



SPRING WOODLAND
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Recreational Experiences Close to Home!

The Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board manages four areas that are good locations to view spring wildflowers. These areas are forested areas and the spring woodland wildflowers are abundant. Woodland wildflowers appear early as they need to flower before the trees fully leaf out. Woodland wildflowers usually begin blooming in mid April and continue thru the end of May.

Common woodland wildflower species found on areas;

- **Trilliums**
- **Bluebells**
- **Dog-tooth Violet (Trout Lily)**
- **Jack-in-the-Pulpit**
- **Wild Ginger**
- **Spring Beauties**
- **May Apples**
- **Dutchman's Breeches**
- **Bloodroot**
- **Hepatica**
- **Sweet William**

This is just a partial list of species, if a person takes the time to look they will find many more flowers to view.



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The best CGCCB locations to view spring wildflowers are Lime Creek Conservation Area, Claybanks Forest, Shell Rock Preserve and White Wildlife Area. Lime Creek Conservation area contains both upland and river bottom forest features. Claybanks Forest is a unique Maple/Basswood forest and contains a very good concentration of woodland wildflowers. The Shell Rock Preserve is mainly a river bottom forest. White Wildlife area is an Oak forest surrounding a wetland.

Other opportunities to view spring wildflowers exist at the native prairies and wetlands. The flowers at these areas are not as predominant but they do exist. To locate these areas check the map on the back or pick up a copy of the native prairie brochure.

