

# Native Flowering Plants

## OF MACKINAC ISLAND

## MACKINAC ISLAND'S BOTANICAL TRAIL

Mackinac Island is less than 4 square miles yet has over 70 miles of trails. And on top of that, 80% of the Island is State Park land! Good for hiking, biking, and even horseback riding the trails crisscross the Island running along bluffs, over hills, and through the thick canopy of the forest.



## Help Keep Mackinac Beautiful!

*There are a few simple things you can do to help sustain our island and keep it beautiful for everyone!*

### MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK ETIQUETTE

- **Do Not Pick The Flowers**  
*There is a fine for picking flowers in the Mackinac Island State Park. As beautiful as they are, please leave them where they are.*
- **Do Not Climb Natural Features**  
*Many natural features on Mackinac are delicate and subject to erosion making them dangerous to climb on. They are also sacred places for the Anishnaabek so please do not climb rocks or limestone features.*
- **Stay On Designated Trails**  
*Going off the trail can cause erosion and kills plants and vegetation. Please stay on designated trails. If you need a map, they are located at the Tourism Bureau Booth or various downtown establishments.*
- **Leave No Trace**  
*Pick up after yourself and leave no trace. Garbage cans are located throughout the Island and at various points of interest. Do your part and help us keep Mackinac Island beautiful!*

- **Yellow Trout Lily**  
A native North American woodland plant with yellow flower. The foliage resembles the markings of a brook trout (hence the name). Trout Lily is a seasonal ground cover.



- **Lily of the Valley**  
A woodland flowering plant. Stems are covered with tiny white, bell-shaped flowers and have a sweet perfume. Care should be taken as it is a poisonous plant.



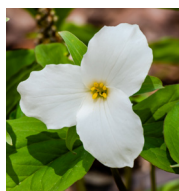
- **Jack in the Pulpit**  
Jack-in-the-pulpit, or Indian turnip, requires shade. Found in deciduous woods and floodplains, it has large, cylindrical, green hooded flowers, with brown stripes.



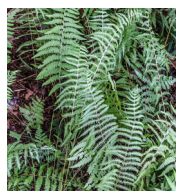
- **May Apples**  
A native perennial whose flowers bloom in May. They form a carpet of bright green foliage. The fruit is commonly called "American mandrake" and is poisonous.



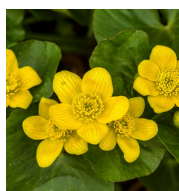
- **Trillium**  
A native woodland plant of the lily family with three petals. Also called Trinity Flower, Toadshade and Birthroot. A solitary spring-blooming flower.



- **Ferns (Variety)**  
Several species of these seedless, vascular plants grow in Michigan's warm summers and snow-covered winters. Growing season: early May to early October.



- **Marsh Marigold**  
Yellow Marsh Marigold is a perennial that grows 1-2 feet tall. It has thick stems, heart-shaped leaves and clusters of large, buttercup-like yellow flowers.



- **Meadow Cranesbill**  
Purple leaves in spring that stay true to color throughout the season. Lavender-blue flowers bloom in late spring. More shade causes the foliage to be greener.



- **Forget Me Not**  
Tiny sky-blue flowers with yellow centers on stems that grow from 4 inches to a foot. A perennial, its natural habit is near marshes, bogs, river banks and woodlands.



- **Jacob's Ladder**  
A perennial spring wildflower which has flowering stems that are low to the ground. The flowers have five petals that are bell-shaped.



- **Spring Beauty**  
A perennial wildflower that grows 3-6" tall and consists of loose clusters of pink or whitish flowers, striped with dark pink. It has a sweet, chestnut-like flavor.



- **Solomon's Seal**  
Native to woodland areas of several continents, including North America. The flowers last for several weeks in the spring, followed by spherical, blue-black fruits.

