

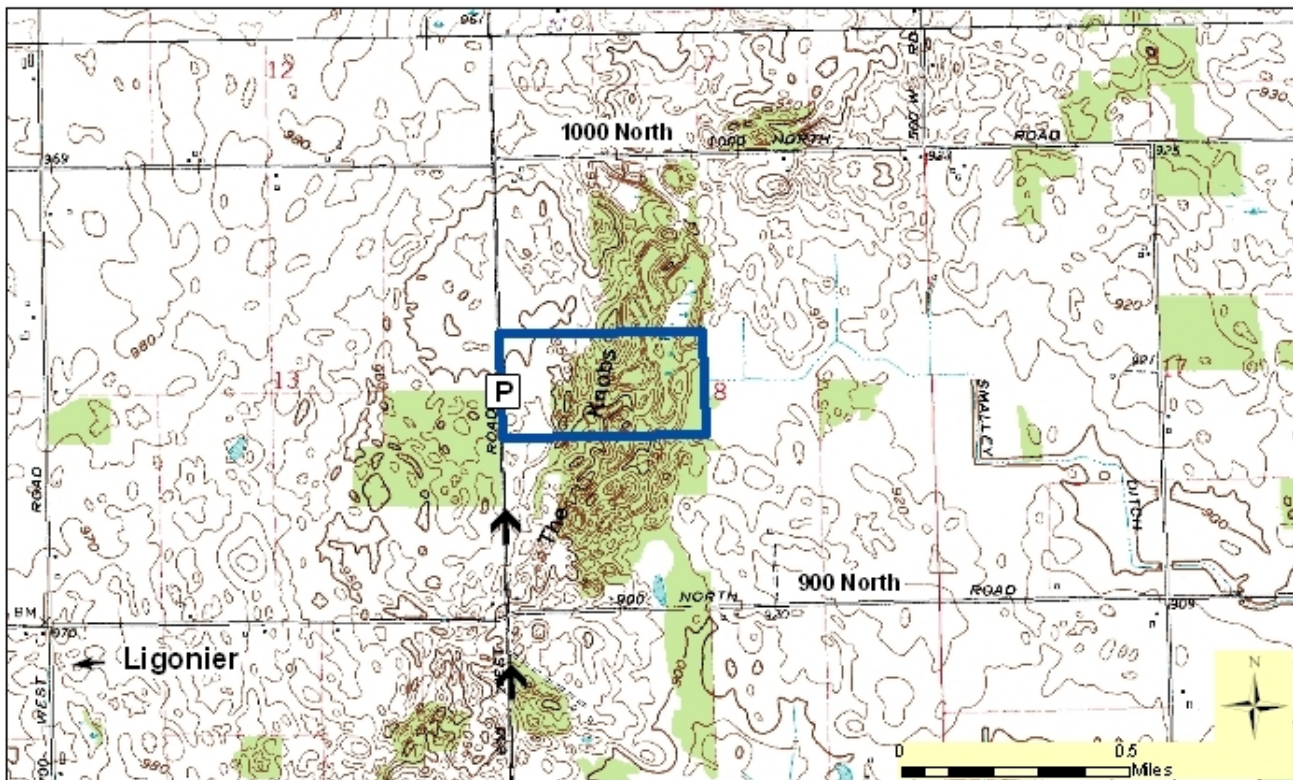
Spurgeon Nature Preserve (Edna W. Spurgeon)

County: Noble Size: 65 acres
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust



Location and Access

Parking and trails. From Ligonier, go about 2.5 miles east on US 6, then about 2.2 miles north on CR 600W to a marked parking lot. Marked nature trails wind through the preserve.



Description: The physiography of this tract in the Northeastern Morainal Lake region is of particular interest. This area, locally known as “The Knobs”, is a rolling upland with small kames. Kames are ridges, hills or mounds of stratified drift deposited by glacial meltwater. A diversity of past land use practices has created a site varying from old field to sizable forest stands. The entrance trail leads through a bluegrass field which has been invaded by hawthorns, sumacs, blackberries, elms, and wild black cherry. The adjoining beech-maple woods may be divided into two units. The west side, which was grazed some years ago, contains some older beeches, but lacks a dense understory. The eastern portion, with low ridges and moist troughs, supports a fully stocked second-growth stand of beech and maple, with the usual associates of green ash, tulip, red oak, basswood, hackberry, and wild black cherry. Many American elms were killed by disease, but red elm is still present. Shade-tolerant sugar maple dominates the understory.

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