

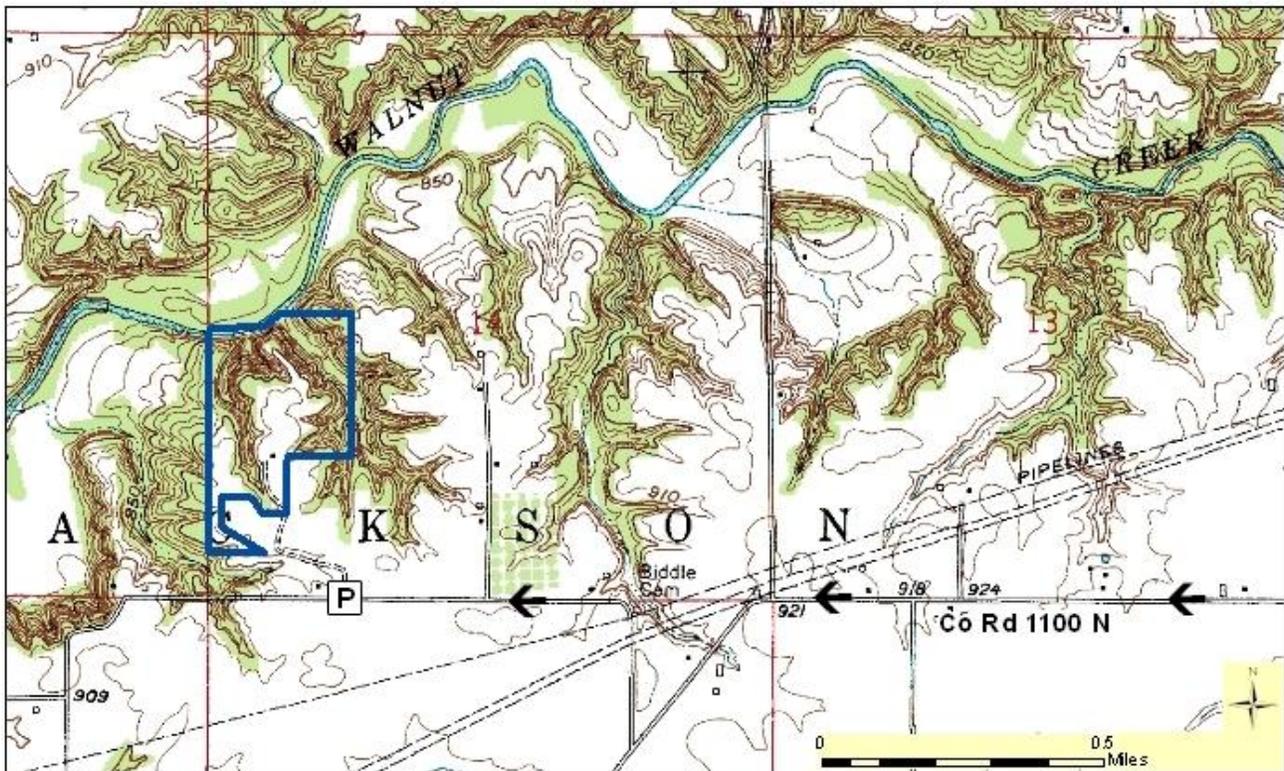
Hemlock Ridge Nature Preserve

County: Putnam Size: 39 acres
Ownership: Central Indiana Land Trust



Location and Access

Parking and trail. Located 5 ½ miles NE of Bainbridge in the NE corner of Putnam Co. Take Rockville Rd (US 36) west to Hendricks/Putnam Co. line. Turn right (N) onto County Line Rd. Turn left (W) onto CR 1100 N. After a stop sign, 1100 N makes a jog south. (Look for an angled gravel road coming in from the right.) Turn right, and follow it back to 1100 N; a gravel parking lot is just before 7201 E 1100 N. The self-guided trail begins at the parking lot then continues through a field owned by a neighbor. As it enters the preserve, the trail meanders through a meadow, which was reforested in 2006, and then into a stand of hemlock with views overlooking Big Walnut Creek.



Description: Hemlock Ridge contains high quality examples of mesic floodplain, upland, and ravine forest communities. It also contains a stand of eastern hemlock, a rare conifer more commonly found much farther north. Big Walnut Creek, one of Indiana’s most natural rivers, forms the northern boundary of the preserve. A meadow within the preserve was reforested in 2006 and named in honor of the late Randy Lewis, a leader in central Indiana natural area stewardship until his passing in the same year.

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