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Five Senses of Spring in Franklin

There is so much to enjoy during springtime in Franklin Township. Springtime is the best time to play outside and explore nature. The days start getting longer so there is more time to play outside with my friends. There are lots of trails nearby where I can find nature all around. If you really think about it, you can experience spring using all five senses.

Spring is my favorite season in Franklin. You know spring is coming when you see the purple crocuses and yellow daffodils bloom. The trees start sprouting green leaves to give us shade in time for summer. The grass becomes green again. I like spring because I see birds, bees, flowers, and animals.

You will start hearing lots of sounds of spring here in Franklin. The birds will start chirping early in the morning. The squirrels and chipmunks will be rustling in the tree tops and bushes. The woodpeckers will start pecking the tree trunks. You will hear bees buzzing as they fly from flower to flower. If you live near one of the farms in our town, you can hear the cows, chickens, and tractors, too. You can also hear the wind blowing the trees.

In spring there are lots of smells. I like to smell all the pretty flowers. They smell all so nice. I also like to smell the fresh air. I like the scent of the blooming lilacs outside of my bedroom window. I smell the fresh-cut grass after Dad mows the lawn. There is one smell that is not so nice: fertilizer.

In springtime, there are a lot of things to taste. Outdoor picnics in Franklin are a fun way to eat outside in nature. You can taste the food at a barbeque with your family. You can also taste fresh vegetables from a neighborhood farmstand. You can go to ice cream shops nearby to taste different flavors.

In spring there are a lot of things to touch in Franklin You can walk in the grass barefoot, feel the rough bark on trees, and feel the different textures of different rocks when you walk along the streams and trails. You can also plant seeds and flowers and feel the soil while you garden.

I think everyone should take time to explore nature in Franklin Township this spring. Notice if you use your senses of sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch this season. The fresh air is nice after a long winter and the warmer weather and longer days mean summer is coming soon.