

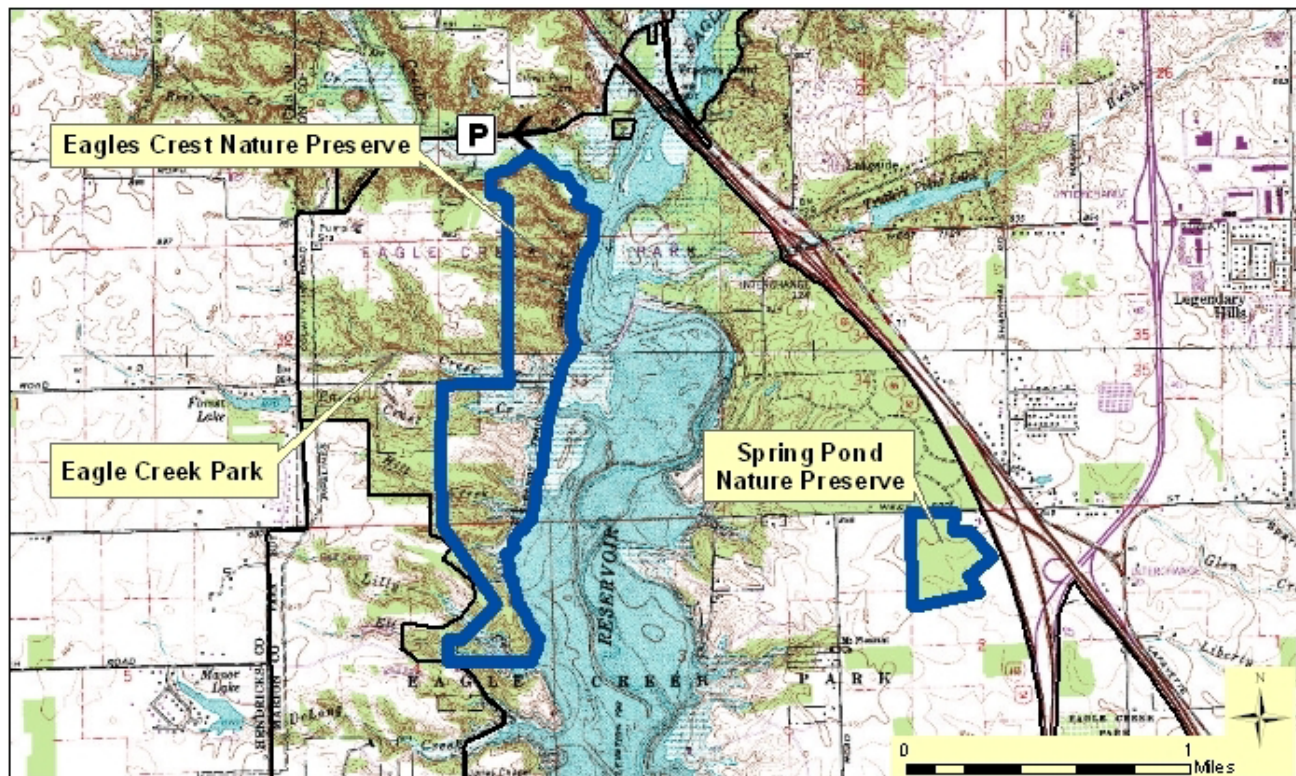
Eagle's Crest Nature Preserve

County: Marion Size: 297 acres
Ownership: Indy Parks and Recreation.
Parking Coordinates Wilson Road: 39.88612, -86.31391
Parking Coordinates Fishback Creek Road: 39.88241, -86.32232



Location and Access

Parking and trail. Eagle's Crest Nature Preserve can be accessed by a remote parking area located at approximately 8638 Wilson Rd on the south side of the road (found consistently in three internet-based map programs). Walk from the parking pull-off via a gravel road path due south approximately 1/4 mile, crossing a foot bridge over Fishback Creek, and finally winding to the top of the hill. From the white rental house, the entrance trail to the preserve is located about 500 feet to the east. There is also limited parking located outside the Eagle's Crest gate at 7200 Fishback Creek Rd. The trail is 1.7 miles long and rated as moderate-difficult.



Description:

This preserve contains excellent examples of old second-growth mesic upland forest communities dominated by red oak, sugar maple, beech, white oak, shagbark hickory, and ash. The shoreline along the preserve's east side is an excellent area for observing birdlife.

Further Information:

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