

# Hastings Scientific and Natural Area

## A Look at Snow Trilliums and Other Early Spring Ephemerals



Snow Trillium



Dutchman's Breeches



Bloodroot

**Where:** Hastings SNA in Hastings, MN

**Date/Time:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 from 1-4PM

**Leaders:** Scott Milburn (Senior Botanist/Ecologist & MNNPS President)  
Ken Arndt (Forest Ecologist & MNNPS Board Member)

Come join other MNNPS members for a spring hike through Hastings SNA to enjoy the early spring ephemerals and trees in bloom. One of the highlights of this field trip will be viewing the snow trillium in bloom. Other spring ephemerals like Dutchman's breeches, bloodroot, and trout lily will also be starting to bloom throughout the SNA.

Hastings SNA contains two forest communities. The upland hardwood forest is dominated by old growth red oak, sugar maple, and basswood; the floodplain forest, by cottonwood, green ash, and silver maple. American elm, formerly the most important species, has all but vanished due to Dutch elm disease. A wide diversity of plant species occur at this SNA, including the very rare snow trillium. Talus slopes and steep escarpments of dolomitic limestone provide habitat for specialized plants, such as mosses, lichens, and liverworts. One of the best times to visit this SNA is in April when the snow trilliums and other early spring ephemerals are in bloom.

Due to site sensitive areas where we will be hiking, this field trip will be limited to 20 MNNPS members.

**NOTE:** We will meet and park at the parking area for C.P. Adams Park along State Highway 291 across the street from the SNA.

C.P. Adams Park is approximately 1 mile east of Highway 61. From here we will cross the road and enter the SNA for our hike.

