

Black Rock Barrens Nature Preserve (Heischman-McAdams Reserve)

County: Warren Size: 100 acres
Ownership: NICHES Land Trust Corp.



Location and Access

Parking and trails. Follow SR 26 into West Lafayette to S. River Rd and turn south. (This becomes Division Rd.) Go about 12 miles toward Green Hill, passing the Ravines Golf Course. Just before Green Hill the road does a 90° turn south, then west. After the 2nd sharp turn, take the first road on the left (CR 1125 E). Follow this blacktop road as it jogs south and west for about 4.2 miles. Watch for signs for Weiler-Leopold Nature Reserve and park in the parking lot there. Black Rock Barrens is east from the parking lot. There are trails through the preserve.



Description: The siltstone barrens community found here is very rare in the Midwest. There is a variety of spring woodland wildflowers. Harbinger-of-spring, sessile trillium, blue woodland phlox, and a very large mass of wild hyacinth are found in the mesic areas below the slopes. On the drier slopes there is service berry (an early blooming shrub), rue anemone, bird's-foot violet, yellow pimpernel, and downy phlox. Forty acres of bottomlands were reforested in 2001.

This property was originally purchased by The Nature Conservancy, which was able to donate it to NICHES after receiving a grant from the Indiana Heritage Trust.

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