

Prophetstown Fen Nature Preserve

County: Tippecanoe Size: 134 acres
Ownership: State Parks - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking and trails. This nature preserve is within Prophetstown State Park, in Battle Ground, IN. See their website (listed below) for up-to-date info. **Directions from their website:** “Take I-65 to exit 178 which is SR 43. Go SOUTH on SR 43 (away from the park ...) for a very short distance and then turn LEFT onto Burnett Rd. Burnett Rd will “T” into 9th St. Go right on 9th St to Swisher Rd (CR 1NE) which will be a HARD left immediately after the Veterinary Office. Once on Swisher Rd you will cross back under the Interstate and find the Park Gatehouse directly ahead. Do not use computer mapping directions, they are incorrect.”

The nature preserve can be reached by two walking trails within the State Park.



Description: This preserve consists of one of the largest and highest quality fens known in Central Indiana. Other natural communities found within this preserve include sedge meadow, wet prairie, and Wabash Valley bluff dry-upland forests. Harrison Creek, named for William Henry Harrison, is a permanent, high quality seepage-fed stream that runs through much of the preserve. Harrison Creek arises within the fen and meanders through a peatland scattered with boulders left by glacial ice. Noteworthy species found in this preserve include Riddell’s goldenrod (*Solidago riddellii*), and Obedient-plant (*Physostegia virginiana*).

Further Information:

Prophetstown State Park, 4112 E. SR 225, West Lafayette, IN 47906. (765) 567-4919.

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