

Tecumseh Trail

Yellowwood/ Morgan-Monroe State Forest

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The Trail's History

Tecumseh, which means "panther in the sky," was a Shawnee Chief who attempted to ally several tribes into one confederacy in the early 1800s. The trail name commemorates the leadership of this native resident of the lands the trail traverses. The path follows the Tecumseh trail proposed originally in 1973 that was to span from Florida to Canada. Currently, the trail begins near the head of Panther Creek,

which runs west of Brown County State Park and drains into Monroe Reservoir. The trail ends at the Morgan-Monroe Headquarters.

Safety

Hunting is allowed on State Forest properties. Bright color clothing is recommended during hunting seasons. Water sources along the trail may not be safe for consumption. Plan to carry in your drinking water or be sure to properly purify it before use.

Streams may become impassable during times of heavy rain.

The Trail

The Tecumseh Trail currently has five trailheads, all in Yellowwood State Forest:

- On Crooked Creek Road which leads south off State Road 46, about 5 miles west of Nashville.
- At Yellowwood Lake just north of the Yellowwood State Forest office.
- At Prange Pond on Dubois Ridge Road, just south of its intersection with Lanam Ridge Road. Lanam Ridge Road intersects with State Road 45 near Unionville.
- At Bear Lake along Bear Creek Road off North Shore Drive about 3 1/2 miles north of Trevlac.
- At the Morgan-Monroe State Forest Office.

The trail passes through low bottomland habitats as well as central upland mixed hardwood forest (oak-hickory and beech maple). Spring ephemeral wildflowers are common, as well as many summer and fall species.

The trail incorporates several existing trails at Yellowwood and Morgan-Monroe State Forest. The trail follows ridge tops, climbs into and out of numerous peaceful wild hollows, crosses many streams, and follows the west side of Yellowwood Lake for nearly two miles. A beautiful view of Yellowwood Lake and its surrounding hills is available from the top of High King Trail. Camping is available at the beginning of the trail near the Morgan-Monroe Headquarters, the area just east of Low Gap Road, near the Yellowwood Lake trailhead, and on Hoosier National Forest property at Panther Creek, where the trail ends.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for individuals or groups that are willing to adopt a trail segment for maintenance needs.

To adopt a segment, contact the Yellowwood Forest office:

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