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Identifying Wildflowers in Midland County Parks

Identifying wildflowers

How do you recognize wildflowers along the Pere Marquette Rail Trail and in city and county parks in Midland?

PereMarquetteWildflowers.com

A group of volunteers (not botanists) from local Garden Clubs, Wild Ones, Master Gardeners and interested citizens identified wildflowers along the Pere Marquette Rail Trail starting in 2012.

These sightings and accompanying photos have become a Website for your use. Visit peremarquettewildflowers.com to see what is blooming each month and by each mile of the Rail Trail.

Available on your smart phone, this website lets you filter by month or mile or flower color to see what has been discovered. You can also search by common or botanical name.



All seasons have interesting blooms and you can see them!

If you see a flower that is not listed, you can submit it with a picture and explanation of where and when you saw it so that it can be added to the database. You can also comment on any flower if you think it is misidentified or have a question.

***New features—the
website is expanding***

There is also a weekly Blog during bloom season (roughly March or April until October or November) describing what is currently in bloom and what to expect in the next few weeks.

Last year, we added Chippewa Nature Center, the four Little Forks Conservancy properties, the Hospital Wellness Trails and some city and county parks (Pine Haven, City Forest, Veteran's Memorial Park,). As flowers are identified in these venues, the information is added to the website.

Help us improve the website, Join the conversation

Check out the flowers

Go to the website and look at the flowers identified. Read the blog and set out on a discovery journey.

Visit a park or the rail trail

See if you can find any of the flowers that are blooming elsewhere. Remember there are microclimates so bloom time varies in different locations.

Let us know what you see

Comment on the Blog or individual flowers or use the Contact Us button to let us know what you are seeing and doing.

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