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May Highlights

Wild Blue Phlox Phlox divaricata. Often seen in the shade or part shade of woods and fields, this spring bloomer yields fragrant lilac-blue flowers supported by distinctly sticky 1 to 2-foot stems. When planted in moist soil, the oblong-shaped creeping leaves and shoots at the base of the plant will eventually form large colonies. Opportunistic hummingbirds and butterflies feed at the prolific tubular flowers. Wild blue phlox can be seen on the Marsh-marigold trail and throughout the woodlands of the Preserve.

Wood Poppy Stylidium diaphylum. You can't miss this sunshine yellow flower when it blooms in wooded areas of the Preserve. Four bright yellow petals surround a mass of yellow stamens and a stout pistil. The blue-green lobed foliage is silvery beneath and offers a beautiful contrast in a home woodland garden. It readily self-seeds and the short bristly hairs that grow along the stem and cover the seed pod make them unattractive to deer browse. The species name refers to the paired lobed leaves just below the flower heads.

Large Flowered Bellwort Uvularia grandiflora. Bellwort is an enchanting plant. Its 1 to 2 inch yellow flowers hang solitary, almost bell-like, at the end of branches, when young, the underside of its leaves display guazy whitish hairs. Along with its flowers, the nodding stem features 5-inch oblong leaves. The base of each leaf appears to be pierced by the stem, thus the weight of leaves and flowers create a droopy effect. It thrives in shady locations, such as a deciduous woods’ edge and is greeted by early bees. Bellwort can be seen in the Visitor Center gardens and the Marsh-marigold trail near the wooden bridge.

Green and Gold Chrysothemis virginianum. True to its name, Green and gold dazzles with golden star-shaped flowers and toothed, oblong, dark green leaves. It produces an abundant carpet of low-growing leaves with flower stems that rise above them beginning in May. Blooms last through mid-summer, and its semi-evergreen leaves are visible most of the year. Being adaptable to moist or dry soil, and shade or sun, makes this an excellent choice for a ground cover. Because of its unpalatable hairy stems, most critters, including deer, look elsewhere. This clever plant can be found in the Visitor Center gardens and near Founders’ Pond.

Madenhair Fern Adiantum pendatum. This fern’s beauty is accentuated by delicate, wiry 20-inch black stems of airy bluish-green leaflets emanating from flat fronds. The leaflets have a waxy coating that sheds water, thus keeping the ground beneath them moist. When looked at from above, the unfurling fronds form a circular pattern. These ferns flourish in full shade and damp soil, where its pink fiddleheads emerge in early spring. Not only are these plants beautiful, but they provide shelter for toads and frogs as well.

Maple-leaf Viburnum Viburnum acerifolium. Standing about 5-feet tall, this veritable shrub can acclimate to sun or shade in dry or moist soil. It is known for its maple-like leaves, but it also has a singular purplish-pink autumn foliage that gives it long seasonal value. From May to August, its small white flowers, which contain both pistils and stamens, form attractive flat-topped clusters that attract birds, bees, and butterflies including the spring azure.
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Simple Rules
Please follow these rules as a courtesy to other visitors and to protect the Preserve’s habitats and native plants:

- Stay on the trails.
- Please do not pick or collect plants, flowers, seeds or animals.
- Be alert for stinging insects and poison ivy.
- Service dogs only. Pets are not allowed (even on leashes) in the fenced portion of the Preserve.
- No bicycling, fishing, hunting, swimming, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off-road vehicles or drones.
- Picnicking is permitted only in the Moore Pavilion and the adjacent lawn.
- No smoking.

Covid-19 Protocols
- Face masks required in Nursery, Visitor Center and parking areas, and when approaching others.
- Follow 6 feet social distance guidelines.
- Avoid gatherings of people.
- Wash or sanitize hands often.

Penn's Woods to New Pond
One of our most gentle trails, past the Moss Garden and magnolias. Good for strollers and most wheel chairs.

New Pond Loop
View the wonderful native plants and animals that live in this special place. Handicap parking nearby. Some rough paving.

New Pond to Stone Bridge (via President’s Dr.)
Walk down this shady road to the 1934 WPA Stone Bridge to view Pidcock Creek.

Stone Bridge to Azaleas at the Bridge
Stroll along Pidcock Creek and take a break on a peaceful bench.

Gentian to Founders’ Pond
Visit our secluded pond and experience this natural spring-fed habitat.

Cabin Path to Stone Bridge
Walk down to the historic American chestnut log cabin. Take care on the stairs down to the Stone Bridge.

Azalea to Millrace Dam
This gentle wide trail will take you down to the dam on Pidcock Creek.

Fern Trail to Gentian to Founders’ Pond
These trails meander through the forest to bring you to a woodland pond.

Stone Bridge to Poconos Laurel
A brisk walk uphill from the creek rewards the effort with a visit to the most remote part of the Preserve.

Paths to follow

EASIER

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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Parry Trail
Marsh Marigold Trail
Azalea Trail
Audubon Trail
Medicinal Trail
New Pond
Gentian Trail

Trail Distances
- Aster Path - .03 mi
- Audubon - .12 mi
- Azalea - .15 mi
- Azaleas at the Bridge - .08 mi
- Bucks County - .16 mi
- Cabin Path - .07 mi
- Ecology (one-way) - .11 mi
- Evergreen - .27 mi
- Fern Trail - .20 mi
- Gentian - .14 mi
- Marsh-marigold - .12 mi
- Meadow Path - .14 mi
- Medicinal - .28 mi
- Millrace (one-way) - .31 mi
- New Pond Loop - .14 mi
- Parry Trail - .08 mi
- Penn’s Woods to New Pond - .17 mi
- Poconos Laurel - .11 mi
- Violet - .04 mi
- Wayside - .03 mi
- Visitor Center to Stone Bridge Rd - .14 mi
- Stone Bridge to back gate (locked) - .37 mi
- Ecology to Stone Bridge - .3 mi

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