

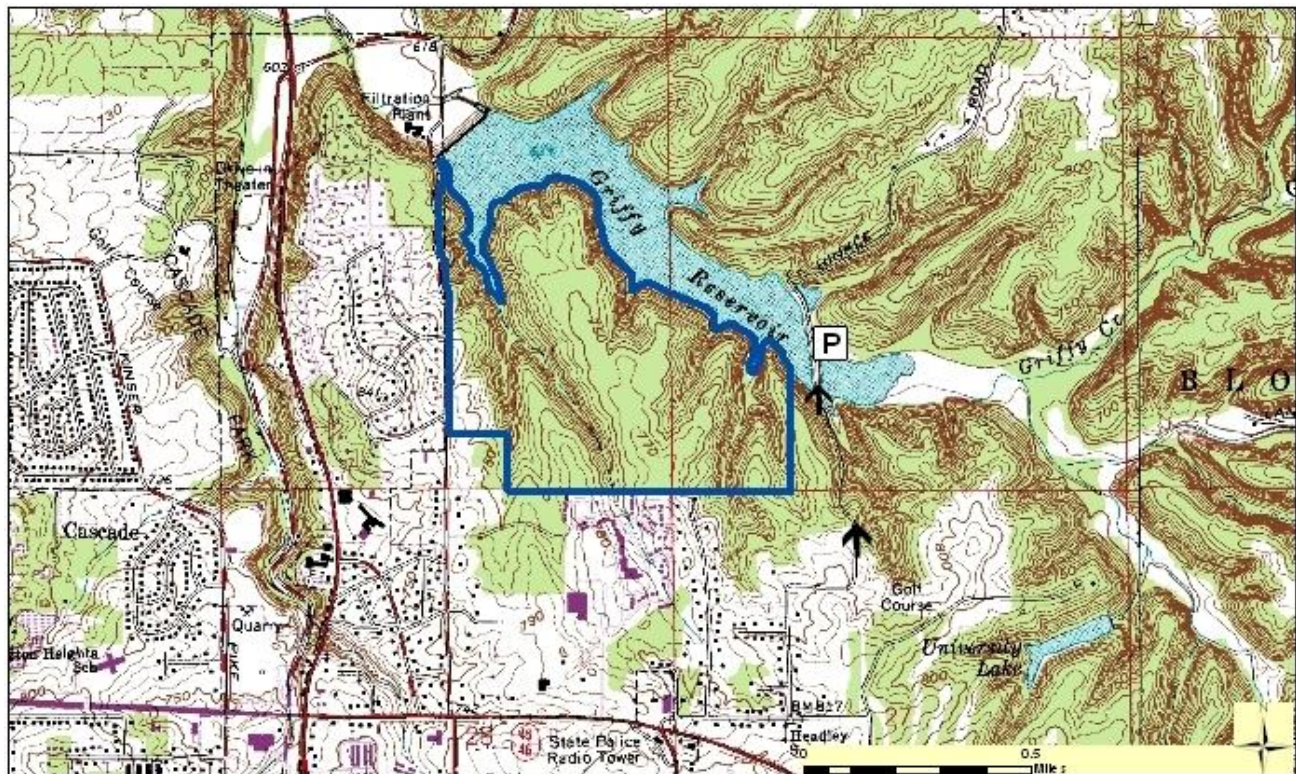
Griffy Woods Nature Preserve

County: Monroe Size: 240 acres
Ownership: Bloomington Parks and Recreation Dept



Location and Access

Parking and trails. The topography is steep: use caution. Access to the preserve is limited and very challenging; please contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Dept at (812) 349-3700, or the Griffy Lake Boat House at (812) 331-6485 (May-September) for more information. The preserve is located on the south shore of Griffy Lake, between Dunn St and Hinkle Rd. The city has developed trails known as the South Shore Trails, which traverse the preserve.



Description: The area consists of mesic and dry-mesic upland and ravine forest communities located on scenic, rolling topography. Some of the ridgetops are still in early and middle stages of succession, reverting from their former open conditions to a closed forest. Several rare species of plants are known from the site. Dominant trees include black, white and red oak, sugar maple, tulip, and hickory. Over 200 species of herbaceous plants have also been recorded in the area. Portions of the nature preserve were studied extensively by biologists from nearby Indiana University some 60 years ago; these early studies now are important ecological baseline references.

Further Information:

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