

Hall Woods Nature Preserve

(Oscar and Ruth Hall)

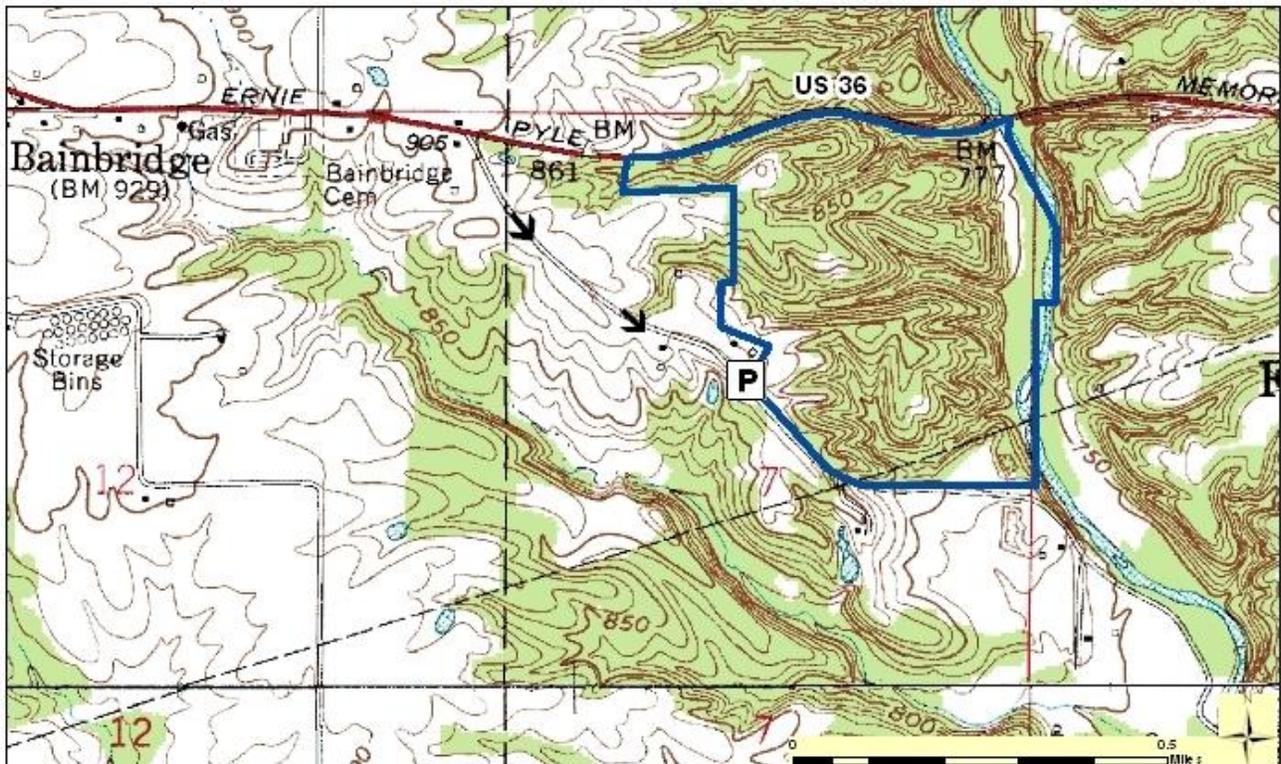
Within the Big Walnut Natural Area



County: Putnam Size: 94 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR

Location and Access

Parking and trail. A little over 0.5 mile east of Bainbridge (which is north of Greencastle) on US 36 take the angling county road to the southeast. Travel a little over 0.5 mile and the preserve will be to your left.



Description: This preserve is predominantly a mesic upland forest with lowland or floodplain forest occasionally interspersed along the many ravines which run across the area. The lowland species which thrive in these ravines include silver maple, sycamore, buckeye and tulip trees. In the more mesic upland areas sugar maple, white oak, hickory, white ash, and cherry trees are the dominant species. A noteworthy feature in the mesic upland forest is the very high frequency of large white oak. There is also a thick understory in which many specimens of sassafras, dogwood, beech, and spicebush can be observed.

Hall Woods Nature Preserve is within the larger Big Walnut Natural Area, which is a Registered National Natural Landmark. Big Walnut has been identified as among the best quality stream segments in Indiana. Portions also contain fine stands of old-growth trees.

Further Information:

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