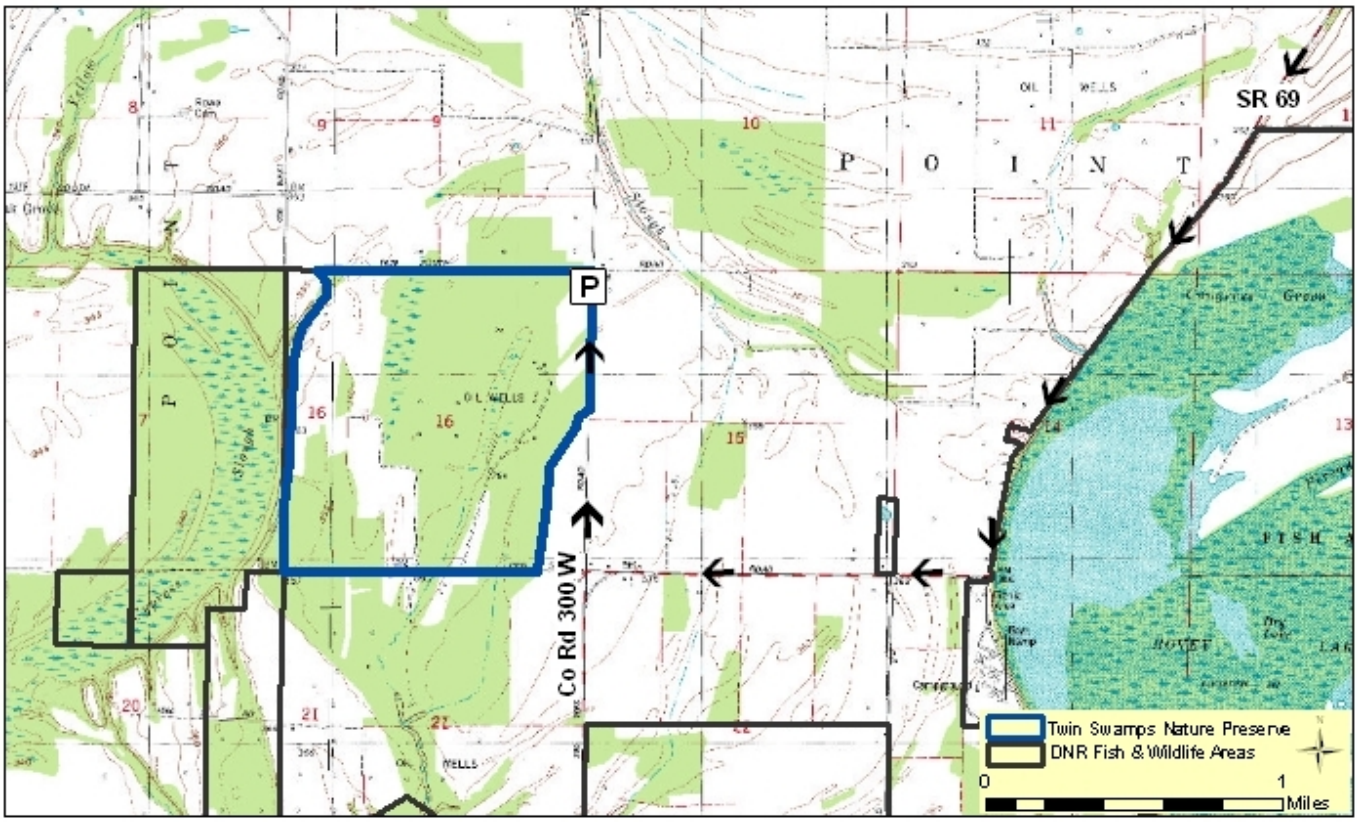
Twin Swamps Nature Preserve

County: Posey Size: 598 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR

Location and Access

Parking and trail. West of Mt. Vernon. Take SR 69 south in Posey County until it ends at Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area. From there, go west (right) on Graddy Rd a little over 1.25 miles to the first intersection. This is Raben Rd (CR 300W), which is a gravel road. Go north (right) on this gravel road (do not take the paved road, which curves left and turns south) for about 1 mile. The parking lot will be on the left near the intersection of Raben Rd and Walls Rd (CR 1400S). A trail and boardwalk traverses the property.



Description: Twin Swamps consists of a swamp cottonwood-bald cypress swamp and an overcup oak swamp, with an area of southern flatwoods between the two. This preserve is one of the few existing remnants of such communities which once occurred over large portions of the Ohio and Wabash River Valleys. Swamp white oak, shagbark hickory, cherrybark oak and pin oak are a few of the species which can be observed in the flatwoods section of the preserve. In the swamps, you can see large bald cypress, swamp cottonwood, and overcup oak trees. Twin Swamps is home to many bird species normally associated with this type of habitat, such as the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and the brilliantly colored Prothonotary Warbler.

Further Information:

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USGS Quad map: Uniontown, KY; Wabash Island, KY-IL-IN
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