#### Sunday, April 14

#### Canyon Rim to Quarry Hike Trail 7

10:00 am - 11:30 am Meet: Wolf Cave Parking Lot

Join guest naturalist Andrea Oeding for a rugged hike along the Canyon Rim and down to the McCormick's Creek bottoms.

#### Wildflower Waddle Trail 8

<u>10:00 am - 11:00 am</u> Meet: Nature Center

Join us for a leisurely Sunday morning stroll down our paved accessible trail and we'll see what's blooming just off the path.

# Bluebirds and Blooms Bluebird Trail 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Meet: Nature Center

The Friends of McCormick's Creek maintain a bluebird trail in the park and each week conduct a survey to record the nest boxes activity. This is your opportunity to come along and learn about this interesting project with guest naturalist Andrea Oeding and Friends!



#### Thank You!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all committee members, volunteers, and activity leaders for their help in planning and presenting this special event:

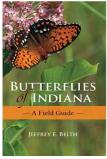
Marc Evans, Barbara Filtri, Marquita Manley, Andrea Oeding, Tom Swinford, Emily Frazier, Ralph Unversaw, Jeff and Sandy Belth and members of the Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park.

Without their dedication this weekend would not be possible!

#### Things to Remember:

- All programs are free; however there is a gate fee to enter McCormick's Creek State Park.
- Hikes will continue regardless of weather conditions.
- Bring drinking water.
- Please remember these simple Leave No Trace Ethics: stay on established trails and leave plants, animals and natural objects as you find them.

Thank you for coming!



This field guide will be available for purchase through the Friends Group during the weekend. An autograph session by the author, Jeff Belth, will follow the Saturday Evening Keynote Address.

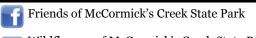


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Wildflowers of McCormick's Creek State Park and South West Indiana

McCormick's Creek State Park

### Friends of McCormick's Creek **Plant Sale**

A variety of native woodland and garden favorites.

Saturday, April 13th 10 a.m. — 1 p.m. At the Nature Center

#### **Program Schedule**

#### Saturday, April 13

#### Canyon Curiosities Hike Trail 3

9:00 am - 9:50 am Meet: Canyon Inn Front Lawn Moderate Hike

Join the naturalist as we take a moderate hike down trail 3 into the McCormick's Creek Canyon to view some of our showy wildflowers.

#### Wolf Cave Nature Preserve Hike, Trail 5 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet: Wolf Cave Parking Lot Moderate Hike

Walk through the pristine Wolf Cave Nature Preserve and learn how to identify ferns and wildflowers common to this area of the park.

## Friends of McCormick's Creek Plant Sale, 10 am - 1 pm Nature Center Program Room

Plants will be available on a first come, first serve basis. We will be happy to label and set your plant aside after your purchase so that you can participate in the scheduled hikes and talks.



Lunch buffet and menu available at the Canyon Inn 11:30 am - 2:00 pm Meet and eat with other wildflower enthusiasts!

## Owen Putnam State Forest Tree and Wildflower ID Hike

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Meet: Canyon Inn Parking Lot @ 1:00 to Carpool/Caravan to the Forest Moderate Hike

**Location:** Take Hwy. 46 west for 7 miles and turn right onto Fish Creek Road. (Look for Owen Putnam State Forest Sign)
Go almost 1 mile to Forest Office.

#### 2153 Fishcreek Road Spencer, IN 47460

District Forester, Ralph Unversaw, will lead us on a hike around the State Forest property to look at blooming tree's buds and to demonstrate identification techniques.

#### McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve Hike, Trail 2

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Meet: Canyon Inn Front Lawn Moderate Hike

Hike with a park naturalist through this picturesque nature preserve to view wildflowers and some of our biggest trees.

#### Fern Gully Hike Trail 4

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Meet: Canyon Front Lawn Moderate/Rugged Hike

See a variety of wildflowers and emerging ferns on this woodland walk.

Dinner Buffet and Menu at the Canyon Inn Seating begins at 5 pm Now that you've worked up an appetite with all this hiking, stop by the Inn for a nice big dinner before the evening talk!



#### Keynote Speakers: Jeff and Sandy Belth

7:00 pm

Meet: Canyon Inn Sycamore Room

Jeff Belth is an experienced naturalist and accomplished photographer who has been photographing butterflies in Indiana for the past 25 years. He recently published his book "Butterflies of Indiana: A Field Guide" and will be giving a talk on butterfly identification. His wife Sandy, an interpretive naturalist for Monroe County Parks and Recreation and a Master Gardner, will present a 45 minute program on butterfly gardening. The program will include discussions of good nectar sources, larval hosts, and native plants. Both talks will feature

the couple's stunning photography with amazing attention to detail.

