

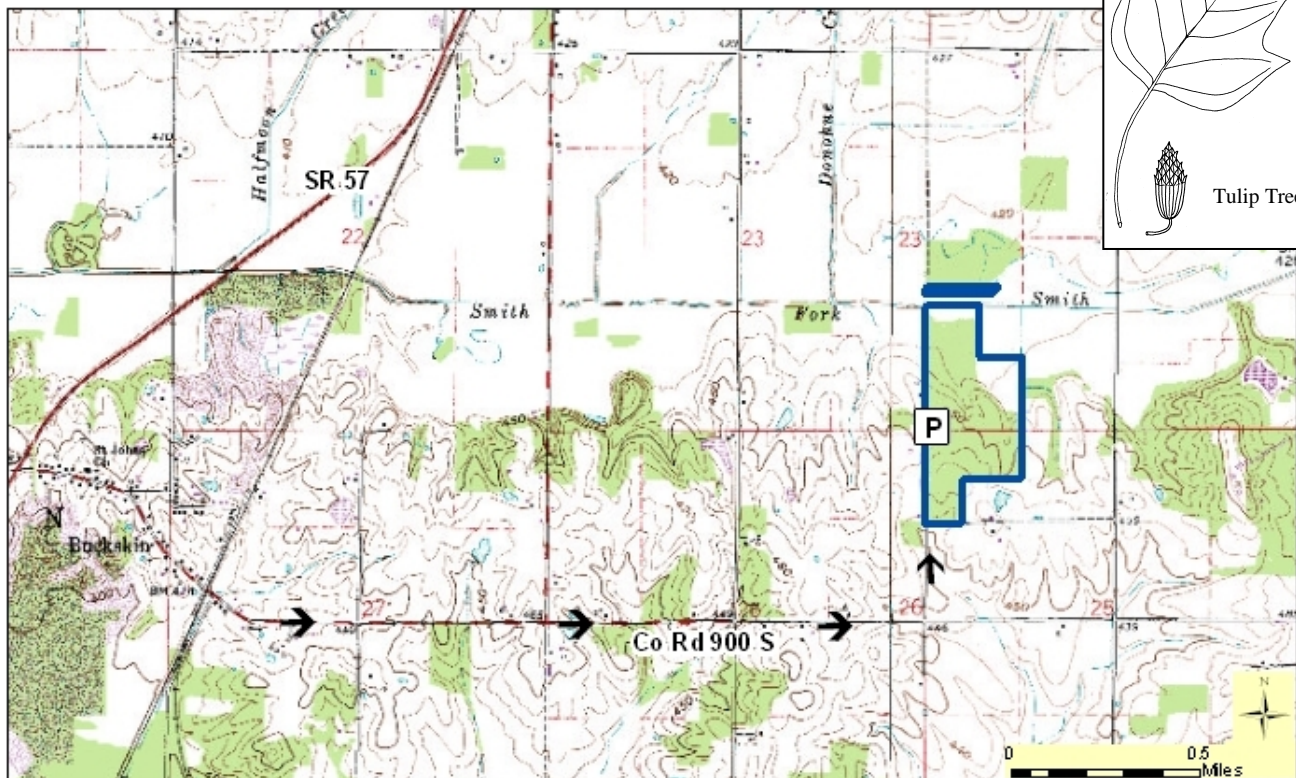
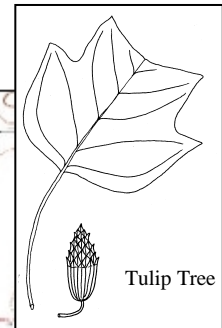
Hemmer Woods Nature Preserve

County: Gibson Size: 73 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking and trail. From Buckskin on SR 57 take CR 900S about 2.5 miles east to CR 1050E, the 4th intersection after the railroad tracks. Then go 0.5 mile north to a marked parking lot. A self-guiding nature trail circles through the upland forest. Due to recent storm damage, **visitors must stay on the trail for their safety.**



Description: This old-growth woods is a portion of the forest which originally covered southwestern Indiana. The larger upland section supports oak-hickory forest, with white oak and black oak as dominant trees. There are also large specimens of white ash, red oak, and sassafras, along with pignut, small-fruited and shagbark hickories. The bottomland has sweetgum, tulip, river birch, sycamore, wild black cherry, and mixed oaks. The strong southern influences on this woods are particularly evident in the bottomland area. Hemmer is one of the best examples of a woods with southern affinities in the preserve system. Because of the outstanding natural communities present here, the woods has been registered as a National Natural Landmark.

Note: In August 2012, Hemmer Woods was hit by a storm and heavily damaged, leaving the bottomland with less than 1/2 the trees standing. The upland lost perhaps 1/3 of its trees. Most of the larger trees which were hollow or weakened fell or lost their tops. **It is very important for your safety to stay on the trail.**

Further Information:

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