



SPRING WOODLAND  
WILDFLOWERS

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# Recreational Experiences Close to Home!

The Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board manages five areas that are good locations to view spring wildflowers. These areas are forested areas and the spring woodland wildflowers are abundant. Woodland wildflowers appear early as they need to flower before the trees fully leaf out. Woodland wildflowers usually begin blooming in mid April and continue thru the end of May.

Common woodland wildflower species found on areas:

- **Trilliums**
- **Bluebells**
- **Dog-tooth Violet (Trout Lily)**
- **Jack-in-the-Pulpit**
- **Wild Ginger**
- **Spring Beauties**
- **May Apples**
- **Dutchman's Breeches**
- **Bloodroot**
- **Hepatica**
- **Sweet William**



This is just a partial list of species, if a person takes the time to look they will find many more flowers to view.

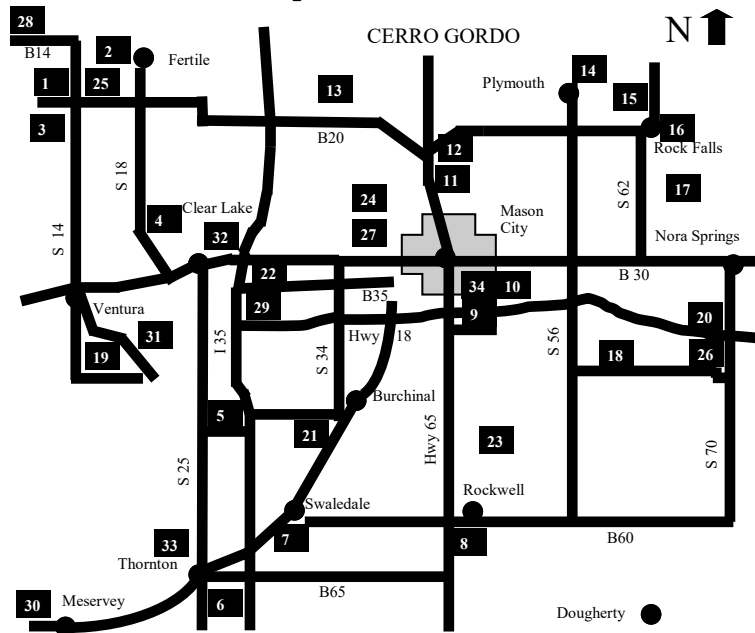
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The best CGCCB locations to view spring wildflowers are Lime Creek Conservation Area, Claybanks Forest, Goranson Access, Shell Rock Preserve and White Wildlife Area. Lime Creek Conservation area contains both upland and river bottom forest features. Claybanks Forest is a unique Maple/Basswood forest and contains a very good concentration of woodland wildflowers. The Shell Rock Preserve and Goranson Access are mainly river bottom forests. White Wildlife area is an Oak forest surrounding a wetland.

Other opportunities to view spring wildflowers exist at the native prairies and wetlands. The flowers at these areas are not as predominant but they do exist. To locate these areas check the map on the back or pick up a copy of the native prairie brochure.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Haugen Wildlife Area-22151 Apple Ave</li> <li>2. Mallard Marsh-2500 - 325th St</li> <li>3. Kuhn Wildlife Area-1873 - 310th St</li> <li>4. Winter Garden Park-1220 N 16th St NW</li> <li>5. Zirbel Slough-8447 - 200th St</li> <li>6. Ingebretson Park-203 Ash St E</li> <li>7. Stille Wildlife Area-4821 Jonquil Ave</li> <li>8. Linn Grove Park-518 Madison St W</li> <li>9. Mike Zack Wildlife Area-16638 - 230th St</li> <li>10. Averydale Access-South of US Hwy 18 on Birch Drive</li> <li>11. Lime Creek Conservation Area and Nature Center-3501 Lime Creek Rd</li> <li>12. Spring Creek Preserve-15829 - 300th St</li> <li>13. King Fisher Hollow-10250 Wheelerwood Dr</li> <li>14. Strand Park-20057 - 340th St</li> <li>15. White Wildlife Area-22038 Vine Ave</li> <li>16. Wilkinson Pioneer Park-21425 Vine Ave</li> <li>17. Shellrock River Greenbelt &amp; Preserve</li> <li>18. Claybanks Forest-22924 - 225th St</li> <li>19. Blue Wing Marsh-3748 - 220th St</li> <li>20. Grover's Meadow-15580 Zinnia Ave</li> <li>21. Walch Wildlife Area-10811 - 190th St</li> <li>22. Trolley Trail-B-35 from Mason City to Clear Lake</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23. Blazing Star Prairie-16747 - 180th St</li> <li>24. Blair Meadows Preserve-1/4 mile west of intersection of Eisenhower Ave &amp; 12th St NW (north side of road)</li> <li>25. Winnebago Oxbow-3100 - 320th St</li> <li>26. Limestone Prairie Preserve-24928 - 225th St</li> <li>27. Willow Creek Preserve-1/4 mile west of intersection of Eisenhower Ave &amp; 12th St NW (south side of road)</li> <li>28. Prairie Pothole Wildlife Area-24493 Apple Ave</li> <li>29. Bluebill Wildlife Area-14369 Indigo Ave</li> <li>30. <b>Prairie Land Trail-13773 240th St (trailhead)</b></li> <li>31. Sister's Prairie Trail-2854 235th St (trailhead)</li> <li>32. <b>Donna Walker Nature Area-8103 - 315th St</b></li> <li>33. Ring-Neck Wildlife Area-5891 - 125th St</li> <li>34. Goranson Access-3139 Birch Dr</li> </ol> |
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***NOTE: It is illegal to harvest, remove or destroy any plant or parts thereof on public property!***