

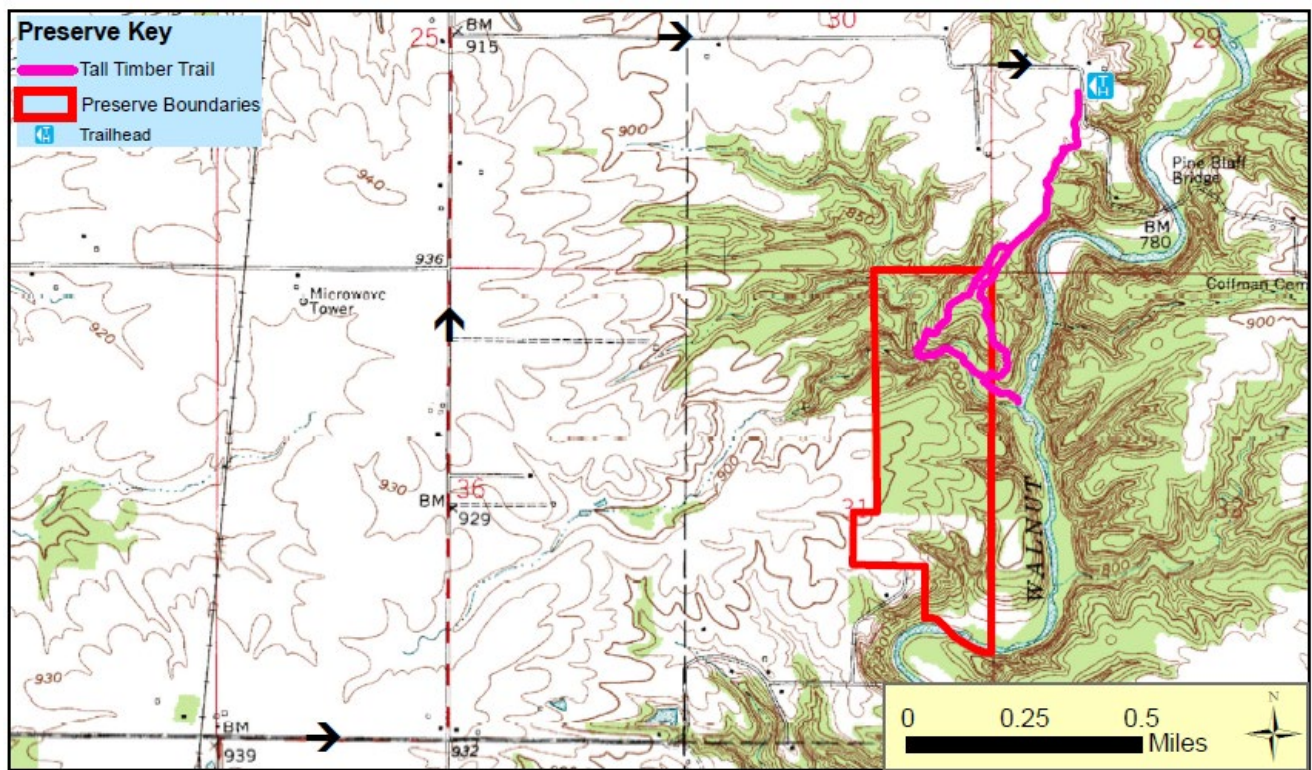
# Fortune Woods Nature Preserve

County: Putnam                      Size: 119.87 acres  
Ownership: The Nature Conservancy  
Parking Coordinates: 39.79677, -86.77741



## Location and Access

**Parking and trails.** From Indianapolis, travel west on U.S. 36 to Bainbridge. Turn right (north) on North Washington Street (the intersection is the only stoplight in town). Continue on this road as it curves right (CR 800 N) and then left (CR 250 E) to North Putnam High School. At the first gravel road after the high school (CR 950 N), turn right (east). Continue for 1.4 miles to the Tall Timbers Trail parking lot on the right.



**Description:** This nature preserve is comprised of several tracts and is located adjacent to Big Walnut Nature Preserve. It is part of a large block of high quality forested habitats along the Big Walnut Creek watershed and is a designated National Natural Landmark. This property is managed by TNC along with DNR Division of Nature Preserves and Central Indiana Land Trust. The stream provides documented water quality improvement as it passes through the preserve. A variety of forested habitats, including old growth floodplain, mesic-upland, dry-mesic upland, and virgin relict stands of hemlock come together to form an oasis for area-sensitive forest interior plants and animals dependent upon large, unfragmented forest ecosystems. Noteworthy animals found here include the Salt-and-pepper Skipper, Worm-eating Warbler, Northern Leopard Frog, and the state-rare Arrowhead Spiketail Dragonfly; the state-rare plant Wolf Bluegrass is also present.

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