



# TRAILSIDE EYE SPY

Check off each item as you see it along Spring Hollow Trail in Hampton Hills Metro Park, 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron, OH 44313

## EVIDENCE OF EROSION

As rain falls and wears away hillsides, the natural yet destructive process of erosion occurs. Take a moment to view the layers of exposed sediment and to appreciate the trees above whose roots work to slow this process down.



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## MAYAPPLE

This plant resembles an umbrella or small palm tree. Gently peek beneath its leaves to find a singular white flower. Once pollinated, the flower transforms into a small "apple," a favorite food of box turtles and other forest dwellers.



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## SWITCHBACKS

Sustainable trail building techniques, including switchbacks and water bars, help manage water as it flows down these steep hills into the valley below. By working with the natural curvature of the land, we can ensure our trails will be enjoyed for the next 100 years!



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## DIVERGENT PATHS

Wayfinding is an important skill when out on the trail. If you are feeling adventurous and want to add more than a mile to your hike, hop onto Adam Run Trail. If not, be sure to bear right!

## TIGER SWALLOWTAIL

The bright green and yellow caterpillars of this butterfly sport huge false eyespots to scare away would-be predators! Once they have eaten their fill of black cherry and tulip tree leaves, they will transform into a beautiful striped adult.



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## FUTURE CENTENNIAL GROVE

Did you notice the field full of pink flags? They mark the spot for one of many tree plantings this year as we work to reforest 100 acres in 2021! Check our website, [summitmetroparks100.org](http://summitmetroparks100.org), to learn how you can get involved.



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## WARBLERS

May is the month of migration for dozens of brightly colored warbler species. Some, such as the yellow-throated warbler, will remain in Ohio for the summer, while others continue their journey farther north into Canada. *What birds can you spot along the trail?*



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## JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT

Each season, this perennial flower may produce either one or two leaves, depending on the amount of energy stored in its root. When pollinated, the larger two-leaved individuals develop a cluster of bright red berries later in summer.

## DRYAD'S SADDLE

Named for small mythical nymphs who looked after the trees, you can imagine a fairy perched on this early-sprouting mushroom. Look for their large, round shape on both living and dead trees – they can often reach 12" in diameter!



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