

# GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

## 2018 ANNUAL WILDFLOWER WALKS

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Join a park ranger for a guided wildflower walk in Grandfather Mountain State Park. There is a walk for everyone – some are more challenging but some do not venture far from the parking lot. Grandfather Mountain produces an amazing variety of wildflowers, which change from week to week, so join us throughout the season to experience the changes!

### LOCATIONS:

- **The Profile Trail** is located at 4198 NC Highway 105 N, Banner Elk, NC 28604
- **Boone Fork Parking Lot** is located on the Blue Ridge Parkway; just north of mile marker 300  
Directions: <http://goo.gl/dEizYH>
- **Bear Paw State Natural Area** is located at the very end of Dutch Creek Road  
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/HSbWFuGpodp>

**Thursday, April 5 | 10:00am – 12:00pm | Profile Parking lot | Very Easy**

No hiking: we'll stay within 1/8 mile of the parking lot and still see a lot of wildflowers. Dress for the weather and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Saturday, April 7 | 10:00am – 12:00pm | Profile Parking lot | Moderate**

Two miles, round trip. This section of the trail is easy with a couple of moderate climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Friday, April 13 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm | Profile Parking lot | Very Easy**

No hiking: we'll stay within 1/8 mile of the parking lot and still see a lot of wildflowers. Dress for the weather and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Sunday, April 15 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm | Profile Parking lot | Moderate**

Two miles, round trip. This section of the trail is easy with a couple of moderate climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Friday, April 20 | 5pm – 7pm | Bear Paw State Natural Area | Moderate**

Two miles, round trip. Join us for our very first Grandfather Mountain State Park Ranger-led hike at this State Natural Area. This section of the trail is easy with a couple of moderate climbs; terrain is uneven and frequently muddy. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Saturday, April 21 | 10:00am – 12:00pm | Profile Parking lot | Very Easy**

No hiking: we'll stay within 1/8 mile of the parking lot and still see a lot of wildflowers. Dress for the weather and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Friday, April 27 | 10:00am – 12:00pm | Profile Parking lot | Moderate**

Two miles, round trip. This section of the trail is easy with a couple of moderate climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Saturday, April 28 | 10:00am – 1:30pm | Boone Fork Parking Area | Moderate**

Three miles, round trip. The trail is easy but rocky and can be muddy. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Friday, May 4 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Boone Fork Parking Area | Moderate**

Two miles, round trip. The trail is easy but rocky and can be muddy. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Sunday, May 6 | 2:00pm – 5:30pm | Boone Fork Parking Area | Moderate**

Three miles, round trip. The trail is easy but rocky and can be muddy. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Sunday, May 13 | 2:00pm – 5:30pm | Boone Fork Parking Area | Moderate**

Three miles, round trip. The trail is easy but rocky and can be muddy. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

**Saturday, May 26 | 4:00pm – 7:30pm | Profile Parking lot | Moderate**

Three miles, round trip. This section of the trail is easy with a couple of moderate climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water and be prepared to be outside. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.