



## 2017 WILDFLOWER FORAY Hike & Program Schedule

### Friday, April 28

- 9:00 a.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele Nature Preserve**  
Wildflower author Kay Yatskievych and DNR Nature Preserves Ecologist Tom Swinford will lead wildflower walks in and around this lovely state nature preserve. Choose from 2 ½ to 3-hour MODERATE or RUGGED hikes. Meet at **Location A.**
- 10:00 a.m. Kent Farm Trek**  
Wildflowers and wildlife abound at the Kent Farm unit of the Indiana University Research & Teaching Preserve. Join Dr. 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. Meet at **Location C.**
- 1:00 p.m. Fire and Flowers**  
Dan Shaver and Dawn Slack of The Nature Conservancy's Brown County Hills Project will lead a slow stroll through a nature preserve managed with fire to promote an open oak woodland condition. See the impact of fire on flower species and the surrounding forest. Hike will be less than 1 mile. Meet at **Location J.**
- 1:00 p.m. Butterflies at Allen's Creek**  
Jeff Belth, author of *Butterflies of Indiana, a Field Guide*, and 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." Meet at **Location F.**
- 3:30 p.m. Hiking History in the Deam**  
Hike with Hoosier National Forest botanist Cheryl Coon and forester Teena Ligman, and learn about the people who once lived and worked in the Deam Wilderness. Stop along the way for stories of the CCC, lookout towers, and Brooks Cabin, and follow up with an EASY walk from the fire tower to Terrill Cemetery. **Pre-registration is required**, call HNF office at 812-275-5987. Limited to 18 participants. Carpool from **Location B.**
- 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 1 ½-2 hour, MODERATE hike through the northernmost section of Brown County State Park, meet at **Location H.**

### Saturday, April 29

- 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, 122-acre Stone Head Nature Preserve. High rubber boots are recommended for walking through the Zimmerman Wetland Bird Habitat in search of some of the 164 species of documented birds. Meet at **Location G.**

8. **9:00 a.m. Monroe Lake Backwaters**  
Take a boat trip with DNR Wildlife Specialist Rex Watters to enjoy wetlands wildflowers and wildlife, maybe even see a bald eagle. Bring a life jacket if you have one, plus water and a sack lunch—the trip will last into the afternoon. Boats will stop at several spots to explore, so wear boots and old clothes! **Pre-registration required** at 812-988-2785, limited to 20 people. You **MUST** be nimble enough to climb in and out of small watercraft. Meet at **Location E**.
9. **9:00 a.m. Explore Laura Hare Nature Preserve at Downy Hill**  
Nearly one square mile in size, this preserve helps form a huge block of contiguous forest, protected for wildflowers, songbirds, raptors and other wildlife. Jim Ferguson, Sycamore Land Trust Volunteer Steward for the preserve, will lead a RUGGED, 3-hour journey from ridgeline to valley and back. Carpool from **Location J**
10. **10:00 a.m. Hiking Miller Ridge Nature Preserve**  
Take a rugged 3-hour/4-mile hike with DNR Ecologist Andrew Reuter to explore the native and non-native plants of Yellowwood State Forest. Participants will weave on and off trail, in and out of various natural communities to reach a stand of native yellowwood trees. **Pre-registration required** at 812-988-2785, limited to 15 people. You **MUST** be in good hiking shape. Boots, water and other personal gear is a necessity. Meet at **Location K**.
11. **1:00 p.m. Focus on Wildflowers**  
Nature photographer and past T.C. Steele Artist in Residence Gary Morrison will lead an EASY 2-hour photography excursion. Bring your camera for tips on capturing the best images of spring's beauties in flower or in flight. **Pre-registration required** at 812-988-2785, limited to 20 people. Meet at **Location A**.
12. **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 Patrick Haulter and Naturalist Interpreter David Mow will lead a 2-hour MODERATE hike into the hollow, identifying plants and migrating songbirds. Meet at **Location Q**.
13. **1:00 p.m. Puddle Wonders**  
Wildflowers aren't the only signs of spring. Vernal pools teem with eggs and tadpoles of salamanders, toads, and frogs. Walk a few steps to see aquatic life with a view of the surrounding wooded hills. Amphibian enthusiast Geoff Keller and Monroe Co. Parks & Rec naturalist Sandy Belth will offer a 1 ½-hour hands-on program to describe the life cycle of these creatures and identify what we find in our nets. Meet at **Location L**.  
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14. **3:30 p.m. The Art of Woodcrafting**  
Woodcrafting is "the act of collecting plants for edible and medicinal uses." Join Master Naturalist Susan Douglas for a 1 ½-hour EASY woodcrafting walk, and learn about the uses of local wild plants and trees. Meet at **Location D**.
15. **3:30 p.m. Creek Walk**  
Join "Moment of Science" radio personality Don Glass, botanical illustrator Gillian Harris, and IU biologist Dr. Mark Sheehan for a 1 ½-hour EASY walk along a stream in the Schooner Valley. Participants will identify a wide variety of wildflowers that flourish in and around the park's creeks and valleys. Meet at **Location I**.
16. **3:30 p.m. Wild Hyacinth Hike**  
Botanist Cheryl Coon and forester Teena Ligman of Hoosier National Forest 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. **Pre-registration is required**, call HNF office at 812-275-5987. Limited to 18 participants. Carpool from **Location B**.

17. **6:00 p.m.      Flowers, Friends and Food**

Join fellow Forayers for good food, good company, and a silent auction to support the Foray. Cost is \$12 per person for your dinner, payable to Friends of T.C. Steele. **Reservations required** at 812-988-2785. Meet at **Location N.**

18. **7:30 p.m.      IDNR Nature Preserves: 50 Years of Stewardship**

Wildflower author Kay Yatskievych will summarize the 2017 wildflower count as dessert and beverages are enjoyed. Tom Swinford, Assistant Director and Ecologist of IDNR Division of Nature Preserves, will review the natural history of Indiana with a focus on Brown County, and share the 50-year story of people and events that led to the birth of Indiana's system of nature preserves. Meet at **Location N.**

## Sunday, April 30

19. **7:30 a.m.      Early Birds at Ogle Lake**

Greet the morning with Interpretive Naturalist Kashena Hottinger, who will lead a 2-hour MODERATE walk to view warblers, waterfowl and swallows along Schooner Creek. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them! Meet at **Location I.**

20. **10:00 a.m.      Wander the Wilderness**

Explore Hoosier National Forest's Hayes Trail in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area with HNF botanist Cheryl Coon and Monroe Co. Parks & Rec naturalist Cathy Meyer. Bring lunch and water for this 4-hour MODERATE hike. **Pre-registration is requested**, call HNF office at 812-275-5987. Meet at **Location B.**

21. **10:00 a.m.      Midday at Middlefork Valley**

Participants will meet DNR Interpretive Naturalist Jill Vance for a MODERATE-RUGGED 3-hour hike along the old Blue Creek Road, which winds through the middle fork valley of Salt Creek and up the adjacent ridge. Search for a wealth of spring wildflowers and lingering signs of the people who lived here pre-reservoir. Bring lunch and water. Meet at **Location M** and carpool to a nearby site.

22. **10:00 a.m.      Hiking Sweedy Hollow**

DNR Nature Preserves Asst Director & Ecologist Tom Swinford will lead a MODERATE 2 ½-hour woodland wildflower walk on a well-constructed trail. This scenic nature preserve has much exposed bedrock, including a large rock shelter. Meet at **Location P.**

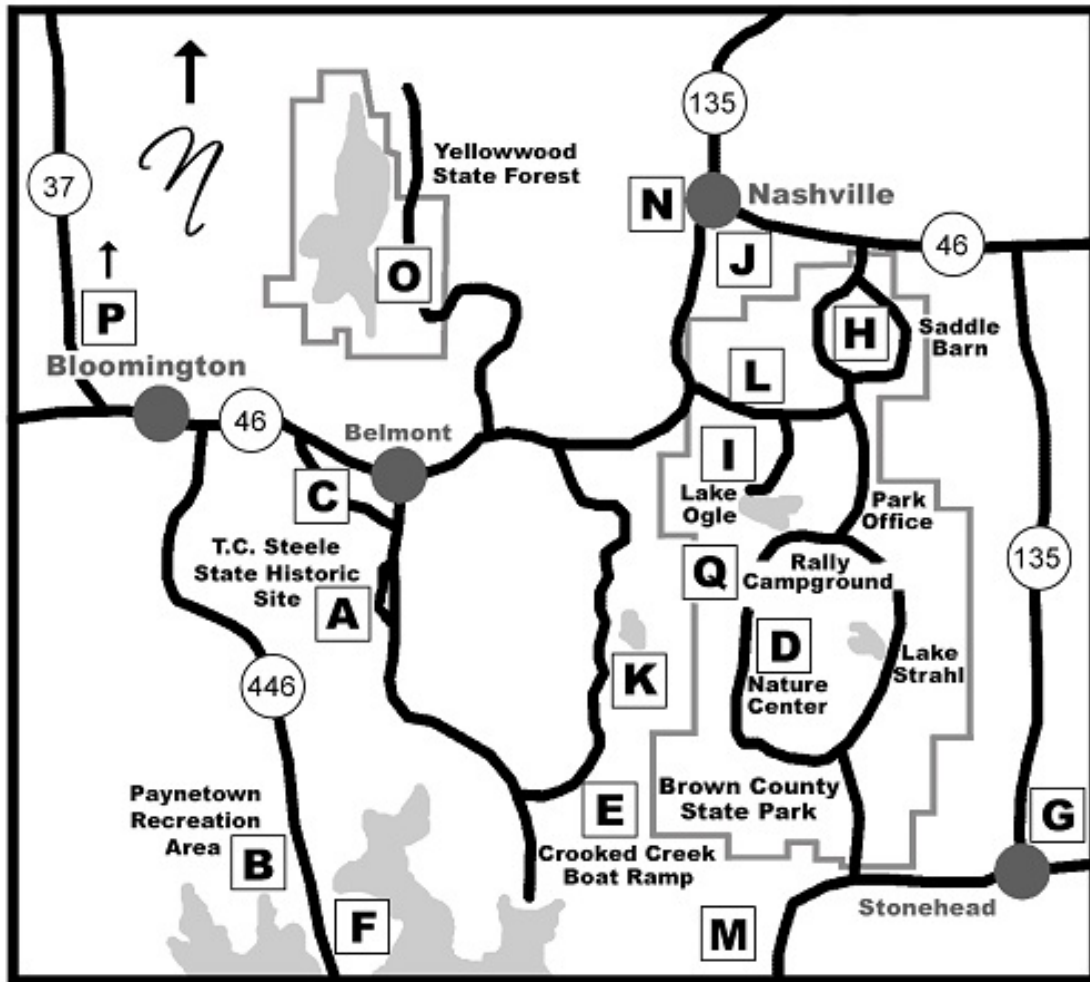
23. **1:00 p.m.      Fire in the Valley**

Meet wildflower author Kay Yatskievych for a MODERATE, 2-hour walk to explore a valley abundant with fire pinks, and perhaps catch a glimpse of the elusive green dragon. Meet at **Location O** and carpool to a nearby site.

24. **1:00 p.m.      Bikes & Botany**

Dan Shaver, Project Director for The Nature Conservancy will lead a 2 hour, MODERATE mountain bike ride in Yellowwood State Forest. Participants must provide their own mountain bike and helmet; if too wet to bike we will hike instead. We will stop along the trail to identify wildflowers, visit a grove of state endangered yellowwood trees and discuss various forest community types. Meet at **Location K.**

## Location Key & Map



**Location A: T.C. Steele SHS.** From SR 46 at Belmont, drive 1.5 mi. south on TC Steele Road. Meet at upper parking lot near exit. (39.130560 N, -86.348848 W)

**Location B: Paynetown State Recreation Area.** Follow signs on SR 446 to 6.5 mi. south of SR 46/446 junction. Meet in parking lot behind office. (39.092449 N, -86.42442 W)

**Location C: Kent Farm.** From the intersection of SR 46 and the west end of Kent Road, drive 0.2 miles on Kent Road. Turn at the IU Preserve sign and drive 0.2 miles north and east on Kent Farm driveway to the grassy area beside the largest outbuilding. (39.9087 N, -86.23776 W)

**Location D: Brown County State Park, Nature Center.** Park map available at entrance; follow signs. Park entrance fee applies. (39.08994 N, -86.13713 W)

**Location E: Crooked Creek Boat Ramp.** 4.9 mi. south of SR 46 on TC Steele Road, bear left when road forks. (39.094014 N, -86.327713 W)

**Location F: Allen's Creek SRA.** Take SR 446 to 10.1mi. south of SR 46/446 junction. Turn right on Allen's Creek Rd. and follow signs to Allen's Creek SRA. Meet at upper parking area near restrooms. (39.41487 N, -86.09461 W)

**Location G: Stone Head.** From Nashville, take SR 46 E. 3.1 mi. to SR 135 S. Turn right and drive 5 mi. to T at Stone Head. Parking area behind house. (39.129261 N, -86.157932 W)

**Location H: Location L: Brown County State Park, Saddle Barn:** Meet in parking area. Park map available at entrance; follow signs. (39.10168 N, -86.14206 W)

**Location I: Brown County State Park, Ogle Lake.** Meet in parking lot. Park map available at entrance; follow signs. Park entrance fee applies. (39.16103 N, -86.24928 W)

**Location J: Nashville IGA.** Meet at end of the IGA parking lot across from the McDonalds restaurant. (39.201465 N, -86.239843 W)

**Location K: Crooked Creek Lake.** From SR 46 west of Nashville, take Crooked Creek Road south for 2.6 miles to a parking area near dam, on the left (east) side of the road. (39.12366 N, -86.29945 W)

**Location L: Brown County State Park, Hesitation Point.** Park map available at entrance. Meet at parking lot next to overlook; the pond is just a few yards away. (39.150177 N, -86.227902 W)

**Location M: Story Inn.** From Nashville, take SR 46 E. 3.1 mi. to SR 135 S. Turn right, drive 5 mi. to T at Stone Head, turn right and drive 4.4 miles. Turn left into parking lot. (39.05869 N, -86.12795 W)

**Location N: Life House Annex of Nashville Christian Church.** From stoplight at junction of SR 46 and SR 135 in Nashville, drive north 1 ½ blocks on SR 135N/Van Buren St. to brick building on corner of Van Buren and W. Washington, on left. Park in lot next to BP station or public lot behind Subway. (39.12278 N, -86.14844 W)

**Location O: Yellowwood State Forest, Office.** From SR 46, drive north on Yellowwood Rd (turn at Knights). Drive 1.2 to T, turn left, drive .9 mi. and bear right at junction. Drive .7 mi. and turn left into parking area. (39.10589 N, -86.20197 W)

**Location P: Morgan Monroe State Forest, Sweedy Hollow NP.** From Bloomington SR 46 exit onto SR 37, drive north 13.1 mi. to Old ST 37 and turn right. Drive 2.9 mi. to state forest entrance. Drive 3.1 mi. on Main Forest Road to Low Gap/Rock Shelter trailhead parking area, on right. (39.18666 N, -86.25490 W) Note: allow extra travel time for highway construction on SR 37.

**Location Q: Brown County State Park, Rally Campground.** Park map available at entrance; follow signs. Park entrance fee applies. Meet at Trailhead #5. (39.09406 N, -86.13776 W)

## 2017 WILDFLOWER FORAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cheryl Coon, Andrea deTarnowsky, Stephanie Dean, Susan Douglas, Gillian Harris, Cathy Meyer, David Mow, Dan Shaver, Jill Vance, and Kay Yatskievych

### THIS YEAR'S EVENT SPONSORED BY

- Brown County Garden Club
- Brown County Native Woodlands Project
- Douglas Bookkeeping
- Friends of Brown County State Park
- Friends of T.C. Steele State Historic Site
- Hoosier National Forest
- Images Botanical
- Monroe County Parks & Recreation
- The Nature Conservancy
- South Central Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society (SCINPAWS)

### WITH ASSISTANCE FROM

- Brown County State Park
- IDNR Division of Nature Preserves
- IDNR Monroe Lake
- Indiana University Research & Teaching Preserves
- Sycamore Land Trust
- Stone Head Conservancy
- T.C. Steele State Historic Site
- Yellowwood State Forest

MAP AND GRAPHICS BY DAVIE KEAN

## OTHER AREA EVENTS

**April 29, Native Plant & Wildflower Sale** 9:00 a.m.—“until we’re out”

This major fundraiser for the Friends of Brown County State Park supports the Foray and other activities throughout the year. At Nature Center. For information: 812-988-5240.

**April 29, Plein Air Painting Demonstration** 4:00 p.m.—until dark at Brown County State Park

**April 30, Plein Air Painting Demonstration** 1:00—3:00 p.m. at T.C. Steele State Historic Site

“Arts in the Parks” painter Patricia Bartels will be working on Saturday at Brown County State Park at Auto Tour Station #3 (overlook south of Hohen Point), capturing the natural beauty of a Brown County sunset on canvas. On Sunday, she will be painting historic gardens alongside young artists at T.C. Steele State Historic Site. **Kids and teens age 5-16 can pre-register to paint along at T.C. Steele on April 30 for free, with supplies provided, by calling 812-988-2785.**

**May 2, Flora Field Day** 9:30 –11:30 a.m.

Free; recommended for ages 12 and up.

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist at Salt Creek SRA! Field day is a great way to learn proper use of an ID key, which opens the door to identifying thousands of species. If you have prior experience, this is a fun way to practice your skills and maybe add some new blooms to your life list. Check <http://bit.ly/floramay16> for registration and information. Registration required by April 30. **Future Sessions:** June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4

**May 6, Monroe County Birdathon**

Birding teams vie for top honors in this annual spring bird count. Teams must pre-register; participation fee required. For information: 812.349-2805 or email [cmeyer@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:cmeyer@co.monroe.in.us).