



Guide to Spring Wildflower Hikes at Hoffmaster State Park

Keep nature WILD for future generations. Please do not pick.



Bellwort

Umbrella-shaped flower protects pollen from the rain.



Trillium

Leaves, sepals and petals of three. Blooms fade to pink.



Round-lobed hepatica

Hairy stems protect this early bloomer from frost.



Jack-in-the-pulpit

Flowers smell of rotting meat and attract small pollinating flies. Roots and fruit contain toxins which burn the mouth if eaten.



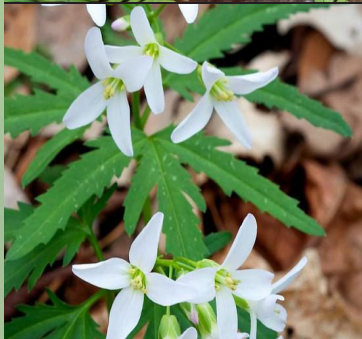
Squirrel corn

Native version of bleeding heart, grows in dense colonies in ravines. Invasive earthworms eat their roots, endangering the flowers' survival.



Yellow violet

Purple veins on flower are nectar guides for insects. Violets are larval hosts for great spangled fritillary butterflies.



Cut-leaved toothwort

A true ephemeral, its growing and reproductive cycle lasts only a month. Prettiest of the mustard family.



Mayapple

Also known as mandrake, it flowers beneath the umbrella. Large lemon-like fruit is a favorite of box turtles.



Spring beauty

Flowers close at night and on cloudy days. Great source of nectar for many species of bees.



Bishop's cap

Also known as miterwort. Tiny flowers on a stalk that resemble a hat.