

# Wildflowers DRIVING TOUR OF THE SKYWAY



## GUIDE TO Spring Beauty

FROM LATE  
MARCH TO  
EARLY JUNE  
TAKE A DRIVE  
THROUGH THE  
SKYWAY TO  
VIEW THE  
ARRAY OF  
WILDFLOWERS

### Trip Tips

- \* Walk lightly when exiting your vehicle.
- \* Bring this a field guide and a camera.
- \* Take lots of photos and share them with family & friends.
- \* Leave the wildflower blooms for others to enjoy. (LNT)
- \* Where there are flowers, there are insects, so wear repellent.
- \* You may also want to wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat.
- \* Become familiar with the most common blooms.

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# Wildflowers of the Skyway

The best displays of wildflowers are often in the first few miles of the higher elevations just off the Cherokee Skyway. See if you can spot any for these native wildflowers during your trip.

**SPRING BEAUTY** (*Claytonia caroliniana*)

Six white petals streaked with pink veins which grow in clusters. Flowers have 5 deep pink stamens.



**BLOODROOT** (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)

Shining white cup-shaped flower with eight-petals and bright yellow stamens in the center.



**DWARF CRESTED IRIS** (*Iris cristata*)

Blue-violet flowers are distinctly marked with a central yellow or white, purple striped band.



**TENNESSEE CHICKWEED** (*Stellaria pubera*)

Star shaped white flowers with maroon red stamens. It's five petals appear to be ten petals.



**DUTCHMAN'S BREECHES** (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

Flower is white to pink with a yellow line at the bottom. Resembles pants hanging upside down.



**COMMON BLUE VIOLET** (*Viola sororia*)

Blue, violet or lilac petals. Two-lipped flowers have five petals; the lower petals are a short shoot.



**TROUT LILY** (*Erythronium umbilicatum*)

Petals bent backwards exposing six brown stamens. Speckled leaves resemble trout markings.



**SQUIRREL CORN** (*Dicentra Canadensis*)

White-pinkish flowers are dainty broad shaped hearts, sometimes tinted with pale lavender.



**GREAT WHITE TRILLIUM** (*Trillium grandiflorum*)

Slightly leaning stalk; three broad petals overlap at the base; petals are white to pink in color.



**FLAME AZALEA** (*Rhododendron calendulaceum*)

Yellow to orange to red funnel-shaped loose trusses. 5-10 flowers per truss protruding showy stamens.



## Remember,

Respect and protect wildflowers and their habitats, leave only footprints, and take only memories and photos so that visitors may enjoy our precious natural heritage for many generations to come.

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Scan for more information and fun facts about these wildflowers.