

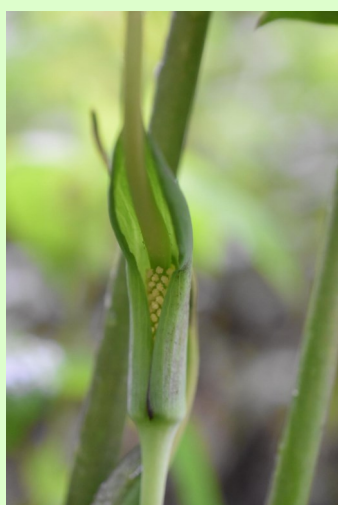


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Mettler Woods Spring Hike May 13, 10:00-12:00 Expanded Trail System!

Join the Meyen family as they lead us through Mettler Woods Nature Preserve. Cassandra, Tom, Andara, Anton, Tayanna, and Callia serve as Mettler Woods site stewards and local experts, so they know the site well!

This Nature Preserve is a valuable remnant of the woods that once covered a large part of Illinois. 43 different plants have been identified as existing at Mettler Woods in May – plus 10 different types of birds and 4 butterflies. Come and see what we might find on Saturday!



What are these two plant species? Seen them before? To the left is the Green Dragon (*Arisaema dracontium*) and to the right is Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema thunbergii*).

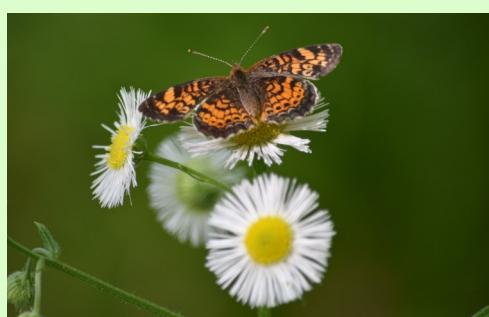
Walk Two New Trails!

The Meyens have an exciting surprise for us – they have expanded the existing trail system to include two into new areas not available before! We now can now walk the Tornado Trail that allows us into the area where the 2003 tornado did so much damage to old oak trees. The Valley Trail is full of surprising ups and downs and scenic vistas!

Directions to Mettler Woods

From Champaign, take I-72 west and then exit 172 onto IL-10, toward Clinton. Pass through Clinton, then turn left on Green Valley Rd (500 or 5000 Rd). Mettler is 3.5 miles west of Clinton on Route 10. Watch for the brown Mettler Woods Nature Preserve signs.

Can you guess what these two species are - both found at Mettler Woods?



To the left is the Pearl Crescent Butterfly (*Phyciodes tharos*)

The unusual one on the right is the Jelly Ear fungi (*Auricularia americana*).



Join us on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 am!! Meet the Meyens and walk new trails! Contact Executive Director, Deanna Glosser, if you have any questions, 217-725-5886.



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