

# Anderson Falls Nature Preserve

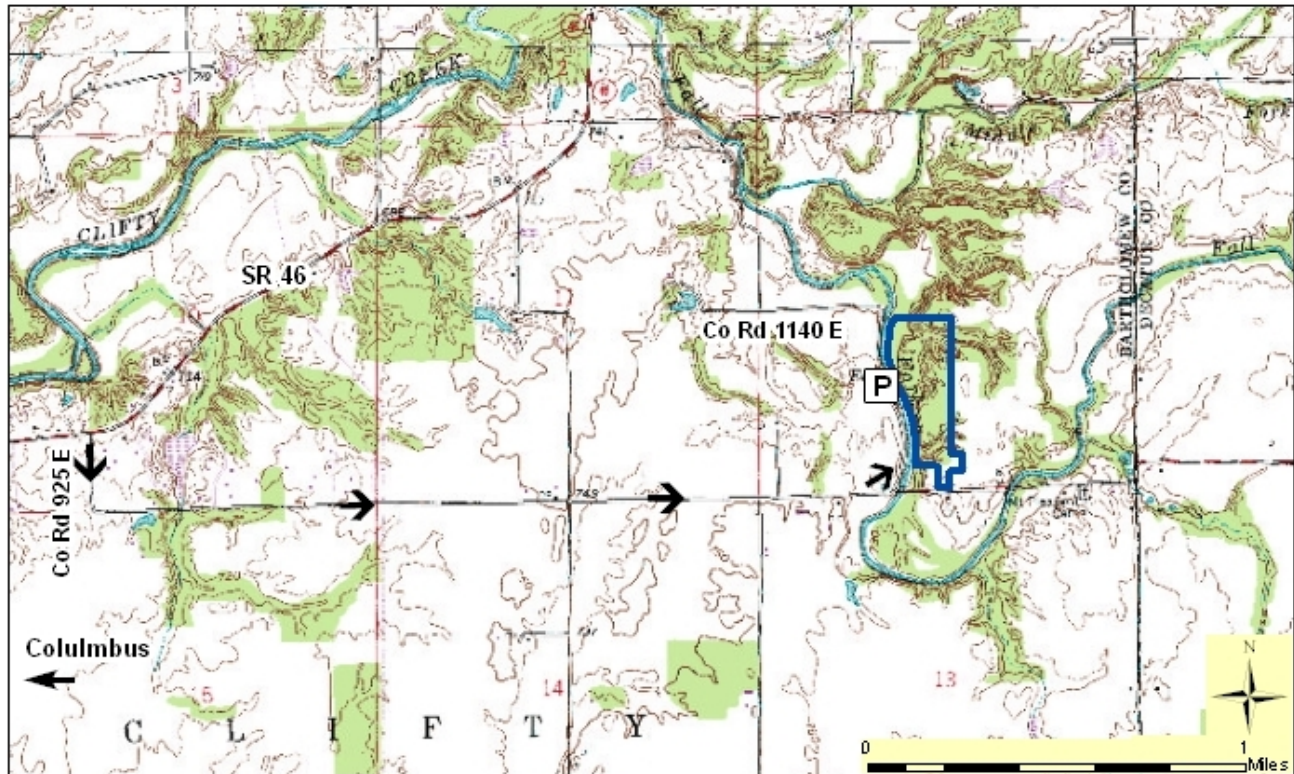
County: Bartholomew Size: 44 acres

Ownership: Bartholomew Park Board



## Location and Access

**Parking and trail; requires crossing the stream (no bridge).** From Columbus, go east on SR 46 about 8.5 miles to CR 925 E (on the right) and turn right. The road turns sharply left, becoming CR 200 N. Follow this road about 2.2 miles to CR 1140 E (on the left just before the creek) and turn left. Go about 0.4 mile to the parking lot on the left.



**Description:** This preserve contains mature mesic and dry-mesic upland forest through which flows a 1/2 mile stretch of Fall Fork of Clifty Creek. The mesic upland forest is carpeted by a rich diversity of spring wildflowers; the dry-mesic upland forest harbors summer species such as tall coreopsis under majestic white oaks. The focal point of the park is the 14-foot high waterfall that occurs where Louisville Limestone overlies the less resilient Waldron Shale. This site was well known by geologists prior to the turn of the century for the remarkably well preserved Silurian Age fauna contained in the fossiliferous Waldron Shale layer. **Access to the trail requires crossing the stream above the falls. Please use caution crossing the stream.**

The Nature Conservancy originally purchased the property in 1977. It has been managed and operated as a county park and natural area since then.

## Further Information:

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