

A Review of the Wild Flowers and Trees Walk
By Jack



Wild Columbine

I really enjoyed our wild flower walk, which was guided by an extremely knowledgeable and energetic man named John Serrao. He made the littlest flower seem interesting, and pointed out heaps of stuff I wouldn't have noticed, like a type of mushroom called a morel, which can be quite expensive. He told us that this forest used to be a farm, then red cedar trees grew on it, tulip poplars after that, and now it is becoming a sugar maple forest. It had a very healthy under story. We walked down the trail, stopping every few feet to look at something new. There were lots of interesting plants around, like Lady's Thumb. Lady's Thumb has a print that looks something like a thumb on it's leaf. We also found out that Jack-In-The-Pulpit starts out male and switches sex to female after they have enough energy stored to produce fruit (seeds). The weather was just right for walking too. I had a great time.

A list of the flowers we saw:

Common Winter Cress (Invasive) (Yellow)

Common Chickweed (Invasive) (White)

True Solomon's Seal

False Solomon's Seal (White)

Jack-in-the-Pulpit

Kidney-Leaf Buttercup (Small-Flowered Crowfoot)

Yellow Violet (Downy?)

Early Meadow Rue

Rue Anemone

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Walking Fern

Maiden-Head Spleenwort (Fern)

Rattlesnake Fern

Round-Lobed Hepatica

Early Saxifrage

Lady's Thumb

Bellwort