

# Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve

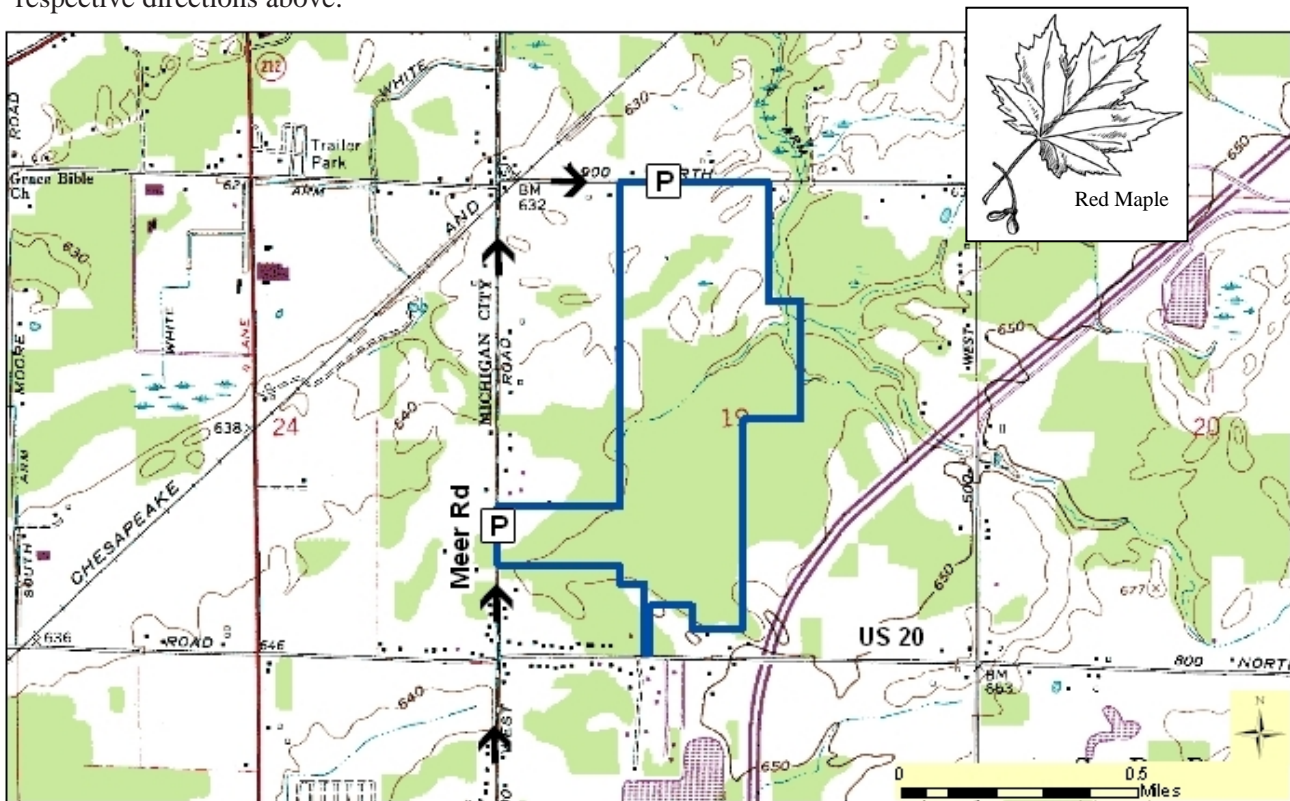
County: LaPorte                      Size: 310 Acres  
Ownership: Shirley Heinze Land Trust



## Location and Access

**Parking and trail.** Take I-94 to US 20 (exit 40). Take US 20 west toward Michigan City. From US 20, take first right onto CR 600W (Meer Rd). **Southern trail parking:** On the right (E) side of Meer Rd, 0.3 mile north of CR 800 N (Tryon Rd). **Northern trail parking:** Go north on Meer Rd to CR 900 N (Freyer Rd.). Turn right (E) onto Freyer Rd; go 0.3 mile; parking lot is on south side of road.

From Michigan City, take US 20 east to the interchange with US 35 and State Hwy 212; continue on Highway 212. Turn onto Tyron Rd for Southern trail or Freyer Rd. for Northern Trail and follow respective directions above.



**Description:** Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve contains a forest community known as boreal flatwoods, which is characterized by poorly drained soils on a relatively level or “flat” landscape. Overstory trees include red maple, northern pin oak, black gum, tulip tree, and white pine. Many of the plant species occurring here are typically more northern in distribution, and some barely reach within Indiana’s northern border, being restricted to our state to these flatwoods. Several plants found here are rare to the state. A selection of interesting northern plants at Ambler include goldthread, wintergreen, shinleaf, and several species of clubmoss. Tall, elegant cinnamon and royal ferns are commonly encountered and scattered seasonal ponds provide important habitat for a diverse assemblage of breeding salamanders in late winter and early spring.

## Further Information:

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