

TRAILSIDE EYE SPY

See if you can spot each item along Old Mill Trail
Furnace Run Metro Park, 4955 Townsend Road, Richfield, OH 44286

BRUSHWOOD LODGE

This building was originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937 as a bathhouse for swimmers of the lake. It has undergone many renovations throughout the years.

Can you see any differences between then and now?



SCOTCH PINES

Feel the rough bark and smell the fragrance of the pines near the trail. These aging, non-native trees naturally lose their lower branches over time and are giving way to native hardwood species such as beech and maple.



BELTED KINGFISHER

Look for kingfishers hovering over the water in search of fish and listen for their rattling calls. The ability of these birds to dive into water with barely a splash inspired the engineers of Japan's bullet trains which reach speeds of 199 mph!



RAMPS

The deep green leaves of wild leeks blanket the forest floor in spring. Ramps are often over-harvested for their bulbs which can take up to seven years to mature! If you enjoy their taste, be sure to seek out reputable vendors who sustainably source plants.

BUCKEYES

Buckeye trees leaf out earlier than most and soon produce upright spikes of pale-yellow flowers. Their blooming signals the return of hummingbirds to Ohio. *Do you see any pollinators around?*



SCARLET CUP FUNGUS

The name says it all! These decomposers can be found embedded in the leaf litter of the forest floor, usually attached to buried decaying branches and twigs. Look closely for their bright red interior and whitish outer surface.



SPRING AZURE

This tiny woodland butterfly is one of the first to emerge from its chrysalis in spring. *Want to invite these beauties to your own yard?* Consider planting their host plant, flowering dogwood, for caterpillars to thrive on.

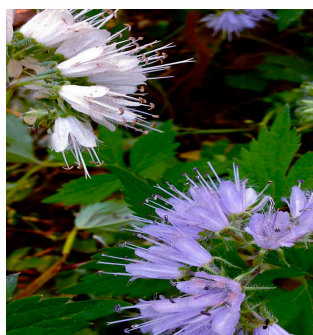


BRUSHWOOD BOULDER

Dorothy Hamilton Brush donated the land for Furnace Run Metro Park in 1929. In 1942, she dedicated this boulder to her late husband Charles F. Brush Jr. for whom this park area, lodge and lake are named.

VIRGINIA WATERLEAF

These forest floor flowers are named for the "watermarks" on their emerging leaves. Their pastel purple blooms open in May, making them an important nectar source as well as an attractive groundcover in a shaded home garden.



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