

# 10. Shooting Stars on Trillium Trail at Giant City

A place protected, adored and explored by many. There were two sisters, Gladys and Ruth Dudley, who painted the wildflowers of Southern and Central Illinois from early in life into old age. It was their dedicated dream that they would publish a book on wildflowers and show that, "they are beautiful just where they grow." While their works were never published in book form, the state of Illinois purchased their collection, and pieces of their works are on display at the Giant City Visitors Center. Another such person was a biologist at SIU, George Hazen French, who on May 6, in 1870 bicycled to Giant City and discovered a new and rare wildflower now known as French's Shooting Star. Today they bend delicately in the wind surrounded by the bluffs of the Shawnee Forest. Ironically, the great chief of the Shawnee, Tecumseh, was also known as Shooting Star.

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