#### **Dutchman's Breeches**



**Bloom:** April-May

**ID Tip:** Flower resembles a pair of pants. Leaves are divided.

#### **Perfoliate Bellwort**



Bloom: March-April

**ID Tip:** Yellow flowers hang downwards in a twisted fashion.

# **Trilliums**





**Bloom:** March-Early April

**ID Tip:** Three large Lleaves. Flower color has variations of white or wakerobin, yellow, red and painted

#### **Spring Ephemerals**

Spring Ephemerals are best described as native woodland wildflowers that bloom early in the spring. As early bloomers, they cover the forest floor taking advantage of the sunlight from above, before the trees above them leaf out for the year. These delicate and unique wildflowers avoid competition with tree species by flowering in late March through May. They come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes.

#### Best trails for viewing:

Tunnel Trail Stock Creek Trail

Remember not to pick wildflowers along the trail so future visitors can enjoy their beauty.

Natural Tunnel is home to a variety of wildflowers in the spring. This guide is just a sneak peek into just a few of the common flowers you will come across. For simplicity, wildflowers are listed as their common name. If you come across a flower not listed in this brochure, feel free to take a picture and email it to naturaltunnel@dcr.virginia.gov.

#### **Natural Tunnel State Park**

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# **Spring Beauty**



**Bloom:** March-April

**ID Tip:** Can vary from white to pink petals. Leaves are grass-like.

#### **Trout Lily**



**Bloom:** Marchmid-April

**ID Tip:** Yellow petals that open in morning and close at night. Leaves have signature dark

#### **Reu Anemone**



**Bloom:** Late March-April

ID Tip: White to pinkish flowers. Multiple yellow stamens. Leaves are smooth and three-lobed.

# **Bloodroot**



**Bloom:** March-April (only blooms for a few days)

**ID Tip:** Large white flowers with yellow anthers. Leaves kidney bean shaped and lobed.

#### **Phlox**



**Bloom:** April-Early Summer

**ID Tip:** Bright pinkpurple flowers in clusters. Will have 5 petals while Dame's Rocket only has 4 petals.

#### **Wood Anemone**



**Bloom:** April-May

**ID Tip:** 5 sepals (no true petals), compared to the Reu, which has multiple. Leaves have jagged edges.

# Hepatica

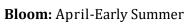


Bloom: March-April

**ID Tip:** Can vary from white to blue/purple petals. Three-lobed leaves that resemble shape of human liver.

#### Wild Geranium





**ID Tip:** Light to deep purple petals. Leaves are shaped like a palm with lobes.

# **Dwarf Larkspur**





Bloom: April-May

**ID Tip:** Blue-purple flowers bloom quickly.