

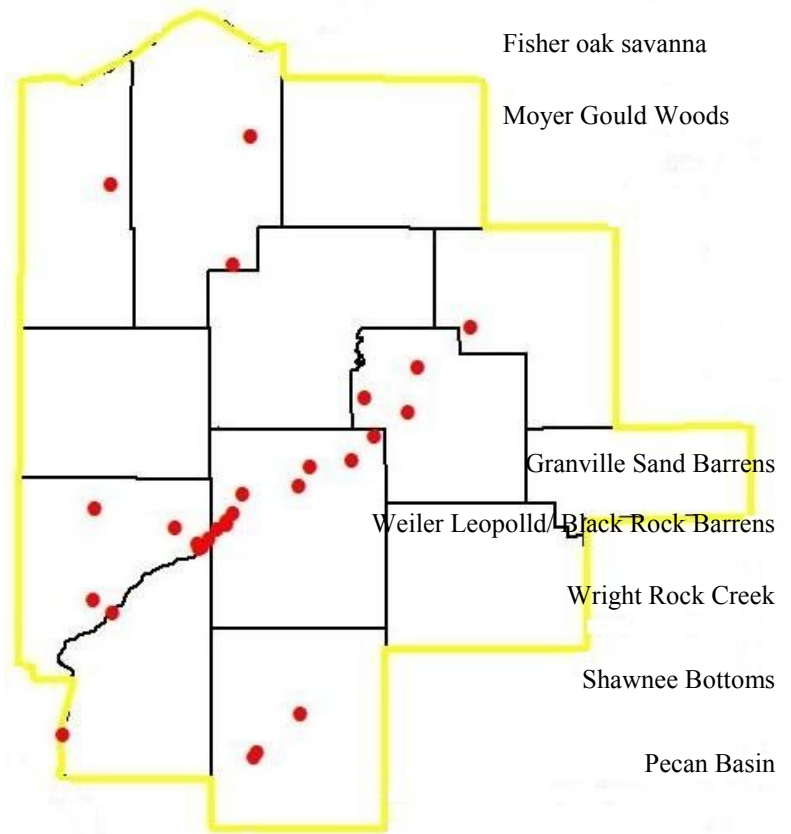
NICHES Land Trust Properties and Hiking Trails

The Best NICHES properties for hiking

Weiler Leopold/ Black Rock Barrens (Warren County)

279 acre property protects mature oak woodlands and restored floodplain forests along the Wabash River. 2 loop trails, each about a mile long start from the parking lot.

Directions from West Lafayette, take South River Road (whose name changes to "Division Road" part way out) west from State Road 26 in West Lafayette. Follow it 12 miles, past Fort Ouiatenon and Granville Bridge, up Indian Hill, and past the Ravines Golf Course to the village of Greenhill. You will know you are approaching Greenhill when the road makes a 90-degree left/south turn and, one city block later, a 90-degree right/west turn. Instead of entering Greenhill, turn left/south onto Warren County Road 1125 East. Follow the blacktop road, known locally as the "Greenhill-Independence Road", for 4.3 miles as it proceeds south and west to the parking lot in the northeast corner of the property, which is marked with a large sign identifying the Reserve.



Wright Rock Creek (Warren County)

80 acre property protects oak woodlands and sand stone outcrops along Rock Creek.

Directions from Williamsport, go west on SR 28 towards West Lebanon. Turn left (south) on Tower Road (dirt) which is immediately before a radio tower substation and about 2.5 to 3 miles west of the flashing light in Williamsport. After 0.4 mi turn left onto 175W. Stay on 175W for a little over a mile to where it T's with 400 S. Turn right (west) and go 0.8 mi to the parking area on your right.

Fisher Oak Savanna (Jasper County)

220 acre property protects sandy black oak savanna ridges, pin oak flatwoods and a large prairie restoration. 2 miles of trail in 2 loops begin at the parking lot.

Directions from West Lafayette, north on I-65, get off at Exit 193 and proceed north on US 231 to Wolcott in White County. About a half mile north of the railroad crossing in Wolcott, Highways 231 and 24 turn to the west. DO NOT turn west (left) on Highways 231 and 24, instead go straight ahead on 900 W about 6 miles until you come to an older white farm house on a rise on the left side of the road. (There is another house behind it.) Drive ahead 1/8 mile to the gravel parking area on the west (left) side of the road.

Moyer Gould Woods (Carroll County)

79 acre property protects a mature woodland along a 1/2 mile of Tippecanoe River Frontage. A mile and half loop trail begins at the parking lot.

Moyer Gould Woods address is 4620 N US 421

The lane to the parking lot is lined with Black Walnuts.

1 1/4 miles north of the intersection of SR 18 and US 421

Pecan Basin (Fountain County)

155 acre property protects restored floodplain and uplands along the Wabash River. 1/3 mile paved asphalt loop trail and parking lot allows for easier visitation for mobility challenged individuals.

From Perrysville, take State Road 32 east to Silver Island Road (the first road to the right). Follow the river south on this road for 1 1/2 miles to its intersection with Liberty Church Road, Pecan Basin's southern boundary. The lowlands are to your right, the uplands to your left.

The coordinates for the parking lot are:

N 40° 01.584' , W 87° 25.103'.

Shawnee Bottoms (Fountain County)

255 acre property protects restored upland fields planted to native grasses and oak trees, oak woodlands and reforested bottomlands along with a 9 acre natural pond in the floodplain. Shawnee Bottoms contains a 2/3 mile one way hiking trail along the retired Wabash and Erie Canal.

Shawnee Bottoms can be accessed using Covered Bridge Road, which runs west just north of the small town of Rob Roy in Fountain County. From the SR 28 and US41 intersection in Attica, take US 41 south 3.4 miles and turn right onto Covered Bridge Road (this road is immediately south of Shawnee bowling). Go through the covered bridge to the stop sign and go right to stay on Covered Bridge Road. From there, proceed about 4-1/2 miles west to the Shawnee Bottoms parking area which is accessed from a short driveway at a turn in the road. The entrance is on your right. The parking lot is a nice viewing point, overlooking the Wabash River bottomlands.

Granville Sand Barrens (Tippecanoe County)

80 acre property protects rare sand barrens and recovering floodplain forest. Parking lot is located in the southwest corner of the property. The sand barrens vegetation is short (under 2' tall), and hence an established trail is not maintained, but wandering is encouraged.

Granville Bridge is west of West Lafayette about 8 miles along South River/Division Road. It is the next river crossing after the new 231 bridge. Granville Bridge, go south to the Lafayette side of the river and take the first road (75 S which is gravel) to the right. Go about 1.3 miles and watch on your left for a sign in the parking area. The coordinates for the parking lot are: N 40° 23.714' W 87° 03.566'.