

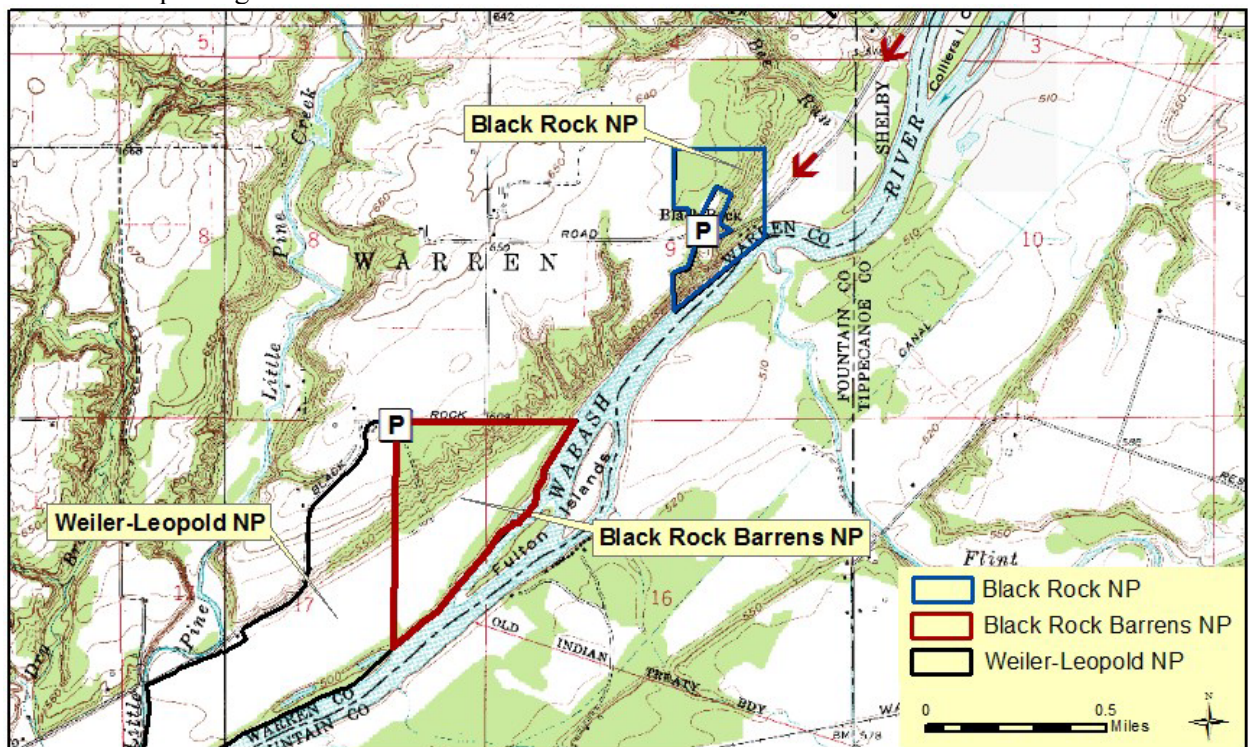
Black Rock Barrens Nature Preserve

County: Warren Size: 106 acres
Ownership: NICHES Land Trust, Inc.
Parking Coordinates: 40.35908, -87.11598



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 mi toward Green Hill, passing the Ravines Golf Course. Just before Green Hill the road does a 90° turn south, then west. After the second 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 mi. 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 is an easy-moderate 0.8 mile loop trail from the parking lot.



Description: This nature preserve containing siltstone barrens, mixed dry upland forest, floodplain forest, and an associated floodplain forest restoration. The siltstone barrens community found here is very rare in the Midwest. There is a variety of common spring woodland wildflowers, including a large and showy population of wild hyacinth found in the mesic areas below the slopes. The drier slopes harbor service berry, bird foot violet, yellow pimpernel, and downy phlox. orty acres of bottomlands was reforested in 2001. This property was originally purchased by The Nature Conservancy and supported with Indiana Heritage Trust funding.

Further Information:

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