

Early Bloomers

(May-Early June)

- Buttercup
- Dwarf Larkspur
- Glacier Lily
- Golden Draba
- Heartleaf Arnica
- Holly Grape
- Kinnikinnik
- Pasque Flower
- Many-Flowered Phlox
- Marsh Marigold
- Mountain Candytuft
- Mountain Lover
- Red Columbine
- Service Berry*
- Spring Beauty
- Twinberry Honeysuckle*
- Violet
- Western Valerian

Mid-Season Bloomers

(Late June-July)

- Blue Columbine
- Blue Flax
- Case's Fitweed
- Cinquefoil
- Cow Parsnip
- Creamy Buckwheat
- Elephantella
- Fairy Slipper
- Gooseberry
- Groundsel
- Indian Paintbrush
- Jacob's Ladder
- King's Crown
- Lupine
- Mariposa Lily
- Monkey Flower
- Monkshood
- Monument Plant
- Mule Ears Sunflower
- Northern Bedstraw
- Onion
- Orange Sneezeweed
- Pea Vine
- Porter's Lovage
- Prairie Smoke
- Pussy Toes
- Red Elderberry*
- Richardson's Geranium
- Rocky Mtn Penstemon
- Scarlet Gilia
- Shooting Stars
- Showy Fleabane
- Snowberry*
- Starflower
- Sulphur Buckwheat
- Sweet Cicely
- Tall Bluebell
- Tall Larkspur
- Valerian
- Wax Currant*
- Wild Iris
- Wild Rose*
- Yarrow

Late-Season Bloomers

(July-Early September)

- Pink-headed Fleabane
- Golden Aster
- Purple Tansy Aster
- Gentian
- Fireweed
- Harebell
- Showy Goldeneye
- Tall Larkspur

*Flowering shrub

The Crested Butte Wildflower Festival is dedicated to the conservation, preservation and appreciation of wildflowers through education and celebration. We are committed to protecting our natural botanical heritage for future generations and promoting sound stewardship of this priceless resource.



Mountain Manners is a community partnership promoting responsible recreation in the Gunnison Valley.

Please Help Us Preserve the Beauty that Brought you Here!

**Leave the wildflowers atop their towers
Picking and crushing them
Destroys their special powers**

THANK YOU AND HAVE FUN OUT THERE!

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**The Handy Dandy
Bloom Locator**

**Where to find wildflowers
blooming near Crested Butte
and how to get to them**

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1. Brush Creek Trail Well-packed trail through forests and meadows. A drier area, good for seeing early bloomers.
Parking: Trailhead parking lot on north side of Brush Creek Rd.
Difficulty: Easy
Distance from town: 3 mi, 10 min
Peak season: Early-Middle

2. Budd Trail Trail winds through meadows and aspen forests. Crosses private property, please stay on trail.
Parking: Lower Loop Parking areas on Peanut Lake Road.
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance from town: 1.5 mi, 5 mins
Peak season: Early-Middle

3. Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) Well-packed trails through forests and meadows, single and double-track. Summer Trail Map available at CBMR's Adventure Center.
Parking: Ski area Base lot just north of the Grand Lodge on right side of Gothic Rd.
Difficulty: Easy-Difficult
Distance from town: 3 mi, 10 mins
Peak season: Early-Late

4. Green Lake Trail Loose/Hard-packed trail with some steep sections; mostly forested. Spectacular Red Columbine and Fairy Slippers.
Parking: At the Crested Butte Nordic Center, 620 2nd St.
Difficulty: Moderate-Difficult
Distance from town: 1 mi, 1 min
Peak season: Middle-Late

5. Meridian Lake Trail (aka Long Lake) Well-packed trail through forests and meadows. Beautiful glacier lake with wild rose, sunflowers, holly grape, and scarlet gilia.
Parking: Marked parking lot on Washington Gulch opposite of Meridian Lake dam.
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance from town: 3.5 mi, 15 mins
Peak season: Early-Late

6. Kebler Pass Road Take Whiterock Ave west from Crested Butte; Kebler Pass Rd continues to Lake Irwin, Ohio Pass, and Paonia. Lovely drive, lush aspen forests, gorgeous views. Access to Copley Lake, Splains Gulch, Wagon Trail, Lost Lake.
Parking: Any turn-out on Kebler Pass Rd, but do not park on sides of Kebler Pass.
Difficulty: Easy-Difficult
Distance from town: 1-10 mi, 5+ mins
Peak season: Middle-Late

7. Lake Irwin Well-packed trail through lake's edge and pine forest. Walk around the lake, or hike down the trail along the lake spillway out and back.
Parking: Parking area just past spillway.
Difficulty: Easy
Distance from town: 8 mi, 20 mins
Peak season: Middle-Late

8. Lily Lake Trail Well-packed trail through forest climbing to lake in meadows. Water lilies bloom on the lake from mid-July to mid-August.
Parking: Turn left onto Ohio Pass Rd from Kebler Pass Rd, go about 1/2 mile and park on left side of Ohio Pass Road.
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance from town: 7 mi, 15 mins
Peak season: Middle-Late

9. Lower 401 (starting at Judd Falls Trailhead) Well-packed trail through forests and meadows. Popular mountain biking trail- best to hike on weekday.
Parking: 1) Just off Gothic Rd at Judd Falls or 2) turn right and climb up to Judd Falls Trailhead (4WD required).
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance from town: 15 mi, 20-30 mins
Peak season: Middle-Late

10. Lower Loop Well-packed trail through forests and meadows. Shooting Stars, and Fringed and Bottle Gentian later in the season.
Parking: Lower Loop Parking areas on Peanut Lake Road.
Difficulty: Easy
Distance from town: 1.5 mi, 5 mins
Peak season: Early-Middle

11. Lupine Trail Well-packed trail through forests and meadows. Incredible display of lupine. Best Mon-Fri due to bikers on weekends.
Parking: Trailhead on Slate River Road.
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance from town: 2 mi, 10 mins
Peak season: Early-Middle

12. Oh Be Joyful Well-packed trail through forests and meadows. Take care crossing Slate River on foot - only 4wd across.
Parking: ONLY on EAST side of Slate River.
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance from town: 5 mi, 10 mins
Peak season: Middle-Late

13. Pioneer Guest Cabins to Summer Home Group Well-packed trail through pine forest. Good place to spot Fairy Slippers. Trail is in residential area, so please be respectful.
Parking: ONLY on pullouts off Cement Creek Rd-Please do not park on Pioneer Guest Cabin property or right of ways.
Difficulty: Easy
Distance from town: 8 mi, 20 mins
Peak season: Early-Middle

14. Recreation Path Paved path leading to Mt. Crested Butte. Beautiful meadows and vistas with interpretive signs along the way.
Parking: East end of Teocalli Ave; Please do not block driveways.
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance from town: 0.5 mi, 1 min
Peak season: Early-Late

15. Snodgrass Mountain Well-packed trail through forests and meadows. Mariposa lilies, arnica, violets, paintbrush, penstemon and monkshood abound.
Parking: Just past trailhead on left side of Washington Gulch Rd OR from Gothic Rd at Fantasy Ranch.
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Distance from town: 5 mi, 15 mins
Peak season: Early-Middle

16. Upper Loop (from Hunter Hill Rd) Well-packed rocky trail descending towards town; out and back. Beautiful aspens, lupines, and views of the valley.
Parking: At turn-out at switchback on Hunter Hill Rd.
Difficulty: Moderate-Difficult
Distance from town: 2.5 mi, 10 mins
Peak season: Early-Middle

17. Walrod Cutoff Trail ("Caves Trail") Very steep, loose trail through sagebrush hillside. Beautiful display of sunflowers and lupines. Pasque flowers early season.
Parking: Parking area on right side of Cement Creek Rd.
Difficulty: Moderate-Difficult
Distance from town: 7.5 mi, 15 mins
Peak season: Early-Middle

18. Walrod Gulch Double-track climbing left off of Cement Creek Rd to trailhead on left. Can take Caves Trail down to Cement Creek Rd, or hike as an out and back. Beautiful display of sunflowers, lupines. Pasque flowers early.
Parking: Small lot on left side of Cement Creek Rd at Walrod Trailhead.
Difficulty: Moderate-Difficult
Distance from town: 9 mi, 15 mins
Peak season: Early-Late

19. Woods Walk Well-packed, fairly level trail through aspen forest. Large displays of columbine in wet years.
Parking: Off Kebler Pass Rd just west of town on roadside turnouts.
Difficulty: Easy
Distance from town: 0.5 mi, 1 min
Peak season: Early-Moderate

