

# Tippecanoe River Nature Preserve

County: Pulaski

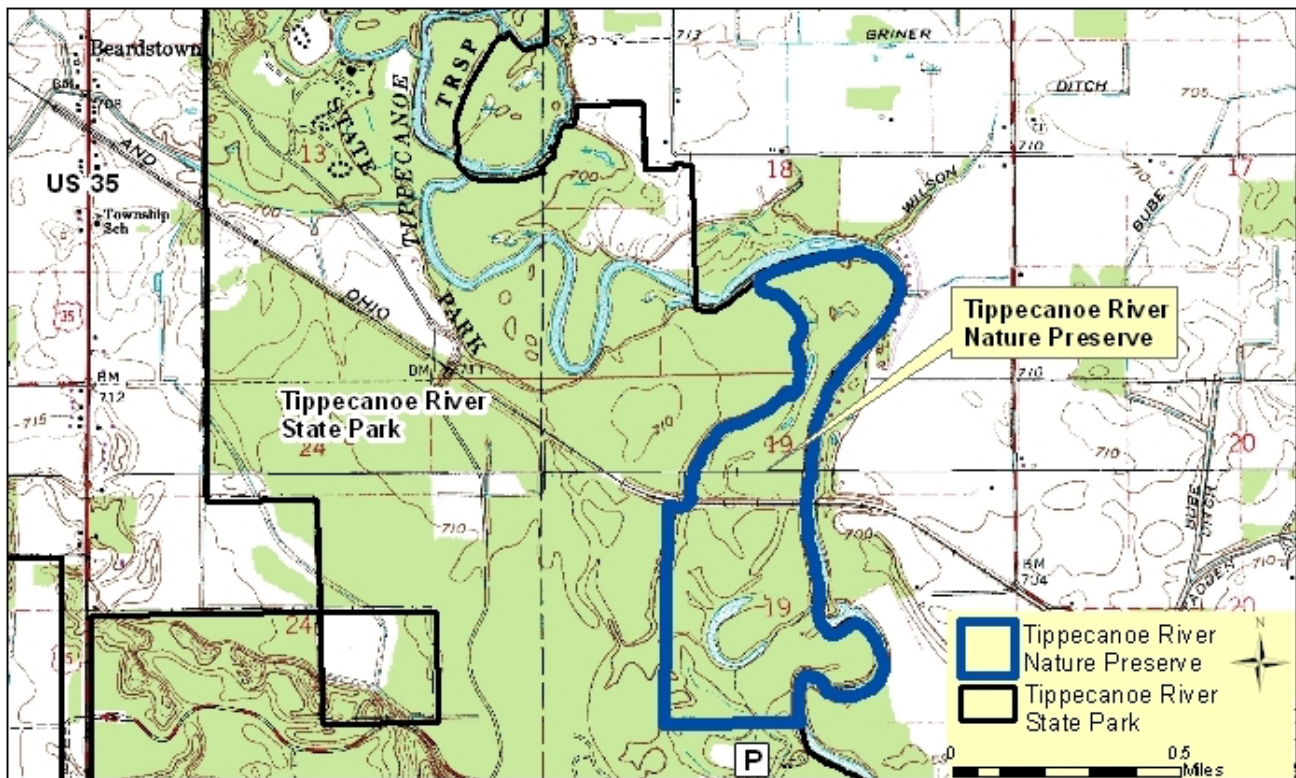
Size: 180 acres

Ownership: State Parks and Reservoirs - IDNR



## Location and Access

**Parking and trails.** Tippecanoe River State Park is about 4 miles north of Winamac on US 35. This preserve borders the river in the eastern portion of the Park. It is near the Tippecanoe River picnic area. Trail 4 passes through the southern portion of the preserve and is 1 mile long to its connection with Trail 5. Trail 5 runs through the northern portion of the preserve, starting at the railroad tracks, then turning to follow the river. Hiking both portions of trail 4 and trail 5 would be a 4 mile round trip. When the river is in flood stage trail four may be closed. Both trails are flat, natural tread surface trails. Rating is moderate



**Description:** The Tippecanoe River forms the sinuous border of this preserve for about 1.5 miles. Adjacent to the river is an extensive floodplain and bottomland area that contains many old oxbow sloughs. Silver maples, cottonwoods, and black willows are most common in areas subjected to frequent flooding, whereas the drier areas have red oak and black walnut. The swamp oxbow sloughs are especially attractive to water birds, such as great blue herons, which also have a nesting colony in a remote area of the state park. Other birds frequenting this area include Wood Ducks, Green Herons, Kingfishers, Red-headed Woodpeckers, and Prothonotary Warblers. Mammals are well represented with common ones like deer and muskrat, to the more unusual beaver and mink.

## Further Information:

Tippecanoe River State Park, 4200 N US Highway 35, Winamac, IN 46996. (574) 946-3213.

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