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# **Discover Unique Species during our Ephemeral Wildflower Series**

GENEVA, IL — Spring ephemerals are a unique group of plants that take advantage of the open canopy of our woodlands. Many spring wildflowers grow and reproduce quickly under optimal growing conditions, such as moist soil and more abundant sunlight.

Immerse yourself in a botanical wonderland as you discover fun facts about these fascinating, transient species. During these naturalist-guided strolls through different Kane County woodlands, you'll explore the first flowers of the year as different species bloom throughout the season. Sign up for one program or all three!

Ephemeral Wildflower Series Schedule:

#### Hunt for Skunk Cabbage

With an odd name and a unique life cycle to boot, skunk cabbage is always an exciting find in the early spring! Come along with a District naturalist as we search for one of the earliest spring wildflowers, and share some interesting stories and folklore along the way.

Friday, March 22; 10-11 a.m. Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls 40W095 Freeman Rd., Gilberts FREE



#### Search for Spring Wildflowers

Join the fun as we hike through the woods and look for early signs of spring wildflowers. Along the way, we'll learn about an exciting citizen science opportunity that's taking place throughout Kane County from March through May and share how you can get involved!

Saturday, April 6; 10-11 a.m. Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve 35W076 Villa Maria Rd., St. Charles FREE

### Mother's Day Wildflower Walk

Celebrate mothers everywhere as we discover the beautiful wildflowers emerging at a local forest preserve. The hike will involve activities for all ages. Adults will enjoy learning interesting wildflower botany and folklore while the young at heart are sure to love a wildflower scavenger hunt. Bring the whole family!

Sunday, May 12; 9-10:30 a.m. Burnidge Forest Preserve 14N035 Coombs Rd., Elgin FREE

These programs are for all ages. Advance registration is required. To register for these free programs, visit www.kaneforest.com/register, call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com.

To view a full roster of Forest Preserve District of Kane County programs, visit www.kaneforest.com and find us on social media by searching @forestpreserve.