

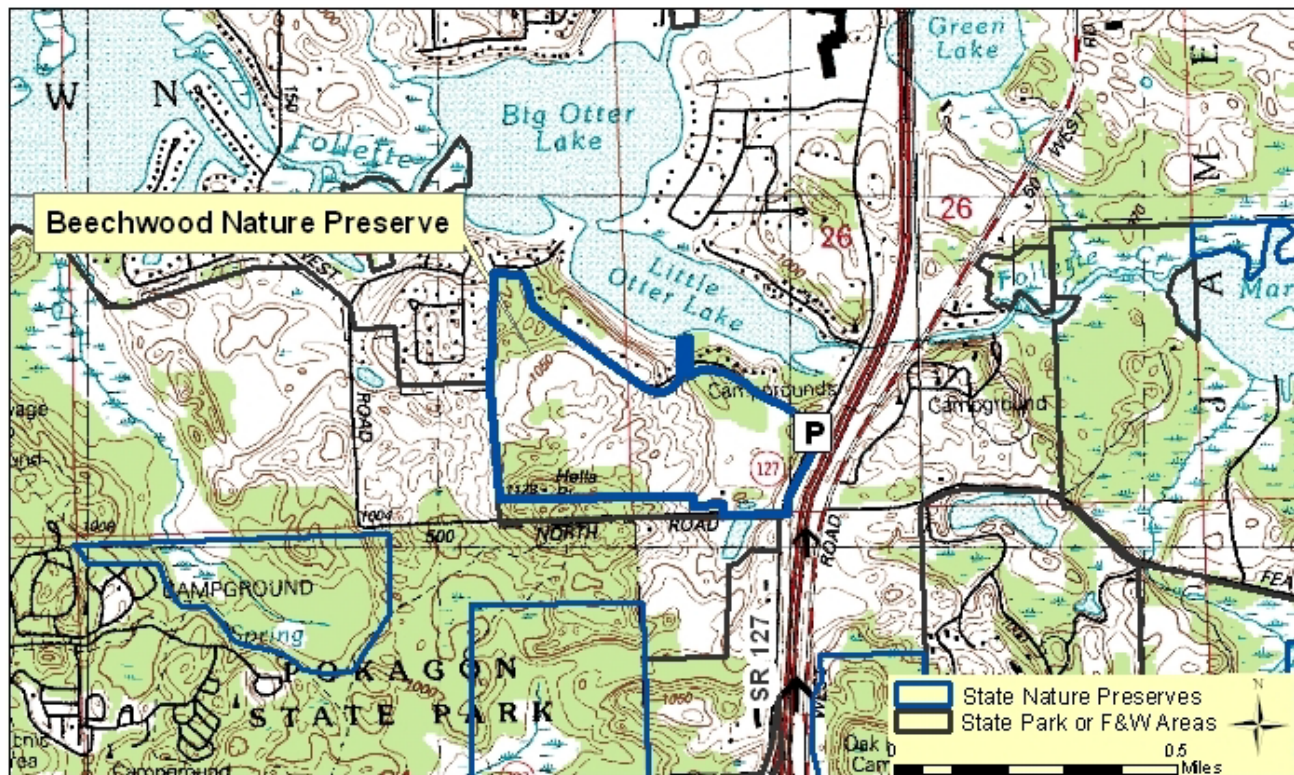
Beechwood Nature Preserve

County: Steuben Size: 74 acres
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust



Location and Access

Pull-off parking and trails. Exit I-69 at the Pokagon State Park exit. Follow signs to the park. Just before the park entrance sign turn north on SR 127 at the “T” intersection. Go about 0.5 mile north to a marked pull-off on the west side of the road. Marked trails traverse the preserve.



Description: The northeastern slope has a second-growth beech-maple forest. However, the preserve is more significant as a depressional site with a variety of habitats. The depression is drained by a small stream which empties into nearby Little Otter Lake.

A part of the muck soil supports a stand of yellow birch, red maple, red elm, and blue beech. Dense thickets of red osier, pale, and gray dogwoods occupy more open areas, along with poison sumac, elderberry, and spicebush. One small pond has cattails and sedges, and is rimmed with black willow, pussy willow, and dogwoods. Some land in the western portion of the preserve is reverting back from old field into forest.

Further Information:

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