

Spring

A Time of Discoveries

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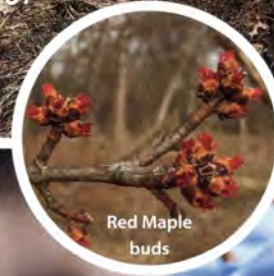
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Spring! A welcome reprieve from our recent snow and ice. Relaxing walks and runs are not only possible again but afford opportunities to experience new discoveries.

Stroll the Green Bay Trail and its adjacent parks to observe their emergence from winter dormancy. Each of the many small ecosystems offers its own spring display. Visit the locations frequently to observe each site's transformation. Look for the witch hazel's ribbon-like red and yellow blooms, the burst of red buds at the end of a Red Maple tree's limbs, and the burst of Virginia bluebells along the trail. Take pictures to capture these discoveries and share them.

Wooden benches and stools, constructed from felled trees, by members of the Village of Glencoe's Public Works department, were recently installed at Mary St. Park, a quiet location next to the trail's path. The loss of a tree does not end its environmental contributions. The benches and stools continue to offer a habitat, seating, and learning opportunities. Count their rings. Examine the bark. Sit a while to observe spring ephemerals emerging in response to warmer temperatures and sunlight. Listen to the chattering of birds as they gather nesting materials and forage in the leaf litter for insects and food. Or simply pause to soak in the sun.

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Red Maple buds



Virginia Bluebells

Enter your trail photos in the **Friends of the Green Bay Trail's 2022 Photo Contest**. Submissions will be accepted from August 1 through October 31. Trail photos from all seasons are welcome.

Join the Friends at its monthly trail prep days to learn more about the trail's natural contributions. Also, attend the virtual or on-site community programs sponsored by the Friends of the Green Bay Trail.

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