

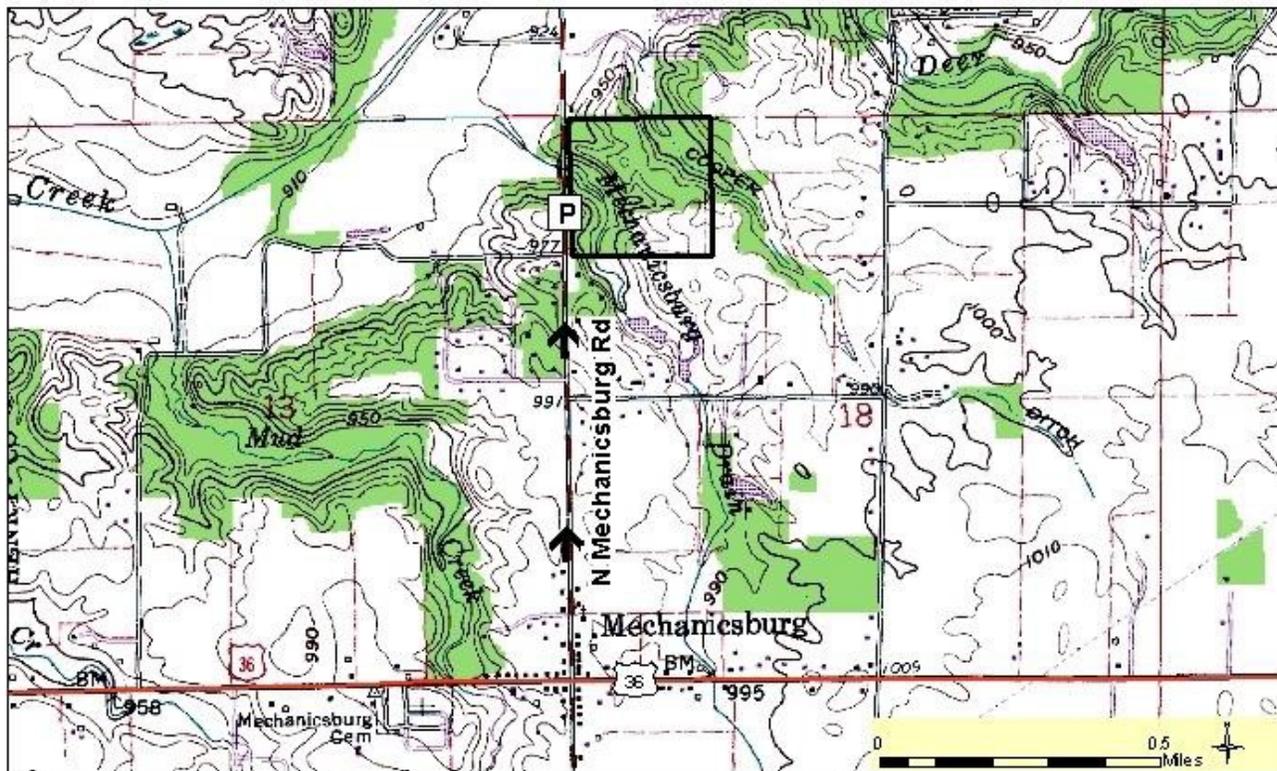
Smith-Crisler Nature Preserve

County: Henry Size: 40 acres
Ownership: Red-tail Land Conservancy



Location and Access

Parking and trail. From IN-36 in the small town of Mechanicsburg, turn north on N Mechanicsburg Road. Continue north 0.8 mile to the preserve, which is along the east side of Mechanicsburg Rd.



Description

Of the 40 acres: 20 are high quality mixed ravine forest; 13.5 are regrowth forest; and 6.5 acres are old field. This site occurs on an interesting landform as it is the eastern bluff of Fall Creek and is incised by two tributaries to this stream. These elevational changes lend the site aesthetic and botanic variety and interest. The mixed-mesophytic forests are mature and diverse and the site is noted for excellent spring wildflowers. The Alice Crisler Family has generously contributed a charitable donation through a bargain sale of the property. The site was purchased by the Red-tail Land Conservancy with a grant from the Indiana Heritage Trust Fund.

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