

WILDFLOWER FORAY:

THINGS TO NOTE

- Hikes and programs are free, but some properties charge a gate fee.
- A few activities require pre-registration. Check listings carefully.
- Hikes are held regardless of weather. In case of thunderstorm, boat trips may be rescheduled.
- Field guides, drinking water, and a sack lunch are helpful.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

1. Wildflowers at Selma Steele 9:00 a.m.
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**.

2. Ridges of Lucas Hollow 10:00 a.m.
Join DNR Interpretive Naturalist Jill Vance for an off-trail trek through lands managed by Monroe Lake and Yellowwood State Forest. Explore this varied area on a 1 ½-hour RUGGED hike. Meet at **Location E**.

3. Exploring the Salt Creek Trail 10:00 a.m.
Brown Co. Parks & Rec director Mark Shields will lead a leisurely, EASY/ACCESSIBLE stroll (under 1 mile) along the newly-constructed phase 1 of the Salt Creek Trail. Walkers will explore the variety of flora and fauna to be seen and heard along this riparian corridor, and discuss the impact of disturbance on these species. Meet at **Location N. ACCESSIBLE**

4. Spring's Promise 1:00 p.m.
Join DNR Naturalist Jim Eagleman for a 2-hour MODERATE flora hike through the cool ravines and warming hillsides of the Lake Strahl watershed. Meet at **Location C**.

5. Butterflies at Allen's Creek 1:00 p.m.
Butterfly field guide author Jeff Belth 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**.

6. Waldrip Cabin Hike 3:30 p.m.
Join forester Teena Ligman and botanist Cheryl Coon of Hoosier National Forest for a 2-hour MODERATE hike to the historic Waldrip Cabin. This now-abandoned cabin built in 1877 is nestled among the ridgetops near Monroe Lake. Meet at **Location B**.

7. Night Life at Stone Head 7:30 p.m.
The evening comes alive with the sounds of wildlife! Explore the Zimmerman Wetland Bird Habitat at Stone Head Nature Preserve with owner Mike Kelley on this 2-hour EASY evening stroll. Wear appropriate footwear for marshy areas! Meet at **Location G**.

8. There's a Story in the Air 7:30 p.m.
Yum! A perfect end to the first day of Foray: storytelling around the campfire, toasting marshmallows and making s'mores. Meet Master Naturalist Susan Douglas at Friendship Circle at **Location C. ACCESSIBLE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9. Early Birds at T.C. Steele 7:30 a.m.
Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them! Birdsong expert Geoff Keller and Sassafras Audubon birder David Rupp will lead a 2-hour MODERATE walk in the forest near the Steele home. Expect to find migrating warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks and thrushes searching for food in the budding oaks. Meet at **Location A**.

10. Wildflowers at Griffy Lake 9:00 a.m.
Wildflower fans, enjoy a stunning array of spring blossoms nestled amidst the ridges and ravines surrounding Griffy Lake. Bloomington Parks & Rec Program Specialist Kriste Lindberg will be your guide for this EASY, 2-hour walk. Meet at **Location M**.

11. Monroe Lake Backwaters 9:00 a.m.
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 25 people. You **MUST** be able to climb in and out of small watercraft. Meet at **Location E**.

12. Adventure at Little Africa 10:00 a.m.
Pick up a paddle to explore the headwaters of Lake Lemon by canoe and kayak. Waycross Camp Director Eric Beers will lead a 2-hour excursion around Little Africa Wildlife Viewing Area, home to a wealth of wetland animals and birds. **Pre-registration required** at 812-988-2785, limited to 18 people. You **MUST** be able to climb in and out of a canoe and able to paddle—no motors here! Carpool from **Location J** to a nearby launch site.

13. Spring Teas & Tonics 10:00 a.m.
Spring is a time for rejuvenation! Take a 1 ½-hour EASY walk on the park's Easy Access trail with Master Naturalist Susan Douglas, and learn about plants used for therapeutic brews. End with a refreshing sip of spring. Meet at **Location H. ACCESSIBLE**

14. Focus on Wildflowers 1:00 p.m.
Photographer and nature lover Rodney Margison will lead an EASY 2-hour photography excursion. Bring your camera for tips on capturing the best images of spring's beauties. Meet at **Location A**.

15. Ogle Hollow Hike 1:00 p.m.
Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve is one of the richest coves in Brown County, with a profusion of wildflowers, ferns and the rare Yellowwood tree. DNR Ecologist Tom Swinford and Brittany Swinford of the Eagle Creek Ornithology Center will lead a 1 ½- to 2-hour hike into the hollow, identifying plants and early migrating songbirds. Meet at **Location D**.

16. "Let me tell you 'bout the Birds and the Bees..." 3:30 p.m.
"... and the flowers and the trees..." Waycross's James Kennelly and retired biology professor Leslie Bishop will lead a 2-hour EASY stroll to explore a spectacular, off-the-beaten-path wildflower valley. Identify wildflowers and wildlife, maybe find a few morels, and learn about the importance of native pollinating insects. Carpool to a nearby Yellowwood State Forest property from **Location J**.

17. Creek Walk 3:30 p.m.
Join "Moment of Science" radio personality Don Glass and botanical illustrator Gillian Harris, 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**.

18. Wild Hyacinth Hike 3:30 p.m.
Botanist Cheryl Coon and forester Teena Ligan of Hoosier National Forest will lead a 2-hour MODERATE 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**.

19. Flowers, Friends & Food 6:00 p.m.
Join fellow Forayers at Waycross Camp for good food, good company, and a silent auction to support the foray. Cost is \$12 per person for your catered dinner, payable to Friends of T.C. Steele. **Reservations required** at 812-988-2785. Meet at **Location J**. **ACCESSIBLE**

20. "Spring on the Wing,"
an Evening with Jeff Belth 7:30 p.m.
Wildflower author Kay Yatskievych will summarize the 2014 wildflower count as dessert and beverages are enjoyed. Author/naturalist Jeff Belth will sign copies of his latest book, *Butterflies of Indiana: A Field Guide*, followed by a short talk on these "flying flowers" of the Hoosier state. Meet at **Location J**. **ACCESSIBLE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

21. Wildflower Yoga 9:00 a.m.
Salute the sun as a wildflower would—surrounded by natural beauty. Join yoga instructor Trish Rieke for a 1-hour session suitable for beginners. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat or blanket for a new twist on traditional yoga poses. Meet at **Location K**.

22. Wander the Wilderness 10:00 a.m.
Explore Hoosier National Forest's Hayes Trail in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area with forester Teena Ligan and naturalist Cathy Meyer. Bring lunch and water for this 4-hour MODERATE hike. **Pre-registration is requested**, call HNF office at 812-275-5987.

23. Essence of Flowers 1:00 p.m.
Join Robin Parkhill, D.C., for a 1 ½-hour talk on capturing the healing energy of plants using infusions made from flowers picked in full bloom. Meet at **Location A** at the classroom. **ACCESSIBLE**

24. Just for Kids Nature Photography 1:00 p.m.
Bring a camera, but leave the parents behind! Join Sycamore Land Trust Environmental Educator Carroll Ritter and an SLT volunteer for a 2 ½-hour nature photography workshop for kids. Take wildflower close-ups, and visit a nearby pond and stream. **Pre-registration is required**, call 812-988-2785. Limited to 15 participants. Meet at **Location L**.



JOIN US NEXT YEAR FOR THE
30TH ANNUAL
WILDFLOWER FORAY
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
APRIL 24, 25 & 26, 2015

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 6.5 mi. south of SR 46/446 junction. Meet in parking lot behind office. (39.092449 N, 86.42442 W)

Location C: Brown County State Park, Nature Center: Meet on deck in front. Park map available at entrance. (39.150177 N, 86.227902 W)

Location D: Brown County State Park, Rally Camp-ground: Meet in parking lot at trailhead #5. Park map available at entrance. (39.92573 N, 86.134488 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: Take SR 446 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, drive 5 mi. to T. Follow signs left to parking area. (39.129261 N, 86.157932 W)

Location H: Brown County State Park, Office: Meet in parking lot. Park map available at entrance. (39.20364 N, 86.25690 W)

Location I: Brown County State Park, Ogle Lake: Meet in parking lot. Park map available at entrance. (39.16103 N, 86.24928 W)

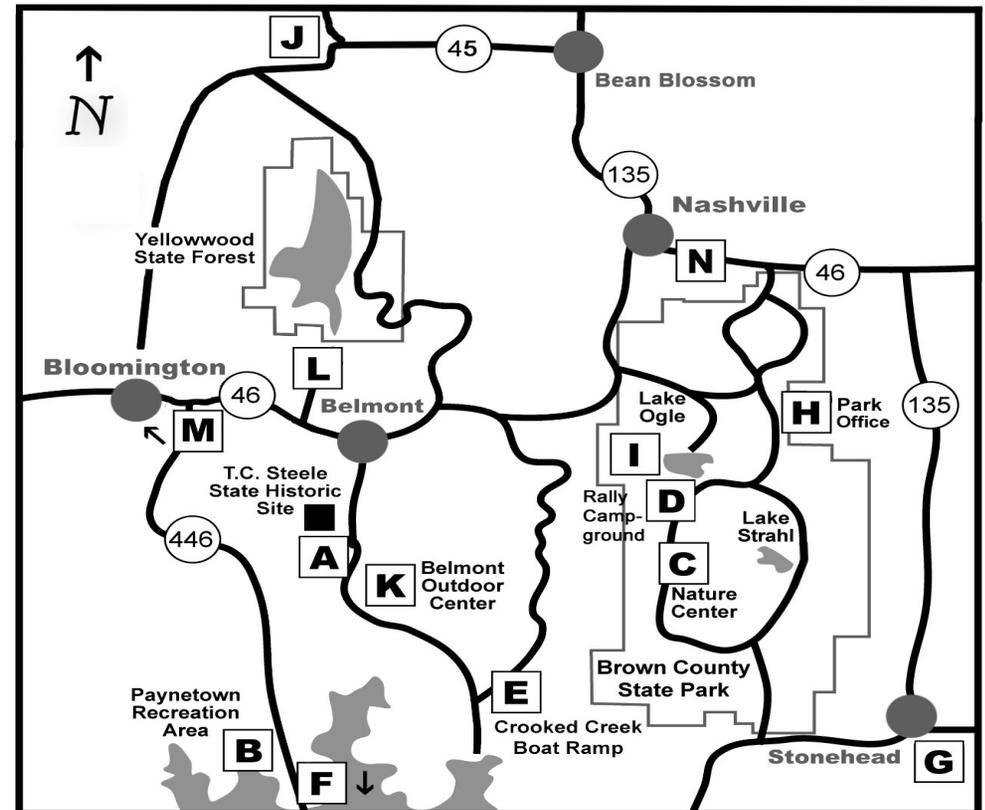
Location J: Waycross Camp & Conference Center: Take SR 135 N. from Nashville to Beanblossom. Turn left on SR 45 and drive to T; turn left and continue on SR 45. About 2 mi. past Helmsburg, SR 45 curves left. Turn right onto Branstetter Road. Follow Branstetter to Bear Creek Road. Go straight at the stop sign onto Bear Creek Road. Continue 3 mi. to Waycross. (39.15424 N, 86.345246 W)

Location K: Belmont Outdoor Education Center: From SR 46, drive 1.8 mi. south on TC Steele Road to fork. Take left fork, drive 0.1 mi. and turn left at TNC mailbox. Follow signs to Bridge House. (39.12726 N, 86.34655 W)

Location L: SLT / Just for Kids: Follow SR 46 to sign at Brown-Monroe Co. lines. Turn north onto Brown Co. Line Rd. Drive to barn at end of road, park in field beyond barn. (39.154424 N, 86.370049W)

Location M: Griffy Lake: From SR 46/446 junction, go 1.3 mi. on SR 46, turn right (still on SR 46), go 2 mi. Turn right on Fee Ln. (becomes Matlock Rd.), go 0.3 mi., turn left on Headly. Go 1.1 mi., park at boathouse. (39.198305 N, 86.512703 W)

Location N: Brown County YMCA, Salt Creek Trailhead: In Nashville, turn off SR 46 onto Hawthorn Drive (McDonalds restaurant on corner), drive 2 blocks and turn right on Willow St. Park at YMCA. (39.11919 N, 86.14389 W)



SPECIAL THANKS TO 2014 HIKE & PROGRAM LEADERS

Eric Beers, Jeff Belth, Sandy Belth, Leslie Bishop, Cheryl Coon, Susan Douglas, Jim Eagleman, Don Glass, Gillian Harris, Geoff Keller, Mike Kelley, James Kennelly, Kriste Lindberg, Teena Ligman, Rodney Margison, Cathy Meyer, Robin Parkhill, Trish Rieke, Carroll Ritter, David Rupp, Mark Shields, Brittany Swinford, Tom Swinford, Jill Vance, Rex Watters, and Kay Yatskievych

FORAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Stephanie Dean, Andrea deTarnowsky, Susan Douglas, Jim Eagleman, Janet Kramer, Teena Ligman, Cathy Meyer, Scott Rudd, Jill Vance, Kay Yatskievych and Theresa Zimnawoda.

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2014 WILDFLOWER FORAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2014 6:00 P.M.

WAYCROSS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

\$12.00 PER PERSON, RESERVATIONS DUE BEFORE APRIL 23, 2014

Name: _____ Phone: _(____)_____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to **Friends of T. C. Steele**. Mail check and this completed form to:

T. C. Steele State Historic Site, 4220 T. C. Steele Rd. Nashville, IN 47448

OTHER UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

April 22: Who's Singing in Your Backyard? 6:30 p.m.

Learn to identify what birds are singing when Gary Langell of the DNR and Sassafra Audubon Society president David Rupp present the basics of learning how to identify birds by bird song.



Bedford Library, Program Room. I

April 26: 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 many other activities throughout the year. At Nature Center. For information: 812-988-5240.

May 3: Spring Migrants!

8:00 a.m.

Bird Morgan-Monroe State Forest with Jim Goodson. Meet in the NE corner of the Marsh parking lot on Kinser Pike in Bloomington.

May 3: Morel Mushroom Festival

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of Brown County State Park at the Nature Center, aka “Morel HQ,” for a day of fungi-focused hikes, talks, music and more. For information: 812-988-5240.

May 3: Monroe County Birdathon

Birding teams vie for top honors in this annual spring bird count. Teams must pre-register; \$20 participation fee required. For information: 812-349-2805 or email cmeyer@co.monroe.in.us.

May 4: Wander in the Woods

Monroe Lake’s naturalist leads an all-day, mostly off-trail hike in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area along Frog Pond Ridge. Highlights include the Mt. Carmel and Heltonville faults, spring wildflowers, and ferns. Limited to 10 people; registration required by April 30. For information: 812-837-9967 or tinyurl.com/monroelake.

May 10: Botanical Drawing Workshop

Combine your love of art and nature at this workshop led by natural science illustrator Gillian Harris, T.C. Steele State Historic Site’s Artist in Residence. Pre-registration required; registration limited. For information: 812-988-2785 or email mrichards@indianamuseum.org.