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THE TOURNE COUNTY PARK Boonton Twp., N.J.

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The word "Tourne" comes from the Dutch and means "lookout" or "mountain." The terrain of the Tourne Park is hilly with huge granite boulders and a forest of white oaks, maples, beeches and hemlocks. On a clear day the New York City skyline can be seen from the top of the Tourne. Wildflowers, ferns, mosses and lichens abound in this park, which for many years was owned by the DeCamp family. They were very generous about sharing its natural treasures with the people of the surrounding area. When a piece of The Tourne property was sold and a small housing development appeared, Morris County residents began to realize the importance of setting aside this land for future generations.

Early in 1961 the Rockaway Valley Garden Club decided it was important to identify the abundant variety of native wildflowers and organize them for the benefit of all lovers of nature. Under the direction of club member and botanist Mrs. Emilie K. Hammond, for whom the trail is named, the project was put into motion. In 1962, the Garden Club of Mountain Lakes joined with the Rockaway Valley Garden Club to continue its development and maintenance. Over the years, members of the two clubs have devoted many hours and much loving care to the project. The clubs have provided funds for the purchase of additional plants, and members have contributed treasures from their own gardens. The Park Commission has provided additional shrubs and other plantings. Its staff performs the more arduous maintenance tasks involved. The Trail features over 200 wildflowers and shrubs native to the Eastern United States.

The Trail is most easily reached by entering the Tourne via Powerville Road. It is located a short distance from the first parking lot on the right. There is also limited parking at the beginning of the trail which is several hundred yards down the road on the right. The map in the center of this booklet will help you find specific plants. Most woodland wildflowers bloom between early April and mid-June. The plant lists are arranged by bloom time so that you may have a handy reference to what might be flowering at the time of your visit.

# **Notes About Wildflowers**

## PLANT SUCCESSION..FIELD VS. WOODLAND

Have you ever wondered why some wild plants grow with amazing vigor and abundance while others are confined to small clumps found in only a few places? Clues can be found by studying the plant's habitat.

By looking at the growing site of a plant like our ubiquitous Goldenrod, you will discover that they establish themselves best where natural soil and plant life have been disrupted. They thrive along roadsides, near parking lots and in abandoned fields. Contrast this with the habitat of another familiar wild plant, the Jack-In-The-Pulpit. It is invariably found in semi-shaded woodland with deep humus. Goldenrod belongs to a group of wild plants called pioneers. Pioneer plants are at the very beginning of the plant succession process and inhabit environments destined to change. Eventually plants of the next phase of succession will shade or crowd out the goldenrod. Jacks-in-the-Pulpit grow in woodlands which represent the opposite end of the succession process, a stable plant community.

To illustrate how this stable environment develops, imagine a field of Goldenrod left untouched. If we were to visit this abandoned field every five years we would find other plants have replaced the Goldenrod. First we would find fast-growing trees and shrubs such as sassafras and sumac. In later years maples and oaks would begin to establish themselves. In time the abandoned field would become a forest with a carpet of leaf litter and a layer of humus. The conditions will have become favorable for woodland wildflowers. We would most likely find the Jack-In-The-Pulpit growing here. This succession from field to climax forest can take 75 to 100 years before conditions are suitable for woodland wildflowers.

## MICRO-NICHES

The Wildflower Trail at The Tourne offers a good opportunity to study woodland wildflowers and their various habitat needs. The tree community with its giant beeches and hemlocks is a mature forest. Along the trail there is a series of little niches which provide suitable habitats for a variety of woodland plants. Represented are a drier upland, a moist slope with filtered sunshine, a fast-moving brook, and a boggy lowland. These micro-niches make it possible to give nature an assist. Workers at the Trail have been able to encourage a wide variety of plants to establish themselves in their preferred niches.

## SUN AND SOIL REQUIREMENTS

Woodland wildflowers need some sun in order to bloom. Most receive sufficient sunlight before the tree canopy fully leafs out. If the tree cover becomes too dense many woodland plants will disappear. Judicious pruning and weeding out of trees and fast growing shrubs such as the Maple-Leaved Viburnum are often necessary to keep wildflowers thriving.

The soils at The Tourne are naturally acidic, although attempts have been made to create a mini-habitat for lime-loving plants by using Sussex limestone. The requirements of some wildflowers are so precise that unless their growing conditions are duplicated exactly they will not survive. A good example of this is the Pink Lady Slipper. It has a symbiotic relationship with a specific mycorrhizal soil fungus. Transplanted from the wild, these plants rarely survive more than a few seasons.

#### LENGTH OF BLOOM

The length of bloom of most woodland wildflowers is extremely short. This perhaps is part of their charm. One never grows tired of seeing Hepaticas, some of the earliest bloomers in our area. Compared to the marigold its length of bloom is minuscule, but what a thrill to see it blooming through the late snows. Another wild charmer at The Tourne holds the record for the shortest bloom. The flowers of this plant, the Jeffersonia, will open in the morning, and by evening its petals are already beginning to fall. It is a rare treat to see it in bloom. An added attraction is its interesting leaf form which accounts for its common name, Twinleaf. Much longer blooming are the Trilliums whose flowers often last three to four weeks. With careful selection the home enthusiast can have flowers blooming from mid-April to mid-June.

## WOODLAND WILDFLOWERS SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION IN THE MORRIS COUNTY AREA

Foamflower
Oconee Bells
Bloodroot
Hepatica
Virginia Blue Bells
Yellow Lady Slipper
Crested Iris
Cardinal Flower

Marsh Marigold
Columbine
White Baneberry
Blue Cohosh
Blue Phlox
White Trillium
Wild Ginger
Jack-In-The-Pulpit

Wildflowers are most easily identified while in bloom. Be aware, however, that there may be variations in the color within a species. The most common variation is in flowers that are listed as pink but quickly fade to white or white forms of normally pink species. The key reflects the flower color of the plant on the trail. The foliage of wildflowers can also be a clue to identification, but remember the foliage of many plants disappears for the season shortly after flowering.

The plant list is arranged according to approximate blooming time. The Key following will give additional information about the plant and the growing conditions it prefers. Plants without a site key listing have no special requirements other than those needed for all woodland wildflowers. The key to height is quite general because there is great variation among individual plants within the same species. A good field guide and a small hand lens are excellent companions on a wildflower walk.

REMEMBER NOT TO PICK THE FLOWERS AND PLEASE STAY ON THE TRAILS TO AVOID CRUSHING PLANTS.

## PLANT KEY

Flower Color:	Site Key: (Special Habitat:)
W-white Y-yellow P-pink R-red G-green Bl-V-blue-violet	<ol> <li>does best on slopes</li> <li>requires moist soils</li> <li>requires wet soils</li> <li>lime tolerant</li> <li>does best among rocks</li> <li>well-drained soil</li> </ol>
Size:	Form:
x under 12" xx 1' - 3' xxx over 3'	S shrub H herbaceous plant V vine

# EARLY SPRING (April)

			Site		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Color	Key	Size	Form
Amelanchier canadensis	Shadbush	W		xxx	S
Asarum canadense	Wild Ginger	brown	2	x	H
Claytonia caroliniana	Carolina Spring Beauty	P	2	x	H
Claytonia virginica	Spring Beauty	P	2	x	H
Dicentra Cucullaria	Dutchman's Breeches	W	1,2	x	H
Epigaea repens	Trailing Arbutus	W	1	x	V
Erythronium americanum	Trout Lily, Dog Toothed				
x %	Violet	Y	2	x	H
Hepatica acutiloba	Sharp-lobed Hepatica	W	1,5	x	H
Hepatica triloba	Round-lobed Hepatica	W	1	x	H
Lindera Benzoin	Spicebush	Y	2	xxx	S
Ranunculus fascicularis	Early Buttercup	Y		x	H
Saxifraga virginiensis	Early Saxifrage	W	1	x	H
Shortia galacifolia	Oconee Bells	W	4	X	H
Stellaria pubera	Star Chickweed	W	4	X	H
Symplocarpus foetidus	Skunk Cabbage	G	3	XX	H
Trillium sessile	Toad Trillium	R		x	H
Viola rotundifolia	Round-leaved Yellow				
•	Violet	Y	2,4	x	H

MID SEASON (usually blooms late-April to mid-May)

During late-April watch for Ostrich Fern and many other ferns to emerge

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Anemone quinquefolia	Wood Anemone	W		х	Н
Anemonella thalictroides	Rue Anemone	W	4,5	х	H
Aquilegia canadensis	Wild Columbine	R	6	xx	H
Arisaema triphyllum	Jack-In-The-Pulpit	G	2,4	XX	H
Caltha palustris	Marsh Marigold	Y	3	x	H
Caulophyllum					
thalictroides	Blue Cohosh	G	2,4,5	xx	H
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	W	3,4	X	H
Cypridpedium acaule	Pink Lady's Slipper;				
	Moccasin-Flower	P	1,2	x	H
Dentaria ssp.	Toothwort	W	2,4	xx	H
Dicentra eximia	Wild Bleeding Heart	P		X	Н
Erigeron pulchellus	Robin's Plantain	Bl-V		x	H
Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium	P		XX	H
Hedyotis caerulea	Quaker Ladies; Bluets	В		x	H
Hydrastis canadensis	Goldenseal	W	5		H

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Iris cristata	Crested Iris	Bl-V		x	H	
Jeffersonia diphylla	Twinleaf	W	5	xx	H	
Mertensia virginica	Bluebells	Bl-V		xx	Н	
Mitella diphylla	Bishop's Cap; Miterwort	W		xx	Н	
Panax trifolius	Dwarf Ginseng	W	2,4,	5 x	H	
Phlox divaricata	Blue Phlox	Bl-V		xx	H	
Polemonium caeruleum						
subsp. Van-Bruntiae	Jacob's-ladder	Bl-V		xx	Н	
Polygala paucifolia	Fringed Polygala	P	1	x	H	
Sanguinaria canadensis	Bloodroot	W	5	х	Н	
Sanicula marilandica	Black Snakeroot	W	4	xx	Н	
Sedum ternatum	Wild Stonecrop	W	2	x	Н	
Smilacina stellata	Starflower	W	2	xx	H	
Tiarella cordifolia	Foamflower	W	2,4	х	Н	
Thalictrum dioicum	Early Meadow Rue	W		xx	Н	
Tradescantia virginiana	Common Spiderwort	Bl-V		xx	Н	
Trillium cernuum	Nodding Trillium	W	5	x	Н	
Trillium erectum	Purple Trillium	R		xx	Н	
Trillium grandiflorum	White Wake-Robin	W	5	xx	Н	
Trillium nivale	Snow or Dwarf White					
	Trillium	W	5	x	Н	
Trillium undulatum	Painted Trillium	R		xx	Н	
Trillium viride						
var. luteum	Wood Trillium	Y		xx	Н	
Uvularia grandiflora	Bellwort; Merrybells	Y	5	XX.	Н	
Viburnum alnifolium	Hobblebush	W		xxx	S	
Viola blanda	Sweet White Violet	W	2,4	х	Н	
Viola canadensis	Canada Violet	W		x	H	
Viola conspersa	Dog Violet	Bl-V	5	х	Н	
Viola Macloskeyi						
var. pallens	Northern White Violet	W		x	H	
Viola palustris	Marsh Violet	Bl-V	3	x	Н	
Viola pubescens	Downy Yellow Violet	Y		x	Н	
Viola scabriuscula	Smooth Yellow Violet	Y		x	Н	
Viola sororia	Common Violet	Bl-V		х	Н	
Waldsteinia fragarioides	Barren Strawberry	W		x	Н	
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LATE SPRING (late-May to mid-June) By now, all ferns have emerged						
Allium tricoccum	Wild Leek	W	2	x	Н	
Anemone canadensis	Canada Anemone	W		x	H	
Camassia scilloides	Wild Hyacinth	Bl-V		x	H	
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Botanical Name	Common Name	Color		Size	Form
Chamaelirium luteum	Blazing Star	W	5	XX	H
Chrysogonum virginianum	Gold Star	Y	_	X	H
Clintonia borealis	Corn Lily; Bluebead	G-Y	4	x	Н
Clintonia umbellulata	Speckled Wood Lily	W	•	xx	н
Cypripedium Calceolus	Large Yellow Lady's				••
var. pubescens	Slipper	Y	5	x	H
Disporum lanuginosum	Yellow Mandarin	Ÿ	4	xx	Н
Dodecatheon Meadia	Shooting Star	R	5	x	Н
Galax urceolata	Wandflower	W	4	xx	Н
Geranium Robertianum	Herb Robert	P	5	xx	Н
Gillenia trifoliata	Bowman's-Root	W	_	XX	Н
Goodyera repens	Dwarf Rattlesnake				
or any or an in opening	Plantain	W	4	x	Н
Hedyotis purpurea	Large Hedyotis	B1-V		x	Н
Hypoxis hirsuta	Yellow Star Grass	Y		x	Н
Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel	P/W	1,6	xxx	S
Krigia biflora	Cynthia; Dwarf	-,			
,	Dandelion	orange		xx	H
Liparis liliifolia	Large Twayblade	rose	1,2	x	Н
Lonicera sempervirens	Trumpet Honeysuckle	R		х	V
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	W	4	х	H
Medeola virginica	Indian Cucumber Root	Y	4	xx	H
Orchis spectabilis	Showy Orchid	W	5	х	H
Pedicularis canadensis	Wood Betony	Y		x	H
Penstemon Digitalis	Beard-tongue	W		xx	H
Phlox maculata	Wild Sweet William	P	2	xx	H
Podophyllum peltatum	Mayapple	W	2,4	xx	H
Polygonatum biflorum	Small Solomon's Seal	Y	4	xx	H
Pyrola elliptica	Shinleaf	W		x	H
Rhododendron atlanticum	Coast Azalea	P		XXX	S
Rhododendron					
periclymenoides	Pinxterbloom	P		XXX	S
Rhododendron Vaseyi	Pink Shell Azalea	P		xxx	S
Rubus odoratus	Purple Flowered Raspber	ry R		XXX	S
Scutellaria serrata	Showy Skullcap	B1-V		x	H
Senecio aureus	Golden Ragwort	Y		xx	H
Silene virginica	Fire Pink	R		xx	H
Smilacina racemosa	False Solomon's Seal	W	2,4	xx	H
Trientalis borealis	Starflower	W		х	H
Trillium Catesbaei	Rosy Trillium	rose	5	xx	H
Veratrum viride	White Hellebore;				
	Indian Poke	Y-G	3	xxx	H
Zizia aurea	Golden Alexanders	Y		XX	H

# SUMMER AND EARLY AUTUMN (late June to October)

			Site		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Color	Key	Size	Form
Acteae pachypoda	White Baneberry;				
	Doll's Eyes	W	5	XX	H
Acteae rubra	Red Baneberry	W	4,5	XX	H
Anemone virginiana	Thimbleweed	W		XX	H
Aster acuminatus	Whorled Aster	W		XX	H
Aster divaricatus	White Wood Aster	W		XX	H
Chelone glabra	Turtlehead	W	3	xx	H
Chimaphila maculata	Spotted Wintergreen	W/P		x	H
Chimaphila umbellata					
var. cisatlantica	Pipsissewa	W/P	4	х	H
Cimicifuga americana	American Bugbane	W	4	XX	H
Cimicifuga racemosa	Black Cohosh	W	4	XX	H
Clethra alnifolia	Sweet Pepperbush	W	3	XXX	S
Collinsonia canadensis	Horsebalm	Y	2	xx	H
Epifagus virginiana	Beechdrops	brown		x	H
Gaultheria procumbens	Wintergreen	W	4	x	H
Gentiana Andrewsii	Bottled Gentian; Close	d			
	Gentian	Bl-V	2	х	H
Hydrophyllum canadense	Broad-leaved Waterleaf	W	2,4	x	H
Impatiens capensis	Jewelweed	orange	3	xx	H
Kalmia angustifolia	Sheep Laurel	P	3	XX	S
Lilium canadense	Canada Lily	Y/orange	2,5	xx	H
Lilium philadelphicum		Y/orange		xx	H
Lobelia Cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	R	3	XX	H
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Lobelia	Bl-V	5	x	H
Mitchella repens	Partridgeberry	W/P	4	x	V
Monotropa uniflora	Indian Pipe	W	4	х	H
Rhododendron maximum	Rosebay	P	2	xxx	S
Rhododendron viscosum	Swamp Azalea	W	3	xxx	S
Thalictrum polygamum	Tall Meadow Rue	W	2	ХX	H



#### **FERNS**

Where woodland wildflowers grow one will also find many different species of ferns. Their cultural requirements are much the same as wildflowers. They often have the same preferences for a special micro-niche. Some grow in wet areas, others prefer slopes, while still others favor a spot among rocks. Ferns are slow to begin growth in the spring. The first to emerge are the Ostrich and the New York Ferns in late April. By mid-June all are up. There are 25 different species represented along the trail each with its own unique characteristics. Like wildflowers, they are difficult to transplant from their natural setting. The home enthusiast should purchase ferns from nurseries.

Botanical Name Adiantum pedatum Asplenium platyneuron Asplenium trichomanes Athyrium filix-femina Athyrium pycnocarpon Athyrium thelypterioides Botrychium dissectum f. dissectum Botrychium dissectum f. obliquum Botrychium virginianum Camptosorus rhizophyllus Dennstaedtia punctilobula Dryopteris marginalis Dryopteris spinulosa Onoclea sensibilis Osmunda cinnamomea Osmunda Claytoniana Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis Polypodium virginianum Polystichum acrostichoides Pteridium aquilinum var. latiusculum Thelypteris hexagonoptera Thelypteris noveboracensis Woodsia obtusa Woodwardia virginica

Common Name
Maidenhair Fern
Ebony Spleenwort
Maidenhair Spleenwort
Lady Fern
Glade Fern
Silvery Spleenwort

Dissected Grape Fern

Ternate Grape Fern
Rattlesnake Fern
Walking Fern
Hayscented Fern
Marginal Shield Fern
Toothed Wood Fern
Sensitive Fern
Cinnamon Fern
Interrupted Fern

Royal Fern Polypody Christmas Fern

Bracken Fern Broad Beech Fern New York Fern Woodsia Virginia Chain Fern

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