Eastern Redbud
(Cercis canadensis)
- Medium sized tree
- Pink flowers emerging from branches
- Heart shaped leaves

Twinleaf
(Jeffersonia diphylla)
- White flower
- 8 petals
- Leaf with two identical segments

Leatherwood
(Dirca palustris)
- Medium sized shrub
- Small yellow flower
- Light brown malleable bark

Paw Paw
(Asimina triloba)
- Medium sized tree
- Red/purple nodding flower
- Aromatic leaves (green pepper)

Shooting Star
(Dodecatheon meadia)
- White/pink nodding flowers
- Leaves emerging from base
- Carpets the forest floor

Roundlobed Hepatica
(Hepatica americana)
- White/pink/blue/purple flowers
- Three lobed round leaves
- Leaves emerging from base

Spice Bush
(Lindera benzoin)
- Medium sized shrub
- Yellow flowers emerging from branches
- Aromatic “spicy” scented leaves and bark

Mayapple
(Podophyllum peltatum)
- White flower under two leaves
- Five petals
- Carpets forest floor

Dutchman’s Breeches

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Spring is a beautiful time of year to experience many of the natural beauties the C&O Canal has to offer. This wildflower guide will help you identify many of the spring flowers you can find up and down the canal. Please remember not to remove any plant materials from the park, but most of all, enjoy your time at the C&O Canal!

**Toadshade** (Trillium sessile)
- Red/purple flower
- Three leaves
- Light green/dark green leaves (mottled)

**Virginia Bluebells** (Mertensia virginica)
- Blue/pink/purple flowers
- Bell-shaped flower
- Fleshy green leaves

**Dutchman’s Breeches** (Dicentra cucullaria)
- White flowers resemble "pants on a clothes line"
- Highly dissected leaves
- Closely related to squirrel corn

**Star Chickweed** (Stellaria pubera)
- Small white flower
- Leaves come off the stem opposite
- Leaves are slightly hairy

**Wild Ginger** (Asarum canadense)
- Small purple/red flower below leaves
- Heart shaped leaves
- Leaf stems often hairy

**Blue Violet** (Viola sororia)
- Purple flowers
- 2 upper petals, 2 lateral petals, 1 lower petal
- Oval, green leaves

**Spring Beauty** (Claytonia virginica)
- White/pink flowers
- Pink striped petals
- Long, thin leaves from base

**Yellow Trout Lily** (Erythronium americanum)
- Nodding yellow flower
- Light green/dark green leaves
- Leaves form at base of plant

**Blood Root** (Sanguinaria canadensis)
- White flower
- Bright yellow flower center
- Irregularly shaped lobed leaves

**Cutleaf Toothwort** (Cardamine concatenata)
- White flowers
- 4 petals
- Leaves divided with a serrated edge

**Bellwort** (Uvularia sessilifolia)
- Nodding yellow flower
- Six petals
- Stem goes through the leaves