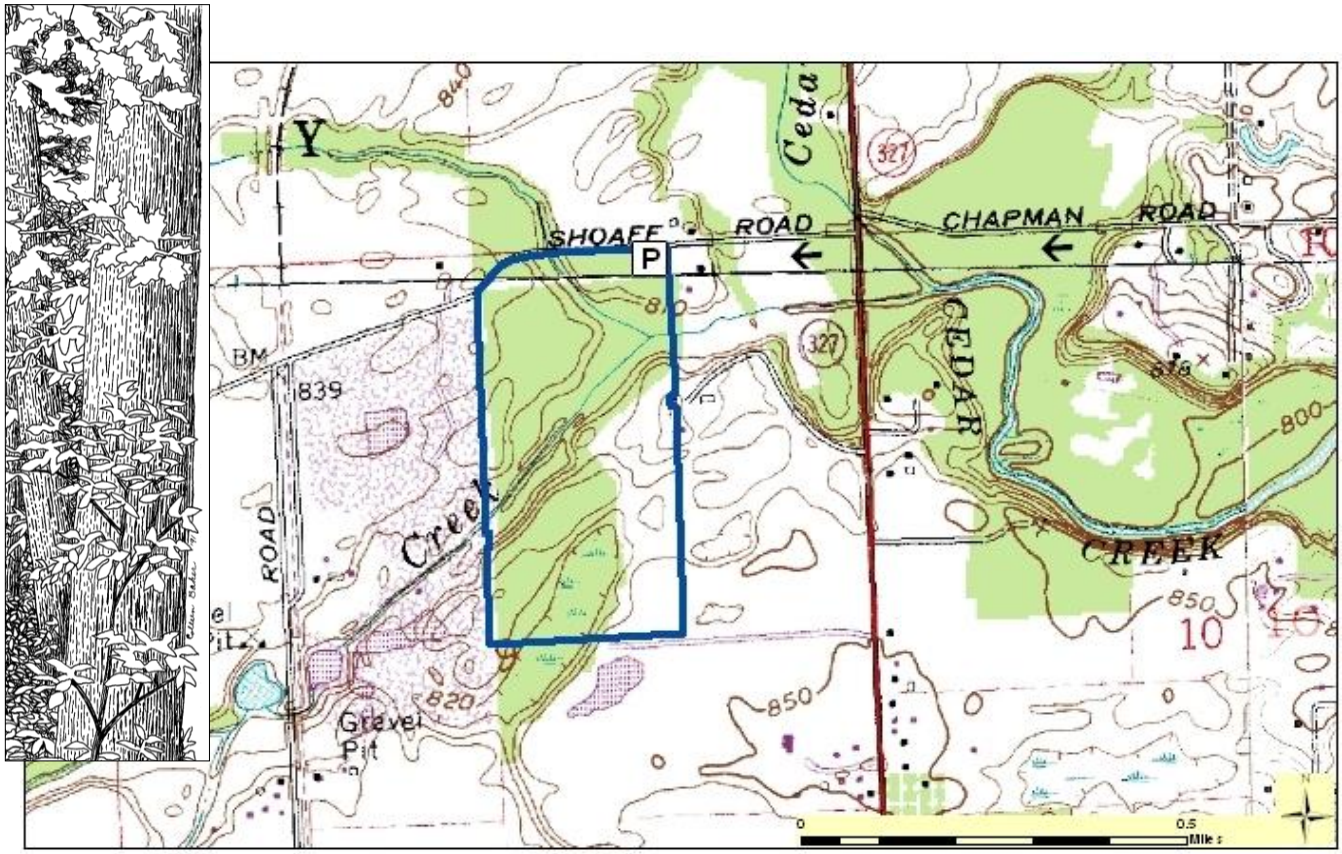
Bicentennial Woods Nature Preserve

County: Allen Size: 80 acres
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust

Location and Access

Parking and trail. From Fort Wayne, take I-69 to Coldwater Rd (SR 327), turn north (left) and travel for about 5 miles to Shoaff Rd. Turn west (left) and continue for 1 mile. A parking area is on the south side of Shoaff Rd. The nature preserve has a well-marked 2-mile trail system.



Description: The Bicentennial Woods was acquired to honor Fort Wayne's Bicentennial in 1994. ACRES' goal was to preserve a remnant of the original forest that existed when Fort Wayne was founded in 1794. Many oaks in the preserve are over 200 years old. Willow Creek, a tributary of Cedar Creek, flows through the preserve. Bur oak, swamp white oak, shagbark hickory, bitternut hickory, sugar maple, black walnut, basswood, black cherry, and flowering dogwood are among the tree species present. The spring wildflowers include rue anemone, Dutchman's breeches, miterwort, appendaged waterleaf, and goldenseal. A portion of the preserve contains a buttonbush wetland and an upland field.

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