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Spring at Hucking Estate

Discover trees bursting into life and colourful wild flowers.

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Goat willow is also known as pussy willow because its silky grey catkins resemble furry cat paws.

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Wood anemone flowers between March and May. Watch out for the petals closing up before rain and at night.

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Yellow Archangel looks similar to stinging nettle, but it actually belongs to the deadnettle family. Explore in late spring to see its distinctive yellow flowers.

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Bluebells appear in Stubs Wood and Chitt's Wood from late April to May. See the woodland floor transformed by shimmering blue carpets of flowers.

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Early purple orchid is one of the first orchids to flower. Its magenta blooms add bright splashes of colour to woods from April to June.

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Hawthorn blossom can be seen in April and May. It's often used as a decoration in May Day celebrations, so it's commonly called the May-tree.

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Moschatel is commonly known as townhall clock because of the unique shape of the flowerheads. Look out for it between March and May in Crabtree Wood and Eastfield Wood.

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Bullfinches have a voracious appetite for fruit tree buds in spring, when their usual diet of berries and seeds isn't available.



Aspen is also known as quaking aspen. Watch out for the way the leaves flutter and move in the slightest breeze.

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