

Barnes Nature Preserve (Bill Barnes)

County: Newton Size: 249 acres
Ownership: Fish and Wildlife - IDNR

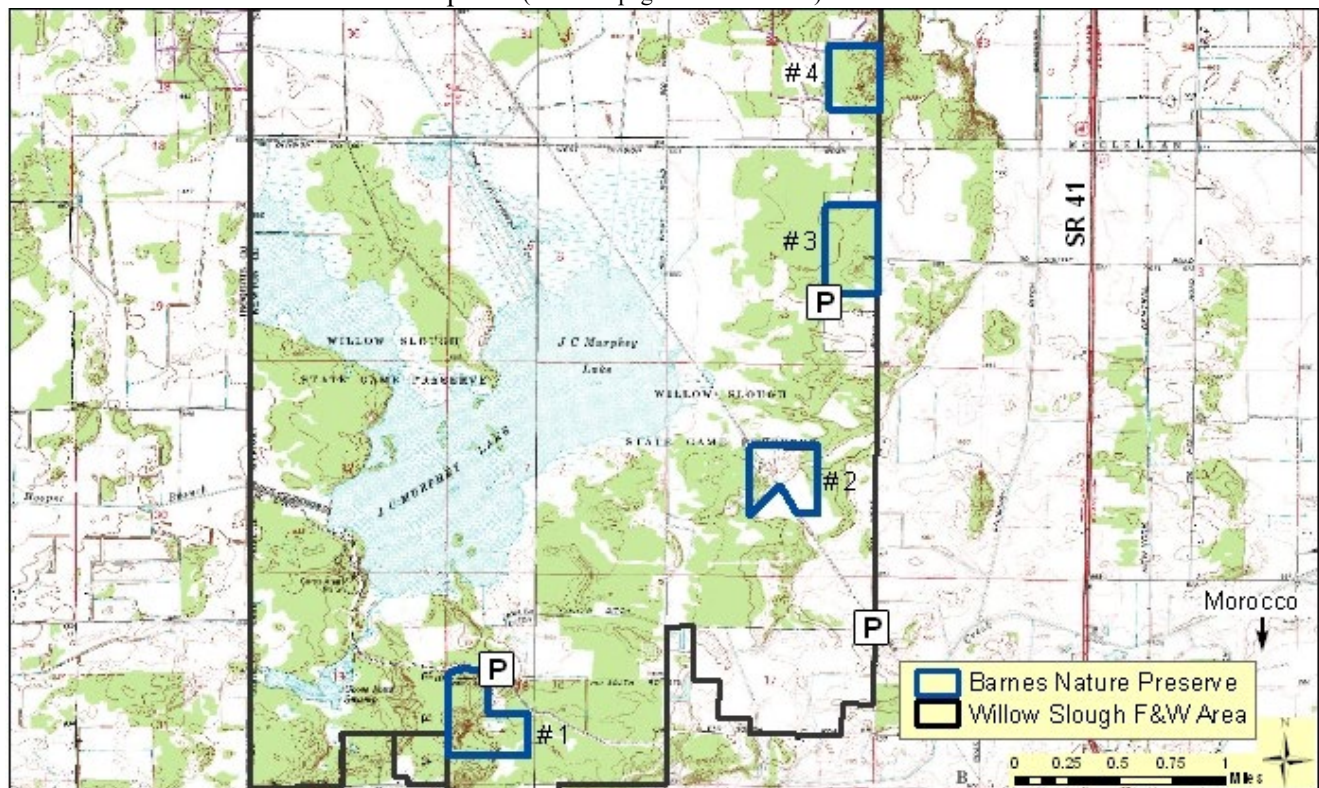


Location and Access

Parking. No trails. Visitors should use caution as hunting is allowed in season. This preserve consists of four separate tracts within Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area.

Tract 1: go west from Morocco on SR 114 about 2 miles. Turn north on CR 500W and proceed to the entrance road to Willow Slough. Turn west onto Entrance Rd and park in parking area No. 8.

Tract 2: park at lot 12A (at intersection of Patrol Rd and CR 400W. Walk northwest on Patrol Rd. about 0.75 mile. Tract 3 and 4: both are accessible from CR 400W. Park in area 11 for Tract 3. Tract 4 is 0.5 mile north. Look for firelane barrier and corner posts. (See next page for tract details)



Description: Bill Barnes Nature Preserve contains a mixture of black oak savanna, sand forests, pin oak flatwoods, dry and dry-mesic sand prairie, and a sedge meadow. These plant communities represent remnants of the original landscape once common in the “sand country” of northwest Indiana. Several rare and unusual plants are found in this preserve. Prescribed burning will be periodically used to maintain the prairie and savanna communities found here.

Further Information:

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