

Sunday, April 10th

**Canyon Rim to
Quarry Hike
Trail 7**

10:00 am - 12:00 am

Meet: Wolf Cave Parking Lot

Moderate Hike, 2 miles

Additional parking at nearby Hillcrest Shelter. Andrea Oeding will be leading us on a hike that begins on the canyon rim and traverses down to the lower White River. Along the way, hikers will see abundant wildflowers within multiple ecosystems. This Sunday morning hike is a Wildflower Weekend tradition!

Be a State Park Steward!

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Meet: Beechgrove Shelter

Easy Hike

Learn from invasive plant expert Amber Slaughterbeck to identify some of the common non-native plants that threaten our park. Help pull garlic mustard and learn some surprising things you can do with it!

Easy Stroll on Trail 8

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Meet: Nature Center

Wheelchair accessible

Easy stroll on a hard surface trail. Our accessible trail is beautiful! Join Barbara Filtri as she strolls the trail with you and identifies wildflowers and more along the way.

Thank You!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all committee members, volunteers, and activity leaders for their help in planning and presenting this special event: Marc Evans, Barbara Filtri, Kyle Hannon, David Mow, Andrea Oeding, Amber Slaughterbeck, Tom Swinford, Wyatt Williams, and the Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park.

Without their dedication this weekend would not be possible!

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**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
at the Canyon Inn**

Check out the new menu and new hours you can enjoy it:

Sunday—Thursday

8:00 am—2:00 pm

5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Friday & Saturday

8:00 am—2:00 pm

5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Things to Remember:

- All programs are free; however there is a gate fee to enter McCormick's Creek State Park.
- Hikes will continue regardless of weather conditions.
- Please remember these simple Leave No Trace Ethics: stay on established trails and leave plants, animals and natural objects as you find them.

Thank you for coming!

McCormick's Creek State Park

VIRGINIA BLUEBELLS



**WILDFLOWER
22 WEEKEND**

Logo by Marc Evans

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For more information, contact:

McCormick's Creek Nature Center

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Ask any presenter or hike leader for a checklist, prepared by Friends' volunteer Marc Evans. Record your findings, for future reference.



Program Schedule

Friday, April 8th

Kickoff Event at MYPath Trail!

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Meet: 788 Pottersville Road, Spencer. Owen C. SWCD office.

Easy Hike, 1+ mile

We are happy to promote the lovely MyPath trail which will one day bring walkers from Spencer to McCormick's Creek State Park! Join MYPath project manager Kyle Hannon at the trail head for an overview and then a stroll along the path itself. Identify the flowers we see along the way as well as the tree planting area, the monarch way station, the food forest and more. Join us for this fun event!

Saturday, April 9th

Early Morning Hike to the Quarry Trail 2

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Meet: CCC Rec Hall

Moderate Hike, 1+ mile

Park behind the Canyon Inn.

Join Wyatt Williams, Heritage Ecologist with the Division of Nature Preserves, for a hike in the McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve following trail 2 and the quarry loop.

Ecology focused hike with upland forest, limestone cliffs, and floodplain forest. Learn about the Division of Nature Preserves and how McCormick's Cove fits into their mission.

Friends of McCormick's Creek Plant Sale

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Nature Center

Every year some dedicated Friends members dig up lovely perennials from their yards and woods, and donate them for this fundraising event. Plants will be available on a first come, first serve basis. We will be happy to label and set your purchase aside to allow you to participate in the scheduled hikes and talks.

Learn How to Identify Wildflowers! Nature Center

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet: Program Room

Need to learn about plant parts that help us properly identify the wildflowers? Join David Mow in the program room for a talk and presentation on how to do get better at all those ID skills! David of the Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District will help you gain the knowledge and skills you need.

Wolf Cave Nature Preserve Hike Trail 5

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet: Wolf Cave Parking Lot

Moderate Hike, 2+ miles

Additional parking at nearby Hillcrest Shelter. Tom Swinford, Assistant Director, Division of Nature Preserves, joins us once again to lead you through the popular Wolf Cave Nature Preserve, observe and catalog the plants seen blooming in this unique area. This is a popular hike you won't want to miss.

Hike to a Botanical Hot Spot

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Meet: Nature Center

Easy Hike, 1+ mile

David Mow will introduce you to the Echo Canyon Natural Area, a part of the park recently given added protection because of its rare plants. Learn what is growing in this unique area, some of which is different than any other plant communities found in the park.

Hike Up an Appetite! Down to the Creek Bottoms

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Meet: Wolf Cave Parking Lot

Rugged Hike, 2+ mile

Additional parking at nearby Hillcrest Shelter. Be prepared to take stairs down to trail 10 for a hike along the creek bottoms, with possible creek crossings. Hike leader Gillian Harris will help you look for wildflowers, ferns, and pollinators - and everything in between! This will be a great last hike of the day to help you work up your appetite for supper.



Bluebells