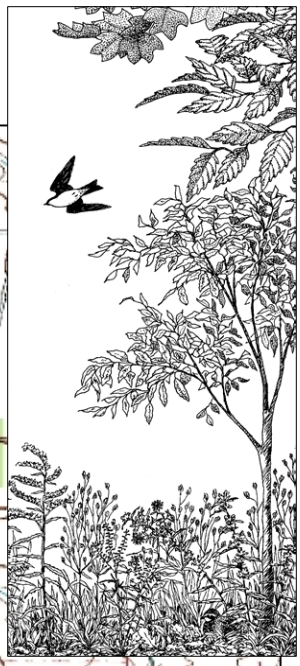
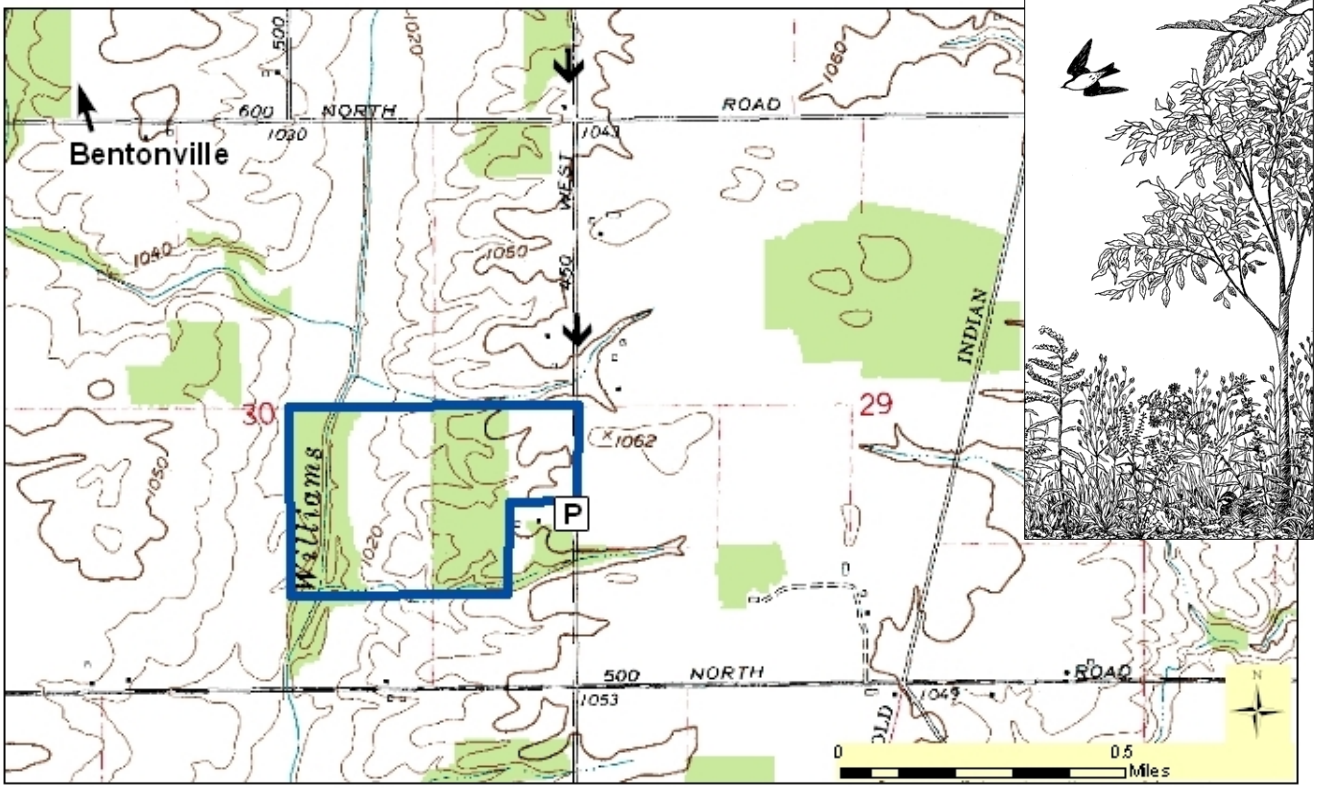
Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve

County: Fayette Size: 96 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR

Location and Access

Parking and trails. From Bentonville go 1 mile east on CR 700N, then 1.75 miles south on CR 450W to a marked parking lot. There are 2 self- guiding trails in this preserve; one goes through the old-growth upland forest and the other through the old field and lowland forest. A caretaker lives on the property.





Description: Shrader-Weaver, a National Natural Landmark, contains a pioneer homestead, open fields, and woods. A 28-acre old-growth upland forest is beech-maple dominated. Large specimens of tulip, black cherry, black walnut, red elm, and bur oak are also present. The diverse shrub layer includes pawpaw, Virginia creeper, and spicebush. There is also a rich variety of spring wildflowers. The old field area is now being invaded by woody species. It illustrates the successional trend to a forest community. Hayes Regional Arboretum and Earlham College have planted black walnut in this area using seedlings from selected trees having superior qualities. The lowland woods have been cut and grazed, but still contain some of the larger trees, including bur oak, red oak, green ash, and sycamore. Skunk cabbage, golden ragwort, marsh marigold, jewelweed, and a few Michigan lilies are found in this portion.

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