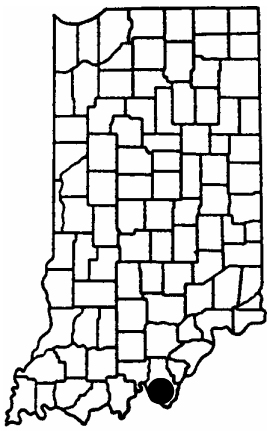
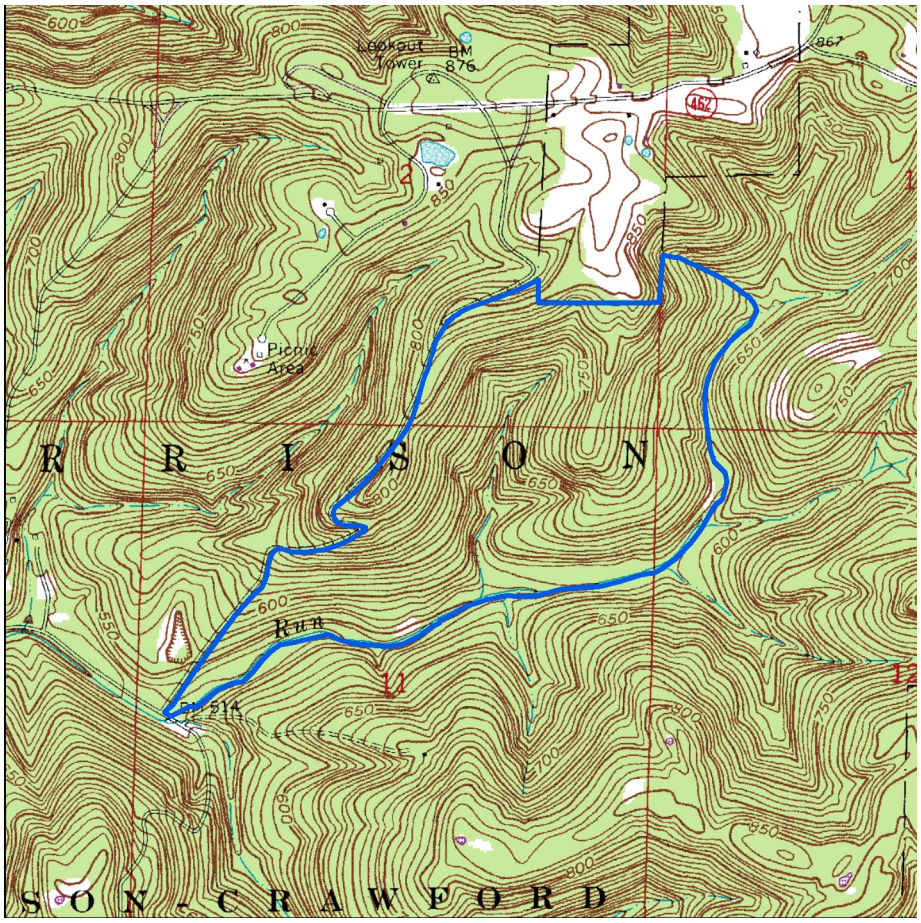
Post Oak-Cedar Nature Preserve

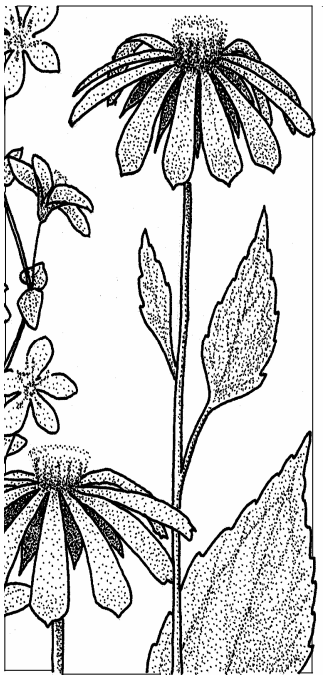


County: Harrison Size: 266 acres
Ownership: Forestry - IDNR

Location and Access

Parking lot and trail. Take SR 62 about 12 miles west of Corydon and turn south on SR 462. Just before entering Harrison-Crawford State Forest, turn south (left) onto Cold Friday Rd. (there is a small sign) and drive about 1 mi to a marked parking lot. A self-guiding nature trail traverses the preserve.





Description: There are two contrasting habitats in this preserve. The dry upper slopes of limestone and sandstone are covered with slow-growing trees, shrubs, and open glades. The lower slopes and valley are limestone, with more mesophytic (moist) forest.

Dry sites support post, chestnut, white, blackjack, scarlet and black oaks, mixed with red cedar. Several openings support prairie plants such as big and little bluestem, false dragonhead, and coneflower, rather than woody plants. These openings are known as glades or barrens.

Moist sites at lower elevations have mixtures of sugar maple, hackberry, oaks, ashes, and hickories.

Further Information:

Harrison-Crawford State Forest. 7240 Old Forest Rd. SW. Corydon, IN 47112. 812-738-8232.
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