

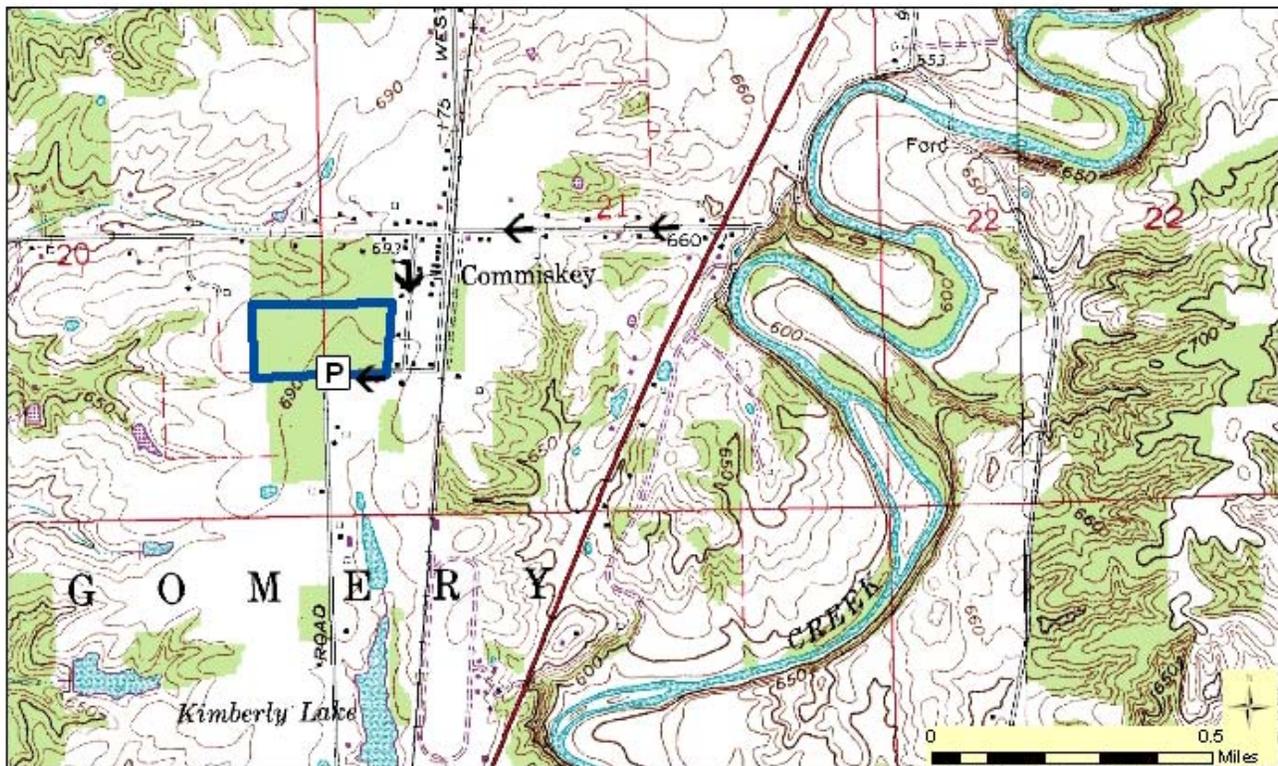
Wells Woods Nature Preserve

County: Jennings Size: 20 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR



Location and Access

No parking, no trail. From the town of Vernon, take SR 3 to the Commiskey turnoff (850 S). Turn right (west) and go about 0.5 mile to Commiskey and then turn left (south) at the first road past the railroad tracks. Go 0.25 mile and the road will turn sharply to the right. Shortly after you round this curve and before the road curves left (south) again, the preserve will be on your right. Park along road.



Description: Wells Woods is a tract of impressive old-growth forest in southeastern Indiana. The preserve is situated on what is locally called “the white clay flats,” which is level terrain consisting of Cobbsfork silt loam soil. The ground often ponds during the spring months and then dries to the point of cracking during the summer. This has helped Wells Woods develop an unusual species combination. Beech, sweetgum, red maple, black gum, white oak, and swamp chestnut oak are all important components of this preserve.

Further Information:

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