



A LOOK AT THE LANDSCAPE

There are two contrasting habitats along this trail. The dry upper slopes of limestone and sandstone are covered with slow-growing trees, shrubs, and open glades. The lower slopes and valley are limestone, with more mesophytic (moist) forest. The dry sites support white, scarlet, blackjack, post, and chestnut oaks, mixed with Eastern red cedar. Several openings, often called glades or barrens, support prairie plants such as big and little bluestem, false dragonhead, and cone flower. The moist sites at lower elevations have mixtures of sugar maple, hackberry, ashes, and hickories.

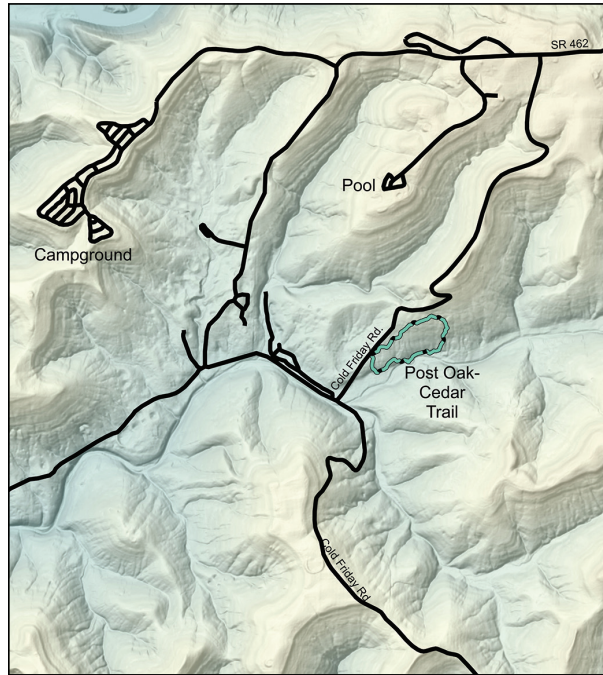
Historically, fire would have occurred frequently on the landscape. Frequent fires would have allowed the forest canopy to be more open and the mid-story to be thinner. This would have let more sunlight reach the forest floor, promoting the growth of a greater diversity of grasses and forbs which would have in turn supported a greater diversity of insects and vertebrates. Now, fire is being used to restore the Post Oak-Cedar Nature Preserve to its more diverse pre-European settlement state. The preserve is supposed to be burned every four years. Weather and other factors often make it longer between burns.

In order to protect the preserve's natural values, please:

- remain on the trail
- do not approach or disturb wildlife
- do not remove plants or any other natural items
- keep the area free of litter
- observe the ban on fires, cutting, picnicking, camping, horse riding and vehicular use.

DIRECTIONS

From the Campground: As you exit the State Park main gate, turn immediately right (south) onto Cold Friday Rd. Travel 1.5 miles south. The trail head will be on your left.



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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HARRISON-CRAWFORD STATE FOREST

POST OAK-CEDAR TRAIL

Post Oak-Cedar Trail is an easy 0.8 mile hiking trail which loops through the Post Oak-Cedar Nature Preserve. The trail head can be accessed off Cold Friday Rd. The preserve was one of the first created after the establishment of Nature Preserves in Indiana in 1967. The original 42 acres of Post Oak-Cedar Nature Preserve were dedicated October 15, 1970, this is where the trail is located. Now, the preserve is more than 250 acres and there are eight additional nature preserves within Harrison-Crawford State Forest covering more than 1,600 acres.



Post Oak-Cedar Trail

Harrison-Crawford State Forest

To Exit

Cold Friday Rd

Post Oak-Cedar Trail
(0.8 miles)

Parking Area



To Ohio River

Potato Run Creek

Horse Trail (yellow)

Horse Trail (yellow)

○ : Intersection Marker

