

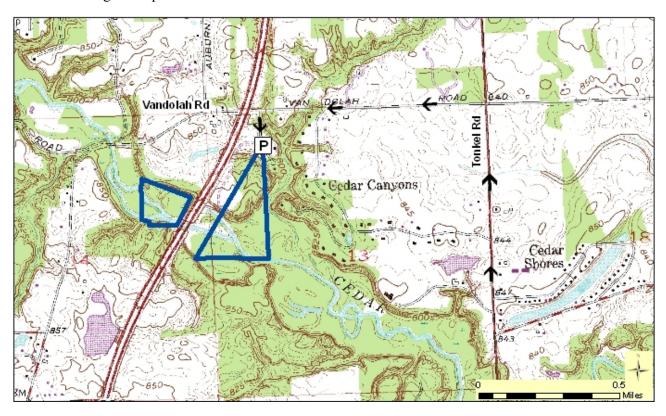
Vandolah Nature Preserve

County: Allen Size: 45 acres Ownership: ACRES Land Trust

Location and Access

Parking and trail. From Fort Wayne go north on I-69/US 27 to SR 1 exit and turn right (east). Take SR 1 to Tonkel Rd and turn left (north). On Tonkel, go 4 miles to Vandolah Rd and turn left (west). Just before the I-69 overpass is Tother Rd on the left. Turn there and follow to the parking lot. A well-marked 2-mile trail system crosses ravines and old fields, and offers spectacular views of meandering Cedar Creek below high escarpments.





Description: The preserve contains wet-mesic floodplain forest and mesic upland forest communities with steep ravines and a profusion of spring wildflowers. Twinleaf, wild ginger, hepatica, jack-in-the-pulpit, and several varieties of trillium cover the hillsides. Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, Hooded Mergansers, and Wood Ducks frequent the marsh. Deer, raccoons, beavers, mink and fox are present, and Pileated Woodpeckers have been sighted.

Further Information:

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