildflower Walks

on the

## Shawnee National Forest

Led by Botanist Chris Benda (Illinois Botanizer)

### 2016 Wildflower Walk Schedule

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| #1 – May 8th at 1:00PM      | <b>Kinkaid Lake Trail System</b> (trail difficulty: moderate)<br><i>Meet at Crisenberry Dam (parking area at the end of Spillway Road)</i>           |
| #2 – May 13th at 4:00PM     | <b>Rim Rock National Recreation Trail</b> (trail difficulty: moderate)<br><i>Meet at the parking lot at trailhead off Karber's Ridge Road</i>        |
| #3 – May 21st at 10:00AM    | <b>Leisure City Limestone Glade</b> (trail difficulty: moderate)<br><i>Meet at Dutton Chapel Road &amp; Highway 34, 7 miles south of Herod</i>       |
| #4 – June 19th at 1:00PM    | <b>Garden of the Gods, Indian Point Trail</b> (trail difficulty: moderate)<br><i>Meet at the backpacker's parking lot on Garden of the Gods road</i> |
| #5 – July 24th at 1:00PM    | <b>Whoopie Cat Glade Natural Area</b> (trail difficulty: easy)<br><i>Meet at the Illinois Iron Furnace Historic Site in Hardin County</i>            |
| #6 - August 13th at 10:00AM | <b>Max Creek</b> (trail difficulty: moderate)<br><i>Meet at the Ozark General Store on Hwy 45 in Ozark</i>   |
| #7 – Sept. 16th at 4:00PM   | <b>Todd Fink Natural Area</b> (trail difficulty: easy)<br><i>Meet at the Ozark General Store on Hwy 45 in Ozark</i>                                  |
| #8 – Sept. 17th at 10:00AM  | <b>Cretaceous Hills Natural Area</b> (trail difficulty: rugged)<br><i>Meet at the rest area along I-24 at the Metropolis/Brookport exit</i>          |
| #9 – Oct. 15th at 10:00AM   | <b>Provo Cemetery Barrens</b> (trail difficulty: rugged)<br><i>Meet at the U.S. Post Office in Tamms</i>   |
| #10 – Oct. 16th at 1:00PM   | <b>Gum Springs/Hoggs Bluff/Split Rock</b> (trail difficulty: moderate)<br><i>Meet at the Ozark General Store on Hwy 45 in Ozark</i>                  |

Participants will learn about the basics of plant identification, and will be provided handouts about plant identification terminology, field guides and web resources, and invasive species.

All of the hikes will last up to 4 hours. No previous experience is necessary. Reservations are not required, but are encouraged. The hikes will be limited to the first 20 participants. To reserve your spot for any of the hikes, or for directions to the sites, contact Chris Benda at [botanizer@gmail.com](mailto:botanizer@gmail.com).

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