

Thousand Acre Woods Nature Preserve

County: Daviess

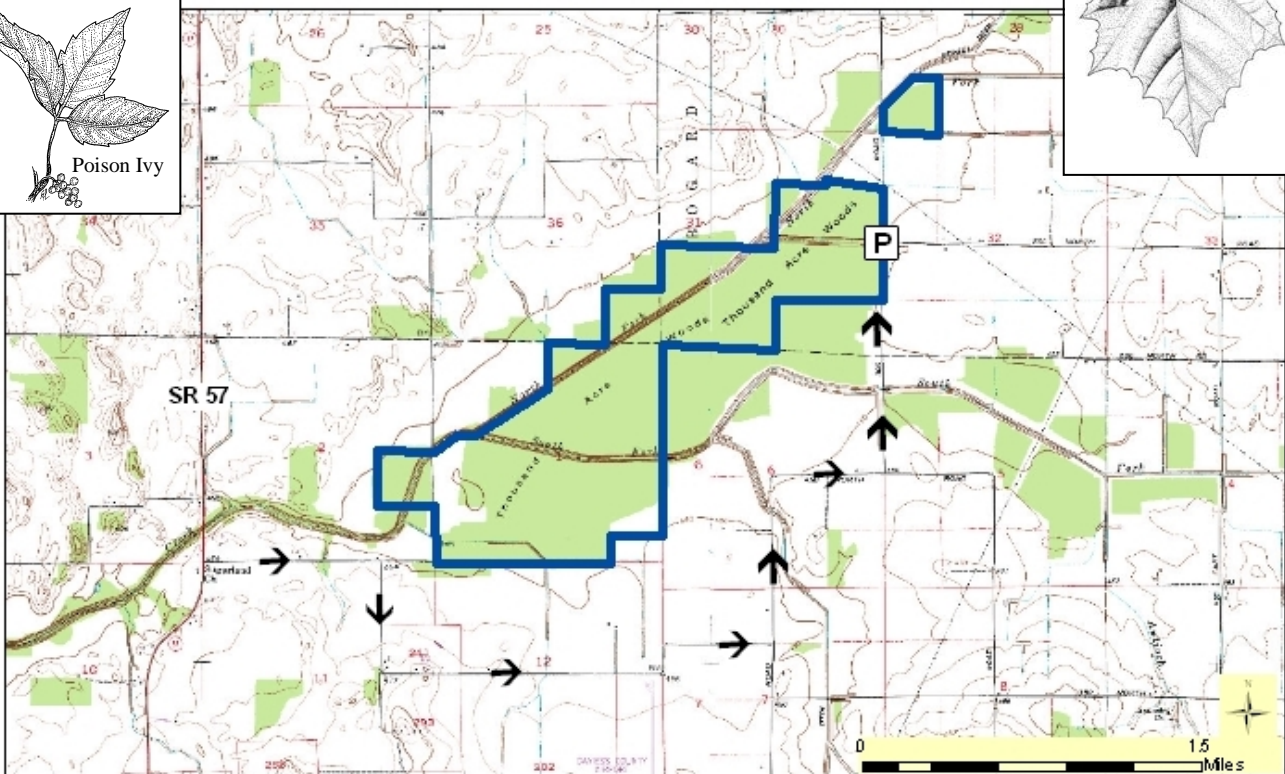
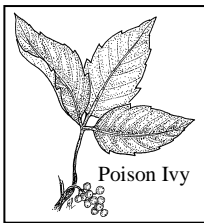
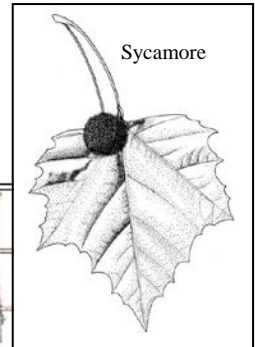
Size: 933 acres

Ownership: The Nature Conservancy



Location and Access

No parking or trail. Due to county roads being closed and bridges being out, the best access is on the northeast side. Take SR 57 north out of Washington about 4 miles to CR 400N (Sugarland Church is on the left). Turn right onto CR 400N and go to CR 75E (1st road on right). Turn right. Go about 0.5 mile to CR 350N (on left) and turn left. Follow this road (there is a left/right jog) about 1.8 miles to CR 250E. Turn left. After a sharp right turn, it becomes CR 450N. Go about 0.5 mile to CR 300E and turn left. Go about 1.0 mile. The preserve will be on the left. Park along the road.



Description: This preserve contains two rare communities: a flatwoods and a bottomland forest. Both are representative of the woodlands that covered large areas of southwestern Indiana in presettlement times. Now, most of the county is flat farm fields, making this large block of woods stand out as something special. Stands of swamp white oak, pin oak, sweet gum, ash, and maple interspersed with sycamore, cottonwood, elm, and hickory thrive throughout the site. Besides a lot of poison ivy, there can also be found purple fringeless orchid, smooth phlox, blue violet, swamp milkweed, bluestar, and swamp buttercup.

Further Information:

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