

Tamarack Bog Nature Preserve

County: LaGrange

Size: 170 acres

Ownership: Fish and Wildlife - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking. No trails. Visitors are advised to check with the Property Manager as hunting is allowed. Mongo is about 10 miles northeast of Lagrange. From Mongo, travel east on CR 300N to CR 900E and turn south. After crossing Pigeon River, park in the designated parking lot on the east side of the road.



Description: This preserve contains a fine boreal-relict swamp forest dominated by tamarack trees. Typically a tree of the upper Lake States and Canada, tamaracks are unusual in Indiana. This Registered National Natural Landmark is the largest remaining tamarack swamp in the state. The various communities of the preserve contain numerous plants and animals that are rare, threatened, and endangered in Indiana. A boreal-relict community persists here because of a cool micro-climate created in the swamp by groundwater flowing to the river just below the surface. Occasionally the water surfaces as seepage and small springs. Besides tamaracks, common northern species include speckled alder, dwarf birch, highbush blueberry, Canada mayflower, and starflower. More typical of this latitude is red maple, black ash, spicebush, dogwoods, willows, skunk cabbage, and marsh marigold. Another community in the preserve is sandy upland oak woods with a low shrub understory of huckleberry, lowbush blueberry, and wintergreen. Bordering part of Pigeon River on the west end of the preserve is a marsh with emergent and floating aquatic vegetation.

Further Information:

Pigeon River State Fish and Wildlife Area. Box 71. Mongo, IN 46771. (260) 367-2164.

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