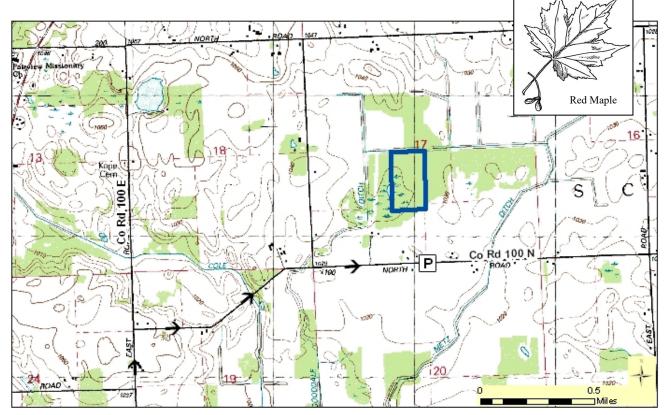


Woodland Bog Nature Preserve

County: Steuben Size: 20 acres Ownership: ACRES Land Trust

Location and Access

No parking or trail. From the circle in Angola, go east 1.5 miles on US 20. Then turn left (north) on CR 100E, drive 1.3 miles and turn right (east) on CR 75N. Follow this road (it changes to CR 100N) for 1.4 miles and park along the roadside. Woodland Bog is on the north side of the road. Access is along the east side of the north-south fenceline. Use the stile to cross into the preserve.



Description: Woodland Bog is an example of a swamp forest community developing on the peaty soil of an old bog. The area is now covered with red maple, wild black cherry, red elm, pin oak, swamp white oak, and largetooth aspen. A few tamaracks still survive as evidence of an earlier time when they dominated the bog. Tamarack declined as the bog filled in with dead plant material. Dense beds of cinnamon and royal ferns with fronds up to 6 feet long grow on tussocks formed by the roots of fallen trees. In other areas prickly ash, wild grape, Virginia creeper, and highbush blueberry grow in profusion above mats of swamp dewberry.

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