

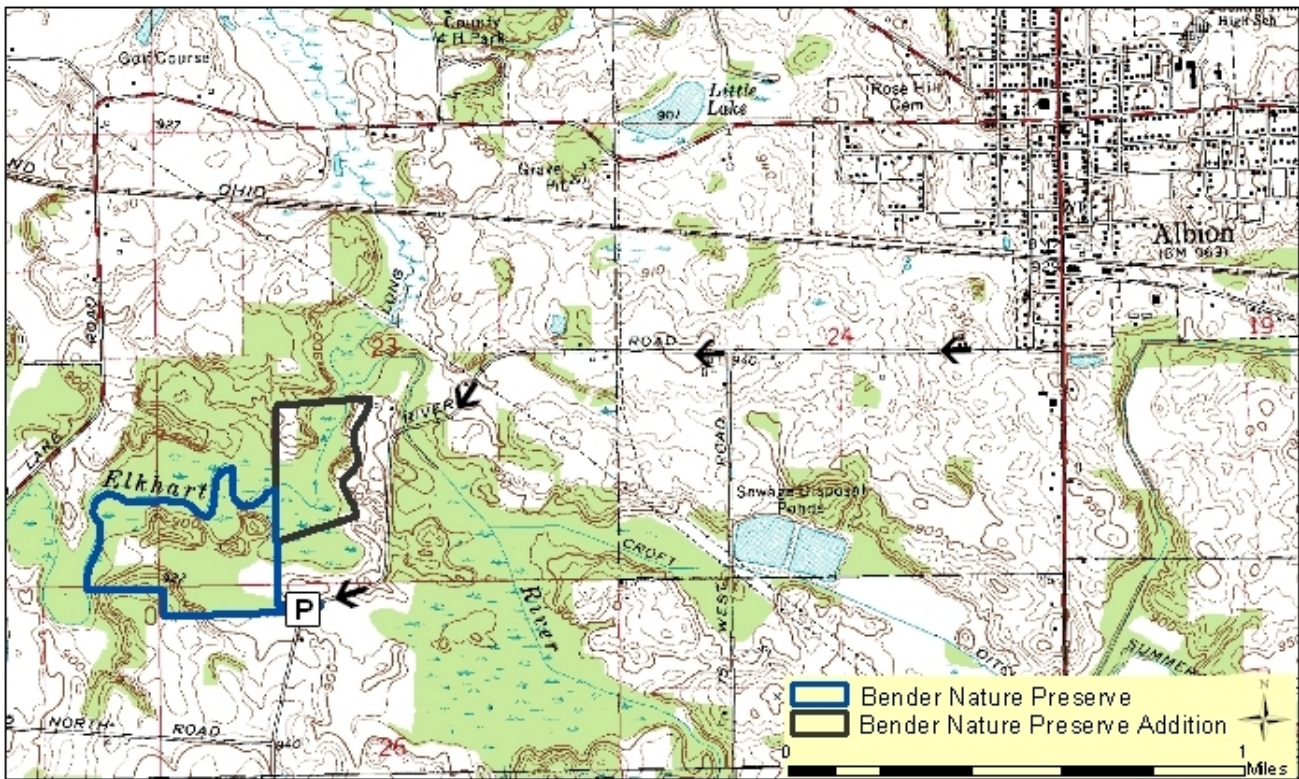
Bender Nature Preserve (Lloyd W. Bender)

County: Noble Size: 60 acres
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust



Location and Access

Parking and trail. This tract is 2 miles southwest of Albion. Exit SR 9 at the southern edge of Albion. Go west on River Rd. to the marked parking lot, and follow the trail to the woods. A nature trail traverses the property.



Description: The South Branch of Elkhart River and its floodplain form the north and west boundaries of the preserve. The combination of floodplain swamp forest, upland ridges, and old fields reverting to woody vegetation, provides a wide diversity of plant and animal communities.

The swamp forest is dominated by red maple, green ash, and red elm. The shrub layer is dominated by swamp rose, red osier dogwood and poison ivy. Upland morainal ridges support second-growth stands dominated by hickories and oaks.

Further Information:

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