

LOCATION:

Junction of 502 W. and Paletstine-Union City Road (across from Sharpeye Cemetary)

FEATURES:

- 70 acres
- 55 acres of woodland
- 15 acres of savannah
- Hiking trails (1.25 miles)
- Wetland obersvation area
- Kraut Creek
- Home to the putty-root orchid, the only native orchid within the district







Donated by Sallie and Cindie Eidson-Cotes, this 70 acre preserve consists of 55 acres of maturing woodland and 15 acres of intermediate succession savannah. Hiking the 1.25 miles of trails takes visitors through a budding savannah with various grasses, into a mature forest of towering beech, maple, oak and hickory trees, and along the babbling waters of Kraut Creek, a pristine tributary of Greenville Creek. Within the forest is a button-bush swamp featuring several seasonal vernal pools that provide an excellent breeding habitat for amphibians and birds. In the spring, the forest is filled with native wildflowers and the sounds of bird song and woodland frogs and the trees paint the sky in oranges, reds and yellows in the fall.

