

Wildflowers of Greylock

Mount Greylock State Reservation

SIGHTING LIST

A diversity of flowering plants

Varied ecosystems on Mount Greylock support numerous flowering plants.

Blooming flowers can be found on the mountain from when the snow's still on the ground, until the leaves fall off the trees.

In some cases similar plant species that have already bloomed at lower altitudes can be found flowering later into summer higher up on the mountain.

This diversity and varied period of flowering is due to the extreme variations in altitude, climate and soils found here.

Preserve the flowers

All plants on state-owned land are protected from picking or collecting; some may be state-listed rare or endangered species. Please enjoy the beauty of these plants in their natural setting so that they may survive, and others may enjoy them as well.

This is not a complete list of flowering plants on Mount Greylock. Please note that differences in elevation and habitat may affect when the flower actually blooms; also check subsequent months.

April

- Trout Lily, *Erythronium americanum*
- Carolina Spring Beauty, *Claytonia caroliniana*
- Bluets, *Houstonia caerulea*
- Squirrel Corn, *Dicentra canadensis*
- Dutchman's Breeches, *Dicentra cucullaria*
- Bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis*
- Blue Cohosh, *Caulophyllum thalictroides*
- Sharp-lobed Hepatica, *Hepatica acutiloba*

May

- Wild Ginger, *Asarum canadense*
- Purple Trillium, *Trillium erectum*
- Painted Trillium, *Trillium undulatum*
- Early Meadow Rue, *Thalictrum dioicum*
- Dutchman's Breeches, *Dicentra cucullaria*
- Coltsfoot, *Tussilago farfara*
- Hairy Solomon's Seal, *Polygonatum pubescens*

- False Solomon's Seal, *Smilacina racemosa*
- Rose Twisted Stalk, *Streptopus roseus*
- Large-flowered Bellwort, *Uvularia grandiflora*
- Wild Oats, *Uvularia sessiliflora*
- Indian Poke, *Veratrum viride*
- Large Toothwort, *Dentaria maxima*
- Bluebead Lily, *Clintonia borealis*
- Skunk Currant, *Ribes glandulosum*
- Foamflower, *Tiarella cordiflora*
- Canada Mayflower, *Maianthemum canadense*
- Wild Thyme, *Thymus serpyllum*
- Common Wintercress, *Barbarea vulgaris*
- Garlic Mustard, *Alliaria officinalis*
- Wild Sarsaparilla, *Aralia nudicaulis*
- Indian Cucumber Root, *Medeola virginiana*
- Miterwort, *Mitella diphylla*
- Wild Strawberry, *Fragaria virginiana*
- Ground Ivy, *Glechoma hederacea*
- Golder Alexanders, *Zizia aurea*
- Early Saxifrage, *Saxifraga virginensis*
- Jack-in-the-pulpit, *Arisaema atrorubens*
- Starflower, *Trientalis borealis*
- Blueberries, *Vaccinium* sp.
- Water Avens, *Geum rivale*
- Wild Columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*
- Herb Robert, *Geranium robertianum*
- Trailing Arbutus, *Epigaea repens*
- Violets, *Viola* sp.

June

- Bunchberry, *Cornus canadensis*
- Blue-eyed Grass, *Sisyrinchium* sp.
- Yarrow, *Achillea millefolium*
- Common Wood Sorrel, *Oxalis montana*
- Goldthread, *Coptis groenlandica*
- Orange Hawkweed, *Hieracium aurantiacum*
- Mouse Ear, *Hieracium pilosella*
- Common Cinquefoil, *Potentilla simplex*
- Common Speedwell, *Veronica officinalis*
- Red Clover, *Trifolium pratense*
- Labrador Tea, *Ledum groenlandicum*
- Heal-all, *Prunella vulgaris*
- Buttercup, *Ranunculus* sp.
- Ox-eye Daisy, *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*
- Pink Lady's Slipper, *Cypripedium acaule*
- Common Blackberry, *Rubus allegheniensis*
- Wild Red Raspberry, *Rubus idaeus*
- Red Baneberry, *Actaea rubra*
- Doll's Eyes, *Actaea pachypoda*

- Bittersweet Nightshade, *Solanum dulcamara*
- Forget-me-not, *Myosotis* sp.
- Cyprus Spurge, *Euphorbia cyparissias*
- Ragged Robin, *Lynchnis flos-cuculi*

July

- Smaller Purple Fringed Orchid, *Habanaria psycodes*
- Shineleaf, *Pyrola elliptica*
- Purple Milkweed, *Asclepias purpurascens*
- Wild Leek, *Allium tricoccum*
- St. John's Wort, *Hypericum* sp.
- Daisy Fleabane, *Erigeron annuus*
- Queen Anne's Lace, *Daucus carota*
- Hog Peanut, *Amphicarpa bracteata*
- Ironweed, *Vernonia* sp.
- Lady's Thumb, *Polygonum persicaria*
- Purple-flowering Raspberry, *Rubus odoratus*
- Water Hemlock, *Cicuta maculata*
- Butter and Eggs, *Linaria vulgaris*
- Cow (Bitter) Vetch, *Vicia cracca*
- Yellow Rattle, *Rhinanthus crista-galli*
- Deptford Pink, *Dianthus armeria*
- Maiden Pink, *Dianthus deltoides*
- Stitchwort, *Stellaria* sp.
- Pineapple Weed, *Matricaria matricariodes*
- Stinging Nettle, *Urtica dioica*
- Wood Nettle, *Laportea canadensis*
- False Nettle, *Bohemerica cylindrica*
- White Beardtongue, *Penstemon digitalis*
- Bladder Campion, *Silene cucubalus*
- Black-eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia serotina*
- Tall Meadow Rue, *Thalictrum polygamum*
- Helleborine, *Epipactis helleborine*
- Fireweed, *Epilobium augustifolium*
- Partidgeberry, *Mitchella repens*
- Touch-me-not, *Impatiens* sp.
- Ditch Stonecrop, *Penthorum sedoides*
- Birdsfoot Trefoil, *Lotus corniculatus*
- Canada Lily, *Lilium canadense*
- Day Lily, *Hemerocallis fulva*
- Rattlebox, *Crotalaria sagittalis*
- Steeplebush, *Spiraea tomentosa*
- Meadowsweet, *Spiraea litifolia*
- Spotted Joe Pye Weed, *Eupatorium*

August-September

- Turtlehead, *Chelone glabra*
- White Wood Aster, *Aster divaricatus*
- Whorled Wood Aster, *Aster acuminatus*

- New England Aster, *Aster novae-angliae*
- Calico Aster, *Aster lateriflorus*
- New York Aster, *Aster novae-belgii*
- Indian Pipe, *Monotropa uniflora*
- Spotted Knapweed, *Centaurea maculosa*
- Virgin's Bower, *Clematis virginiana*
- Fringed Gentian, *Gentiana crinita*
- Bottle Gentian, *Gentiana clausa*
- White Snakeroot, *Eupatorium rugosum*
- Mullein, *Verbascum thapus*
- Pearly Everlasting, *Anaphalis margaritacea*
- Northern Blazing Star, *Liatris borealis*
- Bull Thistle, *Cirsium vulgare*
- Large-leaved Goldenrod, *Solidago macrophylla*
- Silverrod, *Solidago bicolor*
- Zigzag Goldenrod, *Solidago flexicaulis*

For other references also see:

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