

41th Annual A.H. Smith Lake States Mycological Foray

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17 – 20 September 2015
Ross Camp, West Lafayette IN

The 2015 A.H. Smith Foray

The A. H. Smith Great Lake States Foray has been held since 1974 in honor of Dr. Alexander H. Smith, a renowned mycologist at the University of Michigan, as an annual event for mycologists around the Midwest States to gather and hunt for mushrooms and macrofungi. The event rotates to a different state each year. In 2015 the Aime lab at the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Purdue University, will host the 41st Annual Smith Foray in West Lafayette, Indiana from September 17–20.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday 9/17:

6 PM to 10 PM: Arrival

7:00 PM: O'Bryan's Nine Irish Brothers Pub – we have made reservations at Nine Irish for early arrivals who would like to gather in this award-winning pub next to the Purdue campus.

Friday 9/18:

Breakfast: 8:00–9:00 AM

Foray #1: 9:00–11:30 AM

Lunch: 12:00–1:00 PM (at the A-frame lodge)

Foray #2: 1:00–4:00 PM

Mushroom display & ID: 4:00–6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00–7:00 PM

Mushroom display & ID: 7:00–9:00 PM

9:00 PM: The Vault – we will provide rides to the Vault in downtown Lafayette.

Saturday 9/19:

Breakfast: 8:00–9:00 AM; pick up sack lunch

Foray #3: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Lunch 12:00–1:00 PM (in the field)

Foray #4: 1:00–4:00 PM

Mushroom display & ID: 4:00–6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00–7:00 PM

Mushroom display & ID: 7:00–9:00 PM

9:00 PM: The Spot Tavern – we will provide rides to the Spot Tavern in downtown Lafayette.

Sunday 9/20:

Breakfast: 8:00–9:00 AM

Clean up and head home

NOTE: *Consumption of alcohol is not allowed at Ross Camp. Therefore, we have arranged to provide drives to select Lafayette pubs each evening for those who wish to relax with a beer after a hard day's foraying.*

FORAY SCHEDULE

There are a number of interesting and diverse properties in the Lafayette area; descriptions, maps, and notes for each have been provided in this booklet.

Friday 9/18:

Foray #1: 9:00–11:30 AM – we will lead three concurrent trips to:

1. Martell Forest
2. Celery Bog
3. Granville Sand Barrens*/Roy Whistler Wildlife Area (limited to 8 participants at a time)

Foray #2: 1:00–4:00 PM – we will lead three concurrent trips to:

1. Moyer Gould Woods
2. Fisher Oak Savanna* (limited to 8 participants at a time)
3. Weiler-Leopold Nature Reserve*/Black Rock Barrens* (each limited to 8 participants at a time)

Saturday 9/19: [Pick up your sack lunch before you leave; lunch will be in the field.]

We will split into two groups. Please carry a copy of your State Park permit (in this packet).

Foray #3: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Group 1: Shades State Park

Group 2: Turkey Run State Park

Foray #4: 1:00–4:00 PM

Group 1: Turkey Run State Park

Group 2: Shades State Park

Alternate sites:

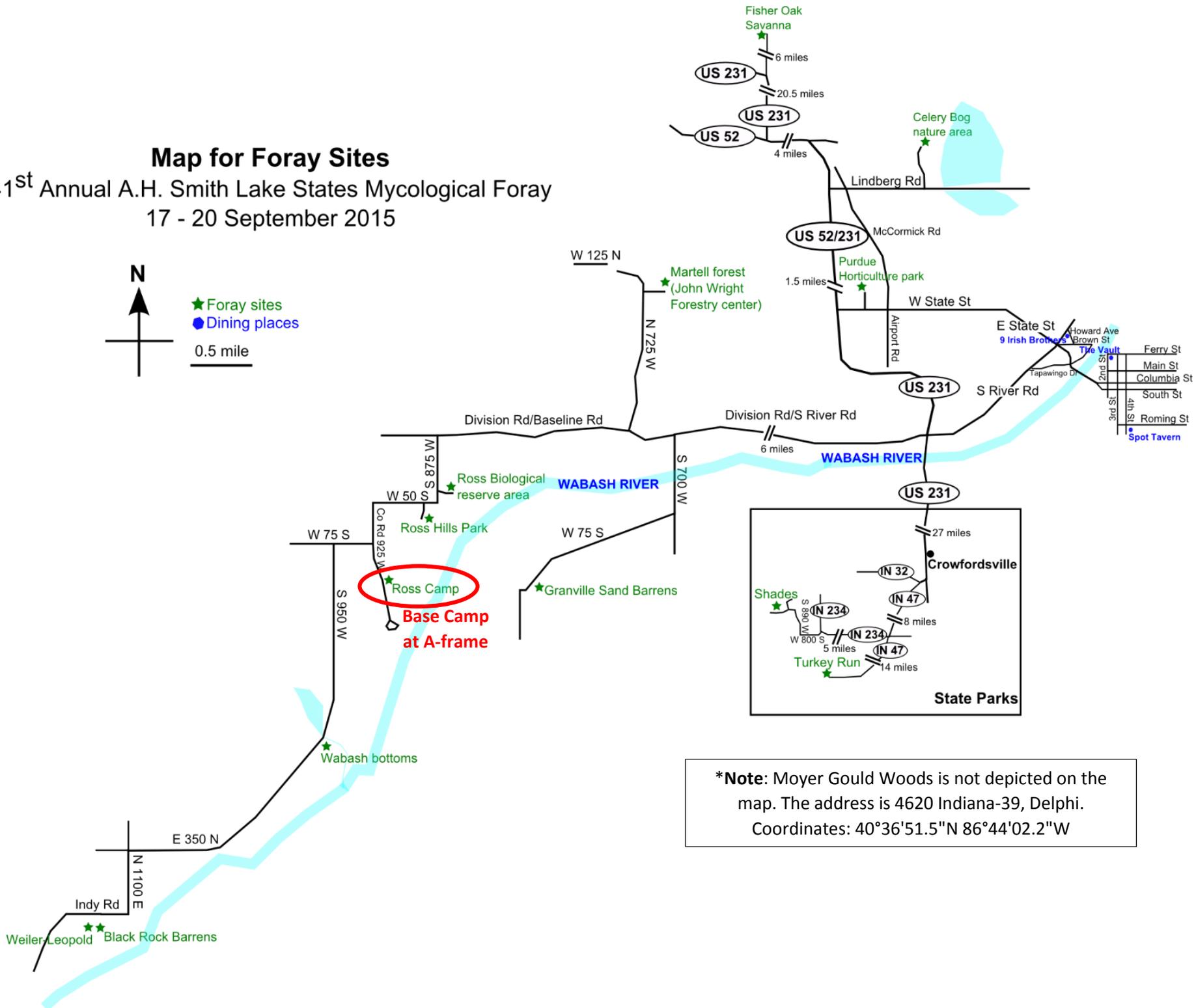
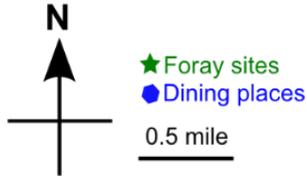
Other area sites of interest that you may wish to visit on your own time include:

1. Purdue Horticultural Park
2. Wabash Bottoms
3. Ross Hills Park (a hiking trail right next to Ross Camp)
4. Ross Biological Reserve (within walking distance of Ross Camp)

*NICHES permitted properties are limited to a maximum of 8 visitors at a time. Please carry your NICHES permits (enclosed in packet) with you to these properties.

Map for Foray Sites

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***Note:** Moyer Gould Woods is not depicted on the map. The address is 4620 Indiana-39, Delphi.
Coordinates: 40°36'51.5"N 86°44'02.2"W

Ross Hills Park and Ross Camp

Ross Hills Park is named in honor of David Ross (1871 – 1943), a Hoosier inventor, manufacturer and Purdue University benefactor. The park is the site of his dairy farm and summer home. In 1926 David Ross and Professor G.E. Lommel visited a 200 acre farm adjacent to Ross' summer home. The visit was to determine if the site would be suitable as a surveying camp for Purdue Civil Engineering students. Ross purchased the land and donated it to the University. Purdue used the camp for instruction up until 1960. In 1963 the property became the Hoosier 4-H Leadership Center and served thousands of Indiana youth. In 1992 an agreement was reached between the Ross-Ade Foundation and the Tippecanoe County Park Board for use as a public park.



The Gordon Jones Lodge, also known as the **A-frame lodge**, is a rustic but modern facility. Located on the building's lower level is a kitchen equipped with stove, sink and refrigerator, and adjoins the dining area. The lounge on the upper level features a gas log fireplace, cathedral ceiling and stereo system. The Lodge can sleep 68 people in eight rooms, with four sets of bunk beds per room.



Directions

From West Lafayette/Lafayette: Take South River Road/Division Road west across US 231 and follow that for 8.3 miles to the Ravines Golf Course at S 875 W and take a left. Follow S 875 W passed Ross Hills Park and curve right onto W 50 S. Then, take the next left onto 925 W. You will see a sign for the Ross Camp entrance before a right curve to W 75 S. After entering Ross Camp, take the first left and head about 400–500 feet to the A-frame lodge, which is our base camp.

Source: <http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/>

Foray #1 site 1: Martell Forest (John S. Wright Forestry Center)

Friday September 18, 9:00 AM–11.30 PM

Martell Forest is in the Central Till Plain in Tippecanoe County. It contains a total of 477 acres with **398 acres of forest**. The property is 8.5 miles from the Purdue University, West Lafayette campus. Martell forest is used for research and teaching by forestry students and students from other disciplines. It is named for Dr. Eldred R. “Shorty” Martell, who was head of Purdue's Department of Forestry and Conservation, now known as the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, from 1940 to 1957.

Martell Forest is the site of the John S. Wright Forestry Center, a research , teaching and conference facility located at 1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette, Indiana. In addition to the Wright Center, Martell Forest is home to the John L. Van Camp Arboretum, a collection of **100 trees native to Indiana** provided to the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources as a gift from the family of former faculty member John L. Van Camp.

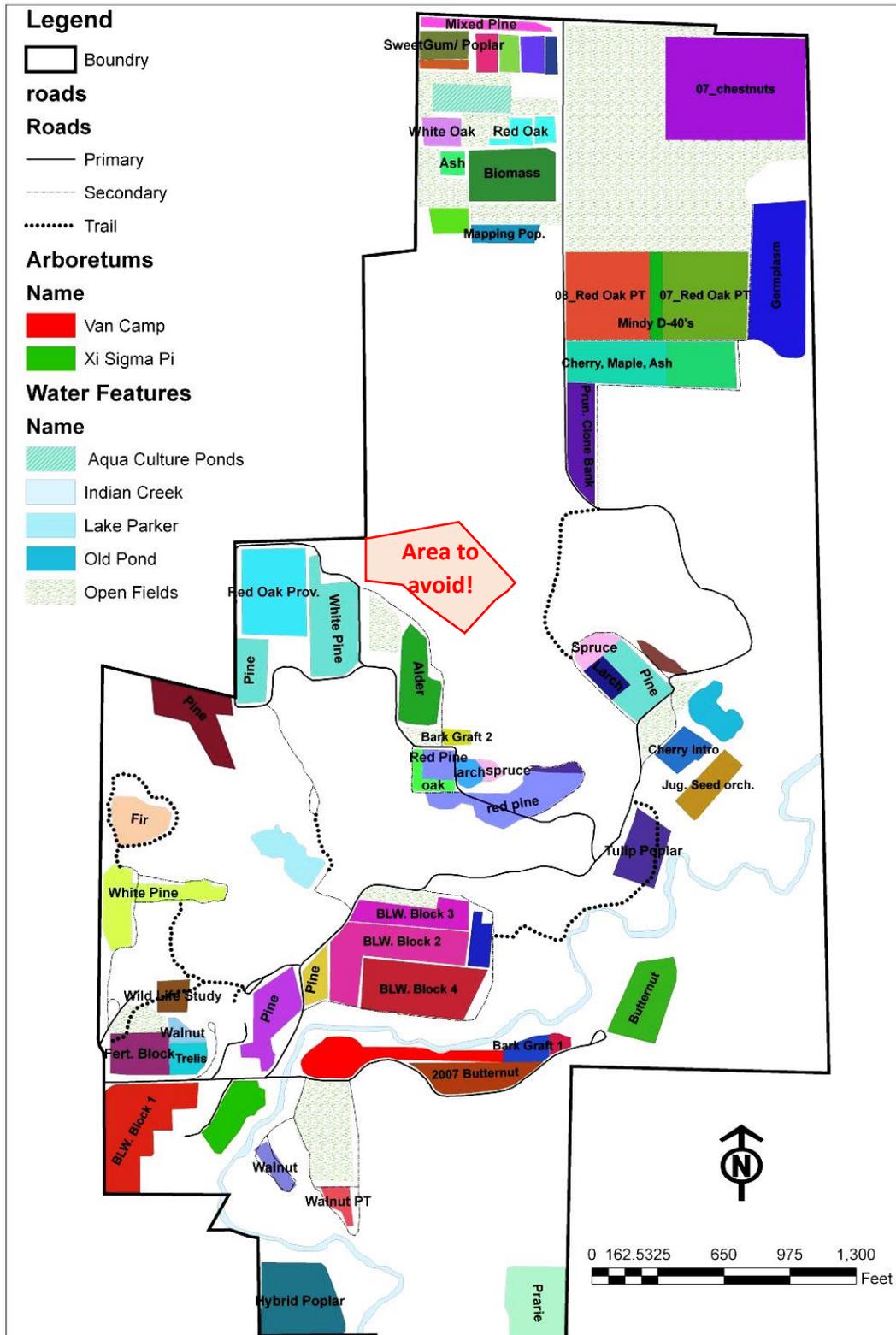
Directions

From Ross Camp: Upon exiting Ross Camp, turn right onto Co Rd 925 W. Keep straight and then curve right onto W 50 S. Follow the road for 0.5 miles and then curve left onto S 875 W. At the end of the road, turn right onto Base Line Rd/Division Rd. Follow the road for 1.5 miles and take left to N 725 W. Keep straight along the road for 1 mile. You will see the entrance for John S. Wright Forestry Center on your right (Co Rd 100 N).

Source: <https://ag.purdue.edu/fnr/Pages/propmartell.aspx>

Trail Map: Martell Forest (John S. Wright Forestry Center)

Plot Map of Martell



Foray #1 site 2: Celery Bog Nature Area

Friday September 18, 9:00 AM–11.30 PM

The Celery Bog Nature Area is a tranquil spot for wildlife and people alike. You'll find some unusual plants and the opportunity to view nearly 120 different species of birds. Rabbits, coyotes, opossums and other small mammals dwell there, as well as many amphibious creatures—all attracted to its rich and unique wetland habitat.

How the Celery Bog got its name: For much of the twentieth century, the Celery Bog was a large vegetable farm which supplied fresh produce to more than 80 grocers in the region. They tilled many acres, all by hand - watering with sprinkler cans when necessary. On hot days, the peat-rich soil smoldered: one year, the planting beds caught fire, burning for weeks. Drainage tiles and other scant traces of these pioneering farmers can still be found in the Celery Bog. The Bog contains **five wetland basins** covering 105 acres. It is listed by DNR's Indiana Natural Heritage Program as one of the "significant sites" in the state.

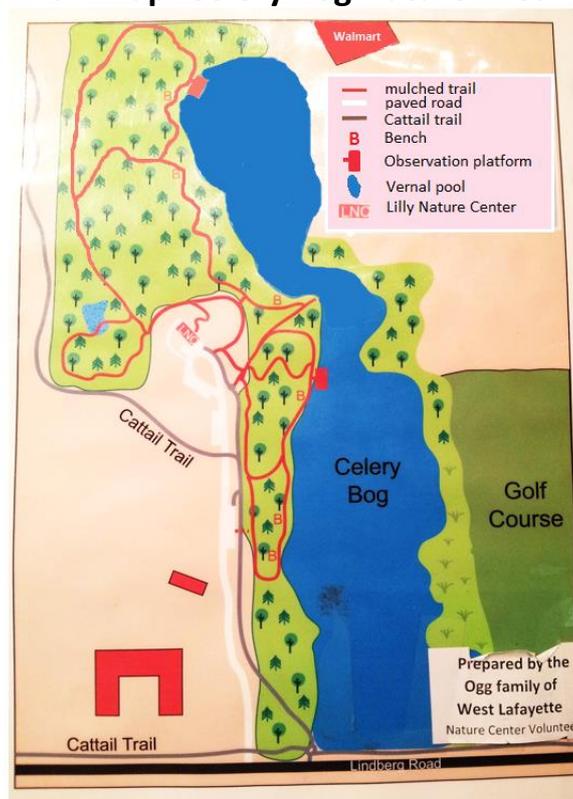
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From Ross camp: Upon exiting Ross Camp, turn right onto Co Rd 925 W. Keep straight and then curve right onto W 50 S. Follow the road for 0.5 miles and turn left onto S 875 W. At the end of the road, turn right onto Base Line Rd/Division Rd. Follow the road for 8.3 miles and turn left onto US-231/US-52 W. Keep straight for 3.4 miles, and then turn right onto Lindberg Rd. Then head straight for 0.6 mile. You will see the entrance on the left just before approaching a bridge. Parking lot is available inside.

Source: <http://www.homeofpurdue.com/whattodo/celerybognaturearea.html>

NOTE: This place has abundance of rust and other microfungi. There are plenty of oaks and hardwoods, but beware of poison ivy.

Trail Map: Celery Bog Nature Area



Foray #1 site 3: Granville Sand Barrens and Roy Whistler Wildlife Area

Friday September 18, 9:00 AM–11.30 PM

This 80-acre dual property includes the finest 22 acres of sand barrens remaining in Indiana. The **sand barrens, a rare ecological community**, together with the additional surrounding acres which are currently undergoing restoration to create a **barrens/prairie/savanna complex**, will exemplify the naturally occurring interface of ecological communities that would have occurred at this site historically. The wind-blown sand from the bed of the glacial Wabash River overtopping the rich glacial-outwash of the Wea Plains creates a unique and varied interface of substrate that supports a diverse group of native plant and animal species.

The property includes a number of plants of special interest including at least two species of puccoon (fringed and hairy), forked bluecurls, and perhaps the densest stand of golden-aster in the state, known to occur at only a few scattered localities in Indiana.

The prairie/savanna restoration is developing nicely around the barrens and we are beginning to see the edges of these plant communities feather together developing more natural transitional edges. All of the species that were drilled into the more gravelly outwash soils to the east of the barrens proper are being expressed at some level. We are starting to see lots of leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*) showing up along with its frequent companion, purple prairie clover (*Dalea purpurea*) and we have introduced a few small patches of prairie willow after finding a record of the plants occurrence in Tippecanoe County from Stanley Coulter (1900). After a fire in the spring of 2014 the prairie grasses, mostly Canada wild-rye and side-oats gramma, exploded with seed. In 2015 we will work to restore royal catch-fly (*Silene regia*) to the site.

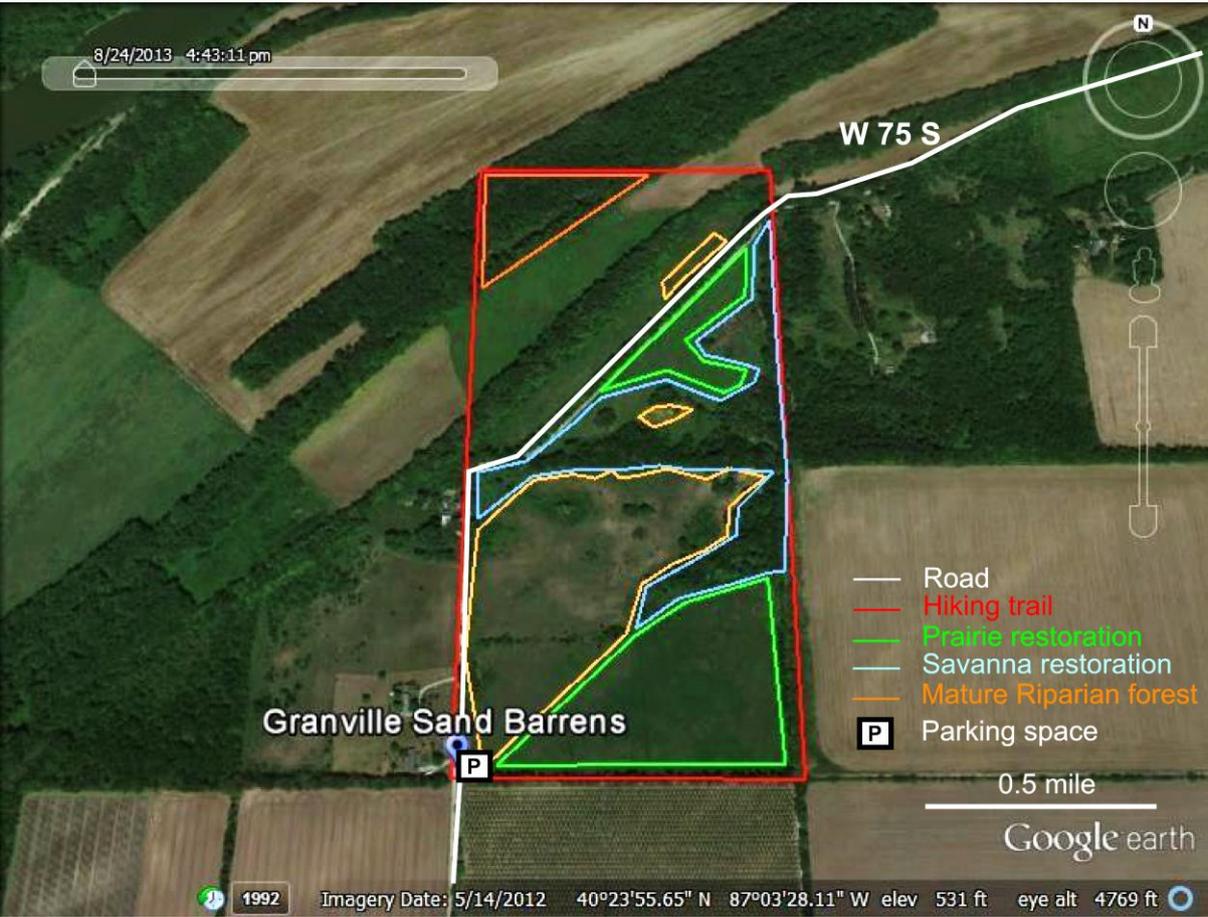
Directions

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Source: nicheslandtrust.org

NOTE: This site is limited to eight visitors at a time. There are stands of oaks and some pines in the mature forested area.

Trail Map: Granville Sand Barrens and Roy Whistler Wildlife Area



Foray #2 site 1: Moyer Gould Woods

Friday September 18, 1:00–4.00 PM

Moyer Gould Woods had been in the Moyer and Gould family since prior to the civil war. Early conservationists, the woods have been enrolled in the Classified Forest program for over 60 years. The family had a few light timber harvests on the property over the years.

The property has three springs originating on the property as well as seeps, filled with skunk cabbage. In a few portions of the property conglomerate bedrock crops up with walking ferns and a variety of mosses.

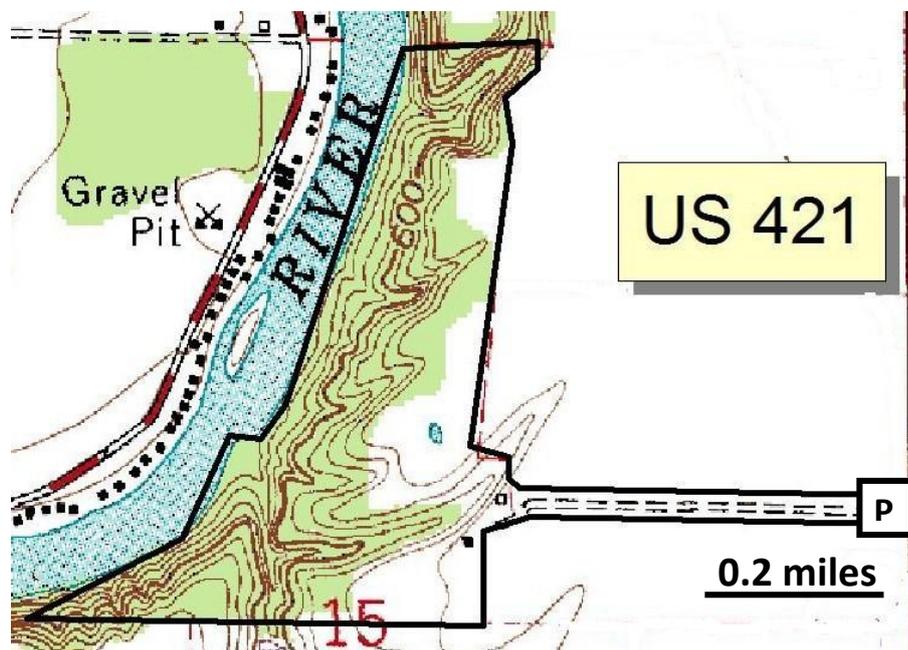
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Source: nicheslandtrust.org

NOTE: A trail starts with a line of walnut trees and grassland before entering **deciduous forest** with oak and maple trees.

Trail Map: Moyer Gould Woods



Foray #2 site 2: Fisher Oak Savanna Nature Preserve

Friday September 18, 1:00–4.00 PM

The natural core of the 220 acre Fisher Oak Savanna is a series of **black oak savanna dune ridges interspersed with pin oak flatwoods**.

Pin oak flatwoods hold water in the spring and dry up later in the season. Many rare plants and amphibians call these areas home. This community is rare in the modern landscape and lead to this high quality site being dedicated as an Indiana state nature preserve.

NICHES is actively working on opening up the savanna by removing invading trees, brush and returning fire as a natural process. The blueberry bushes, lupines and puccoon among others will all benefit from this work.

Interspersed and bordering the natural core are former agricultural fields that NICHES has partnered with Spence Nursery to restore high diversity prairie and wetland communities. High diversity restorations next to exist natural remnants have been shown to have increased numbers of rare and declining animals.

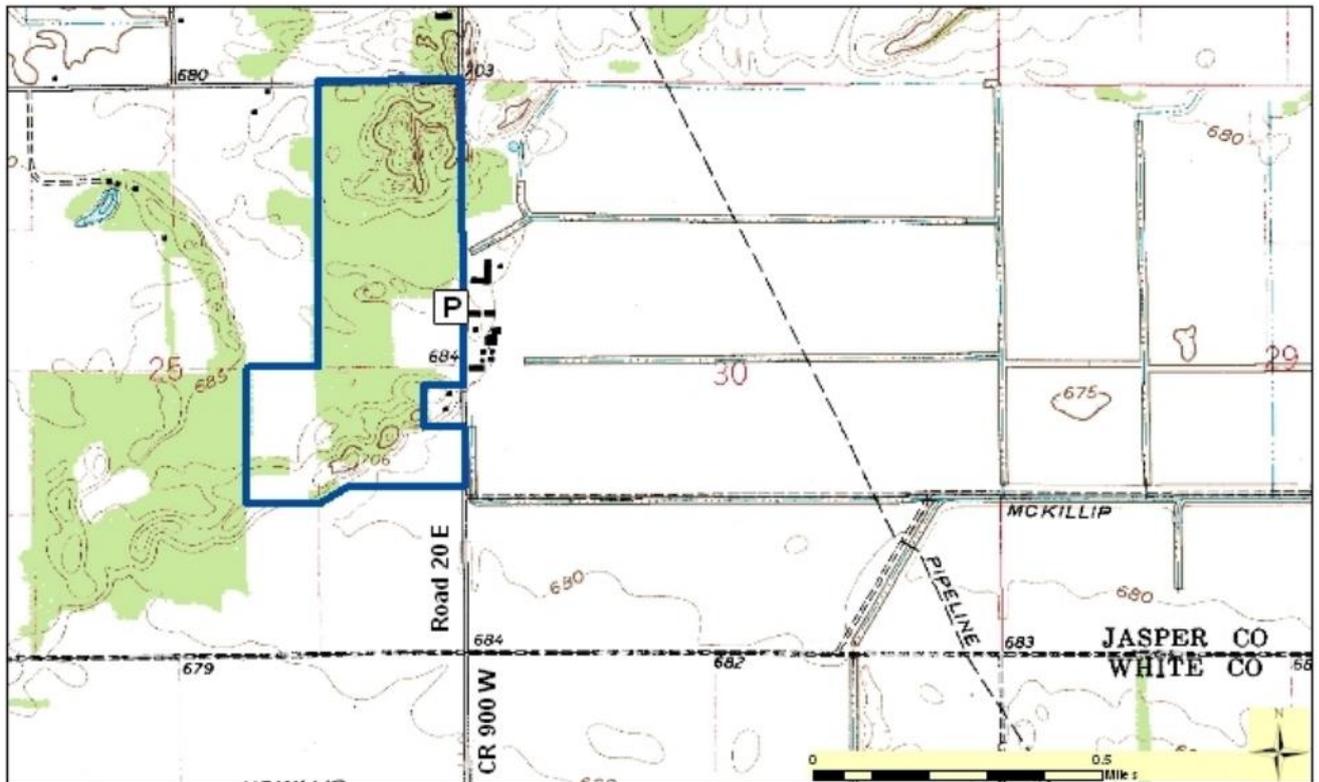
Directions

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Source: nicheslandtrust.org

NOTE: We are limited to eight visitors on this property at a time. The landscape is savanna and deciduous forest right next to each other. Oaks abound, as do saprotrophic mushrooms. Beware of overgrown trails and poison ivy.

Trail Map: Fisher Oak Savanna Nature Preserve



Foray #2 site 3: Weiler-Leopold Nature Reserve

Friday September 18, 1:00–4.00 PM

This 179-acre property on the Wabash River in eastern Warren County includes **open oak savannas**, wooded slopes, old fields dotted with boulders deposited by glaciers in millennia past, 100 acres of **bottomlands** returning to forest after the planting of 30,000 trees in May of 2000, and a 12-acre grassland area being restored to native tall grass prairie. Walks through these areas are most conveniently begun from the parking lot at the northeast corner of the property. Birds and mammals abound. Many special plants have also been found and more are being discovered each year now that fire, in the form of controlled burns in the **savanna and prairie areas**, has returned to reduce the competition from aggressive and nonnative invaders.

The Reserve is named after its former joint owners, the families of Emanuel Weiler, who was the founding dean of Purdue's School of Management and of the Krannert Graduate School, and of A. Carl Leopold, an internationally known plant physiologist and son of the renowned naturalist Aldo Leopold. It was acquired in 1999 with the support of the Indiana Heritage Trust, the Roy Whistler Foundation, the Sycamore Audubon Society, the Weiler, Leopold, and Sanna families, and nearly two hundred additional individuals, families, groups, and businesses.

Black Rock Barrens Nature Preserve

This **100-acre wooded area** (which adjoins the east boundary of NICHES' Weiler-Leopold property) was originally purchased by The Nature Conservancy in the summer of 1999 on NICHES' behalf. The property was donated to NICHES after TNC received grant money from the Indiana Heritage Trust at the end of 2000.

Although adjacent to Weiler-Leopold, the character of Black Rock Barrens is quite different. Part of the 100 acres is in the Black Rock Barrens area, a **siltstone glade community** which is extremely rare in the Midwest. Sixty acres are wooded and the remaining forty acres of bottomlands were reforested in the Spring of 2001. The property will eventually become a State Dedicated Nature Preserve.

Directions

From Ross Camp: Upon exiting Ross Camp, turn left onto W 75 S. Then turn left onto S 950 W, and follow the road for 3.6 miles until approaching the intersection. Turn left onto N 1100 E and follow the road for 0.8 miles. You'll see a shared parking area for both nature reserves on your left.

Source: nicheslandtrust.org

NOTE: We are limited to eight visitors to these properties at a time. Early scouting turned up a variety of ECM fungi.

Trail Map: Weiler-Leopold and Black Rock Barrens Nature Preserve



Foray #3 & 4 site: Turkey Run State Park

Saturday September 19

Classic examples of natural and human history abound at Turkey Run State Park, from its deep canyons nestled in the shadows of sandstone and peaceful **hemlock groves** to the Salmon Lusk Home and mill site.

Our second state park also invites you to some of Indiana's most ruggedly beautiful hiking trails. From the tiny mosses and ferns to the majestic **old-growth walnuts and sycamores**, lush plant communities thrive, supporting an abundance of wildlife. Deer tracks, beaver-chewed trees, pileated woodpecker excavations and the rocking flight of the turkey vulture are common sights throughout the year

Directions

From Ross Camp: Upon exiting Ross Camp, turn right to Co Rd 925 W. Keep straight and then curve right to W 50 S. Follow the road for 0.5 miles and turn left to S 875 W. At the end of the road, turn right onto Base Line Rd/Division Rd. Follow the road for 8.3 miles and turn right onto US-231S. Drive for 27 miles. After passing downtown Crowfordsville, turn left onto IN-47 S, and then bear slightly left to keep you on IN-47S. Keep straight for about 22 miles and you'll see an entrance sign on your right.

Source: www.in.gov > State Parks

NOTE: There are numerous trails to explore at Turkey Run; please carry your State Park permit.

LOCATION MAP



TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

8121 E. Park Road • Marshall, IN 47859 • (765) 597-2635
2,382 acres Established 1916

- Stay on marked trails.
- Trails close at dusk.
- All hikers must be off trails prior to dusk.
- Bicycles prohibited on trails and service roads.
- Swimming and wading in Sugar Creek are prohibited within the park.

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	2	Moderate/Rugged
2	2	Rugged
3	1.7	Very Rugged
4	2	Moderate/Rugged
5	.7	Moderate
6	.5	Moderate/Rugged
7	.7	Moderate
8	1.5	Moderate
9	1	Very Rugged
10	1.4	Moderate
11	.5	Easy

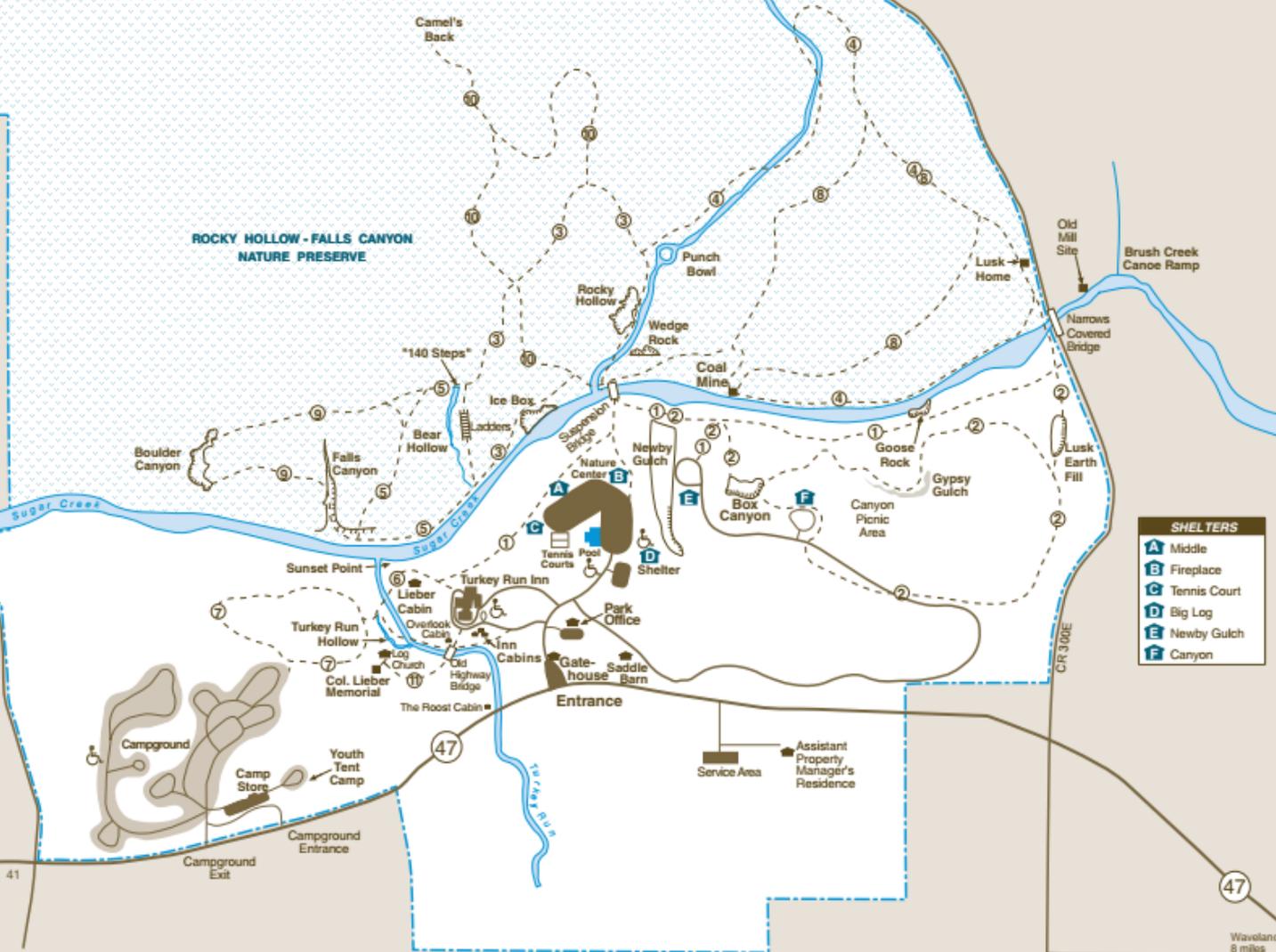
LEGEND	
	Nature Preserve
	Private Property
	Accessible



Rockville
8 miles



ROCKY HOLLOW - FALLS CANYON NATURE PRESERVE



- SHELTERS**
- A** Middle
 - B** Fireplace
 - C** Tennis Court
 - D** Big Log
 - E** Newby Gulch
 - F** Canyon

Wavoland
8 miles

Foray # 3 & 4 site: Shades State Park

Saturday September 19

Long before the first settlers came to the area of Shades State Park, Native Americans lived among the **virgin forest, steep ravines** and **cliff areas** along Sugar Creek.

Legends claim that a large Piankeshaw village, a component of the diversified Miami tribe, lived on what is now park land. Legend also implies that a decisive Native American battle was fought by 600 warriors, the losing tribe having only 5 of the 12 survivors. Although this battle is only legend, one may be assured that these Native Americans and French voyagers played an important role in the rich history leading to the settlement of Indiana.

Directions

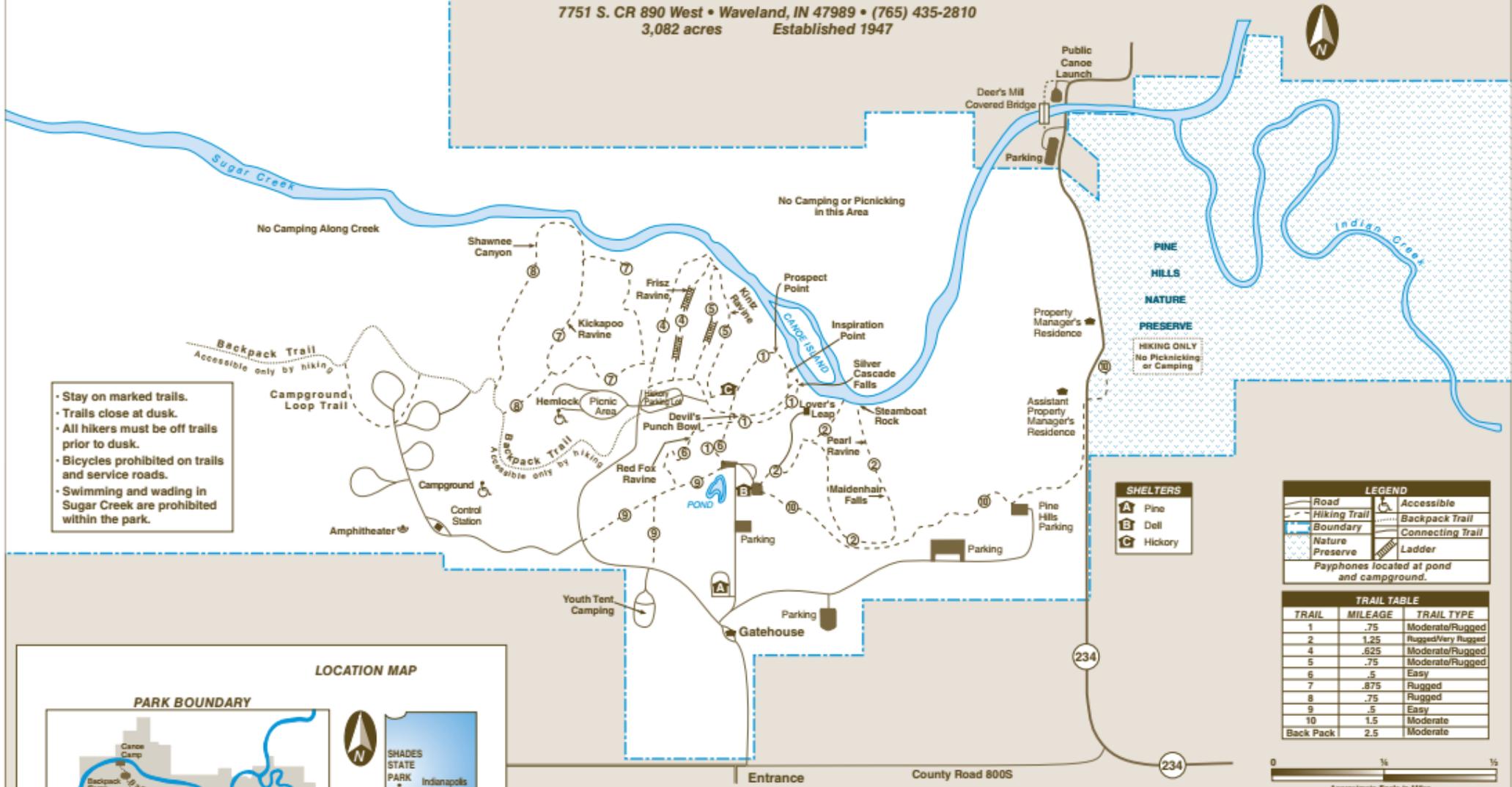
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Source: www.in.gov > State Parks

NOTE: There are numerous trails to explore at Turkey Run; please carry your State Park permit.

SHADES STATE PARK

7751 S. CR 890 West • Waveland, IN 47989 • (765) 435-2810
3,082 acres Established 1947



- Stay on marked trails.
- Trails close at dusk.
- All hikers must be off trails prior to dusk.
- Bicycles prohibited on trails and service roads.
- Swimming and wading in Sugar Creek are prohibited within the park.

- SHELTERS**
- A Pine
 - B Dell
 - C Hickory

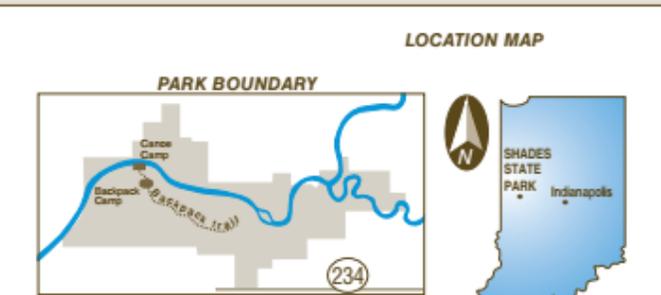
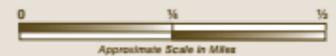
LEGEND

	Road		Accessible
	Hiking Trail		Backpack Trail
	Boundary		Connecting Trail
	Nature Preserve		Ladder

Payphones located at pond and campground.

TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	.75	Moderate/Rugged
2	1.25	Rugged/Very Rugged
4	.625	Moderate/Rugged
5	.75	Moderate/Rugged
6	.5	Easy
7	.875	Rugged
8	.75	Rugged
9	.5	Easy
10	1.5	Moderate
Back Pack	2.5	Moderate



Note: Backpack and Canoe camps are not accessible by vehicle. Backpack and Canoe campers see special information on reverse side of map.

WARNING: All trails, except 9, 10 and Backpack, have portions that use ravine streambeds as trail surface and sections of trail can become slick and trail tread uneven. Parts of these trails may be impassible during high water and should be considered closed during these times. Use alternate trails during times of high water.

Ladders are used on trails 4 and 5. These can be hazardous for visitors with some medical conditions or disabilities. Hikers with small children and pets should use alternate trails.

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RECYCLE
Recycle used beverage cans in the park's marked recycling containers. Thank you.

Alternate Foray site: Wabash Bottoms Janssen Tract

Forty-five acres of this seventy-acre property belong to NICHES and are marked with property boundary signs. (The remaining acres—the 200 foot strip along the river, and the field south of the NICHES sign, belong to the Tippecanoe County Department of Parks and Recreation, who partnered with us for the acquisition.) Thirty of NICHES' acres were planted with 10,000 trees in May of 2000. It will be a few years before that portion of the property begins to look like a forest instead of an old corn field. But the **river corridor, though narrow, is wooded**, and the north-east corner of the property includes an old **forested swamp** with many interesting plant, mammal, and bird species.

Directions

From Ross Camp: Upon exiting Ross Camp, turn left onto W 75 S. Then turn left onto S 950 W, and follow the road for 1.5 miles. Right after crossing a canal, you'll see a tiny parking area on your left.

Source: nicheslandtrust.org

NOTE: A trail follows along a canal flowing to the Wabash river. During early scouting trips we found a variety of interesting ascomycetes on the abundant tree falls along the bottoms and river corridor.

Trail Map: Wabash Bottoms Janssen Tract



Alternate Foray site: Ross Biological Reserve

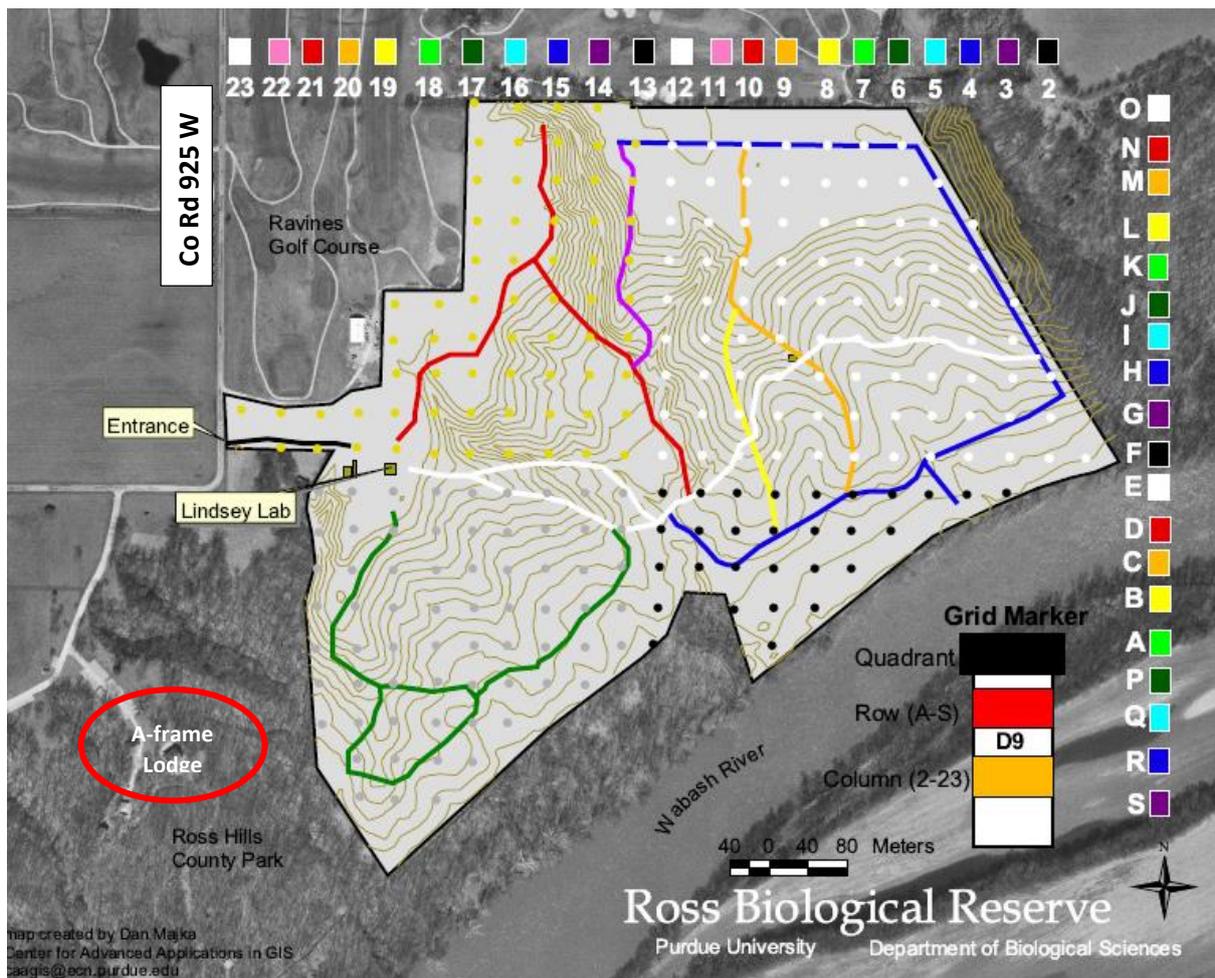
The mission of the Ross Biological Reserve and Alton A. Lindsey Field Laboratory at Purdue University is to integrate field research, teaching, and outreach in evolutionary ecology and conservation biology. These facilities are ten km from campus in the **prairie-forest transition** of west-central Indiana adjoining other research areas that together form the **400ha Indian Pine Research Station**. The Reserve includes **45ha of diverse mature forest** bordering the Wabash River, and the laboratory provides an effective space for classes and researchers. These forests are the “living laboratory” envisioned by founder Alton Lindsey in 1948 for many classes across several schools of the University, clearly embodying fundamental principles like ecological succession and conservation of biodiversity.

Directions

From Ross camp: Upon exiting Ross camp, walk along Co Rd 925 W. You will see an entrance on your right.

Source: <https://www.bio.purdue.edu/ecology/ross-reserve/>

Trail Map: Ross Biological Reserve



Restaurants and Bars Close to Ross Camp

Lafayette/West Lafayette (about 20 minutes away)

O'Bryans Nine Irish Brothers

Award-winning Irish pub featuring Irish standards such as shepherd's pie and corned beef and cabbage, along with a great selection of whiskey.

119 Howard Avenue

West Lafayette, IN 47906

(765) 746-4782 ♦ www.nineirishbrothers.com

NOTE: We have reservations for Thursday night, leaving from Ross at 7 PM.

The Vault

A fun, spacious place to play pool, drink cocktails and socialize.

205 North 2nd Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

(765) 269-9329 ♦ vaultunlocked.com

NOTE: We will provide rides to the Vault Friday night, leaving from Ross at 9 PM.

The Spot Tavern

A fun place to go and hang out with a good selection of beer and wine (no food). There is free pool and often live music and very friendly staff.

409 South 4th Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

(765) 423-SPOT

NOTE: We will provide rides to Spot Saturday night, leaving from Ross at 9 PM.

Black Sparrow

An eclectic style pub and eatery featuring a flavorful menu, good beer and wine selection and a full bar (and is also a favorite hangout of the Aime Lab).

223 Main Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

(765) 429-0405 ♦ blacksparrowpub.com

DT Kirby's

Fun Chicago-style sports bar with an awesome selection of burgers, hotdogs and other fried fare, not to mention great beer and a lot of Jameson.

644 Main Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

(765) 429-6666 ♦ <http://www.viewmenu.com/d-t-kirbys/menu?ref=google>

Lafayette Brewing Company

Easygoing brewpub serving American comfort food.

622 Main Street

Lafayette, IN

(765) 742-2591 ♦ lafbrew.com

People's Brewing Company

If you're looking for a uniquely Lafayette place to drink, then this is it. The taproom has about ten different beers on tap at any one time, four of which are usually IPAs. No food is served here.

2006 North 9th Street

Lafayette, IN 47904

(765) 714-2777 ♦ www.peoplesbrew.com

RedSeven Bar & Grill

A little more upscale restaurant with a nice atmosphere, large outdoor patio, refreshing drinks and nice food.

200 Main Street

Lafayette, IN

(765) 742-7337 ♦ www.red7grill.com

Sgt. Preston's of the North

Hunting-lodge-style hangout in a historic building offering vast pub-fare options and pints, and is also home to the largest patio in Indiana.

6 North 2nd Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

(765) 742-7378 ♦ sgtprestons.org

Otterbein (about 10 minutes away from Ross Camp)

D & R Nite Owl Lounge

A good place to chill and unwind with bar food and a tad closer to Ross Camp.

112 S Main St

Otterbein, IN 47970