

Wildflower Viewing Sites

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HABITAT	FLOWERS
WD= Woodland	Spring beauty, Bloodroot, Columbine, Trillium.
WT= Wetland	Marsh-marigold, Pitcher-plant, Orchids, Cardinal flower.
DU= Dunes	Harebell Puccon, Wood lily, Pitcher's Thistle
SL= Shoreline	Gentian, Harebell, Beach Pea, Dwarf lake iris, Houghton's goldenrod.
PR= Prairie	Butterfly weed, Sky blue aster, Lupine, Rough blazing star, Wild bergamot.
MD= Meadow	Evening primrose, Tall coreopsis, Goldenrod. Gentians, New England Aster, Joe-Pye-Weed, Sunflower.
RS= Roadside	Flowering dogwood, Juneberry, Penstemon.
PL= Planting	Pale lobelia, Bergamot, Brown-eyed Susan
SEASONS	
SP- Spring, SU- Summer, FL- Fall	

*Designated Michigan Natural Area
Michigan's Natural Areas represent landscapes that have preserved unique, unaltered features. Many areas showcase examples of geologic, natural resources.



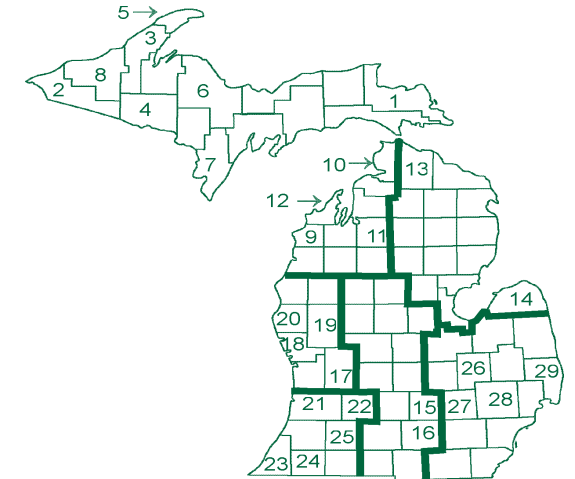
Yellow Lady's Slipper

Bob Sprague

COUNTY	SITE	TELEPHONE #	SEASON	HABITAT
UPPER PENINSULA				
1. Chippewa	M-134 roadside, Northern shore of Lake Huron from I-75 to Detour		SP SU FL	DU SL
2. Gogebic	Sylvania Wilderness Tract	906-932-1330	SP SU FL	WD WT RS
3. Houghton	McLain State Park	906-482-0278	SP	WD MD
	Twin Lakes State Park	906-482-0278	SP SU FL	WD MD
4. Iron	Bewabic State Park	906-875-3324	SP SU FL	WD
5. Keweenaw	Fort Wilkins State Park	906-289-4215	SP SU	WD RS SL
6. Marquette	Van Riper State Park	906-339-4461	SP SU FL	WD MD
7. Menominee	Escanaba River State Forest		SU FL	PR
	Shakey Lakes Savanna*			
8. Ontonagon	Porcupine Mtns. State Park*	906-885-5275	SP SU	WD WT
NORTHWEST LOWER PENINSULA				
9. Benzie	Sleeping Bear Dunes Nat. Lakeshore	616-326-5134	SP SU FL	DU MD SL
10. Emmet	Wilderness State Park*	616-436-5381	SP SU FL	WD DU SL
	Sturgeon Bay Natural Area			
11. Kalkaska	Skegemog Lake Pathway, M-72	616 258-2711	SP SU	WT
12. Leelanau	Leelanau State Park	616-386-5422	SP SU FL	WD DU SL
	Sleeping Bear Dunes Nat. Lakeshore	616-326-5134	SP SU FL	WD WT SL
NORTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA				
13. Cheboygan	Cheboygan State Park	616-627-2811	SP SU FL	WD WT SL
14. Huron	Rush Lake State Game Area	517-872-5300	SP SU	WD WT
CENTRAL LOWER PENINSULA				
15. Ingham	Ingham Co. Parks, River Bend Nat. Area & Rayner Park	517-676-2233	SP SU FL	WD WT
16. Jackson	Waterloo State Recreation Area	734-475-8307	SP SU FL	WD WT RS
WESTERN LOWER PENINSULA				
17. Kent	Aman Park, M-45, 6 mi. west of Grand Rapids		SP SU	WD WT
	Howard Christensen Nature Center	616-887-1852	SP SU FL	WD MD
18. Muskegon	Hoffmaster State Park*	616-798-3711	SP SU FL	WD WT DU SL
19. Newaygo	Nat. Forest, White Cloud Ranger Dist	1-800-999-7677	SP SU	WD WT
	Loda Lake Wldflwr. Sanct., Manistee			
20. Oceana	Hart-Montague Bicycle Trail State Park	616-873-3083	SP SU FL	RS
SOUTHWESTERN LOWER PENINSULA				
21. Allegan	Allegan State Game Area*	616-673-2430	SP SU FL	WD PR
	Saugatuck Dunes State Park*	616-399-9390	SP SU	WD DU SL
22. Barry	Barry State Game Area	616-795-3280	SP SU	RS
	Yankee Springs State Rec. Area	616-795-9081	SP SU	WD WT
23. Berrien	Fernwood Botan. Gdns. & Nat. Ctr.	616-695-6491	SP SU	WD WT PR
	Love Creek Nature Center	616-471-2617	SP SU	WT
	Niles MDOT Information Center		SU	PR
	Sarett Nature Center	616-927-4832	SP SU FL	WD WT MD
	Warren Dunes State Park*	616-426-4013	SP SU FL	WD WT DU
	Warren Woods State Park*	616-426-4013	SP SU	WD WT
24. Cass	Crane Pond State Game Area	616-244-5928	SP SU	WD PR
25. Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Nature Center	616-381-1574	SP SU FL	WD PR
SOUTHEASTERN LOWER PENINSULA				
26. Genesee	For-Mar Nature Preserve, Burton	810-789-8567	SP SU FL	WD WT
27. Livingston	Eastbound I-96, MDOT Rest Area		SU	PL
	Island Lake Recreation Area	810-229-7067	SP SU	WD WT
28. Oakland	Lloyd A. Stage Outdoor Edu. Ctr.	248-524-3567	SP SU FL	WD WT
	Seven Ponds Nature Center	810-796-3419	SP SU FL	WD WT PR
	Independence Oaks County Park	248-625-0877	SP	WD RS
	Highland Recreation Area*	248-685-2433	SP SU	WD WT
	Haven Hill Natural Area			
29. St. Clair	Algonac State Park, Algonac*	810-465-2160	SU FL	PR
	Prairies and Savanna Natural Area			

Wildflower Blooming Areas

This regional guide and numbered site map is an introduction to many wildflower viewing areas in Michigan. After visiting these suggested locations, discover your own favorite site and enjoy Michigan's wildflowers!



Blooming Season

Michigan's wetlands and woodlands present the first displays of wildflowers each year. Blooming begins the first warm days of April and May.

Early spring wildflowers include skunk cabbage, marsh marigold, spring beauty, wild garlic, jack-in-the-pulpit, bloodroot, hepatica, and Dutchman's breeches.

Meadow, dune, and shoreline habitats have extensive blooming periods starting in early summer and continuing through fall. Many of the gentians, asters, and goldenrods bloom until fall. The moderating effects of the Great Lakes and regional topography can cause blooming times to vary throughout Michigan.

A Guide To Wildflower Viewing in Michigan

Wildflowers present a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy Michigan's natural beauty, varied landscapes, and changing seasons. Colorful blossoms are found in woodlands, wetlands, dunes, meadows, stream banks and shorelines, rocky slopes, and even roadsides.

Wildflowers occur in all parts of the state. There are approximately 1700 native flowering plant species.

This guide is designed to help you find and appreciate Michigan's wildflower heritage.



Butterfly Weed

Kim Herman

Pollination

Wildflowers need the help of pollinators for the fruit and seed production necessary for continuing each species.

The colors of flowers, their odors, nectar, parts, patterns, and even blooming times are often uniquely adapted to attracting a variety of pollinators, such as bumblebees, wasps, butterflies, moths, beetles, gnats, and hummingbirds. A few even have oddly-shaped leaves or flowers that guide and trap insects. For example, look closely at the unusual funnel-shaped leaves of the pitcher plants as you investigate Michigan's wetland bogs.

Protection

All plants are protected on Michigan's public lands, including road rights-of-ways. Two hundred forty three native plants are listed as threatened or endangered and are protected by Michigan's Endangered Species Act.

The natural beauty of Michigan offers you and your family many outdoor recreational opportunities. Whatever you do, plan to spend more than a day and visit more than one flower blooming habitat in Michigan. Please remember, when visiting wildflowers in their native habitats, "take only pictures and leave only footprints" so that you and others can return again to enjoy Michigan's wildflower heritage.

How You can Help

Learn more about wildflowers and their habitats and share this information with family and friends.

Avoid disturbing those you see and enjoy them in their natural habitats.

Do not collect wildflowers as ornaments and decorations.

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Woodland Violets

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Dwarf Lake Iris



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