

This Week's Walk by Margeree Edwards

Wildflowers of Peterborough - April showers do bring May flowers.

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Our walk this week is in Mark S. Burnham Provincial Park. It has been said that Burnham Woods is the best place in Peterborough to see wildflowers. The park is centered on the drumlin with hills up and down. Open spaces between the hill lets the sun come in and smile on the wildflowers growing there. There is a wide variety of flowers with different blooming times. Early in Burnham Woods are Hepatitis, the showy Trillium, and towers of Mayapple. Look close to the forest floor for these and in uplands where the canopy of leaves have not yet filled in to see Blue Cohosh, Bellwort, and Violets.

The trails are wide, well marked, and have maps and information on plants and animals. The park was created in 1955 as a recreational park only. A major claim to fame here are the huge maple, beach, elm, and hemlock trees, some of which are the oldest in Ontario.

#### Directions to the Mark S. Burnham Park

10 minutes east of downtown Peterborough at 846 Highway 7.

There is a big sign on the left, right across from Honda.

Good parking on site.

NOTE: the park opened on May 7th. Ontario Provincial Park fees may be in effect.

For information call 705 799 5170

There are toilets on site.

**Peterborough- GreenUp** has an extensive archival display of wild flowers at [greenup.on.ca/plant](http://greenup.on.ca/plant) - category/wildflowers

**Breaking News:** The Nature Trail at Fleming College has a large open area just covered in Trilliums. Quite a sight!

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*Previous walks are at <https://peterboroughunitarian.ca/this-weeks-walk/>*