

Tank Spring Nature Preserve

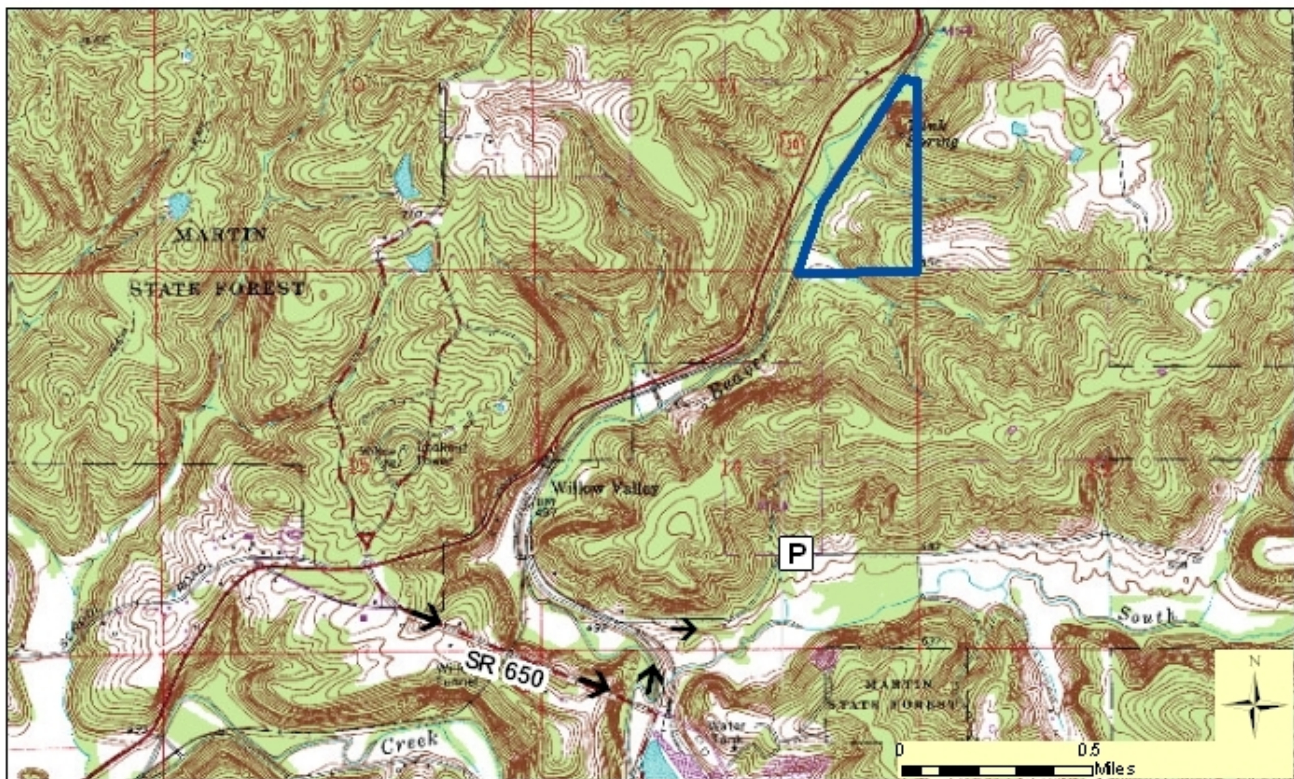
County: Martin Size: 60 acres
Ownership: Division of Forestry - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking and trail (moderately rugged). Caution: hunting is allowed in season.

From US 50, 4 miles east of Shoals, take SR 650 (directly opposite the entrance to Martin State Forest). SR 650 ends in less than a mile; turn left (north) at the 'T' onto CR 67. In about 0.3 mile take the sharp right turn (east) onto CR 54. After about 0.5 mile look for the parking area for the Tank Spring trail on the left (north side of the road). Tank Spring Trail is a moderately rugged 3.0 mile loop. It is about one mile along the trail (either direction) to the preserve from the parking area.



Description: Originally called Green Spring, Tank Spring was once used to supply steam-powered locomotives on the adjacent railroad. Water was piped to a tank near the former hamlet of Willow Valley. Tank Spring is a permanent fresh water spring issuing from a layer of limestone at the base of a picturesque sandstone cliff alcove, situated in a mesic upland forest community. Sugar maple, American beech, red oak, and basswood are some of the trees found here. A similar but smaller spring alcove is located on the adjacent bluff 0.25 mile south of Tank Spring.

Further Information:

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