

Hiking Trails and Nature Paths

Kammerer Road (C.R. 700N).

LONIDAW NATURE PRESERVE: Enjoy wild columbine, celandine poppy, and a 1 mile, well marked, trail loop system. Stately beech and maple trees grow on the upland ridges with a rich wildflower display.

Acres Land Trust maintains the 25 acre preserve. From U.S. 6, east side of Kendallville, turn north on C.R. 1000E (Allen Chapel). Preserve is located on the west side of the road between C.R. 700N and 800N on C.R. 1000E.

BIXLER LAKE, KENDALLVILLE CITY PARK: Enjoy a nature trail of over three miles that circles the lake. Trek through a wetland nature area, by two beaches, and landscaped woodlands. 400 acres of parkland and 117-acre Bixler Lake.

Phone: (260) 347-1064 From U.S. 6, Kendallville, take Main Street south, to Diamond Street, turn east, the lake will be straight ahead. Turn left on Park Ave. for signs to park and campground.

Ligonier Area

EDNA W. SPURGEON WOODLAND

RESERVE: As interesting geologically as it is beautiful, glaciers have left low ridges of stratified layers of sand, gravel, and a few boulders. A wildflower carpet and forest of beech and sugar maple, as well as the second largest tulip poplar in the state highlight this reserve. 1.2 mile loop trail, plus small side loop on 65 acres. Take U.S. 6 east of Ligonier and turn north on C.R. 600W. The preserve is located 1 block, north of C.R. 900N.

TULIP CREEK NATURE CENTER: This privately-owned nature preserve features 50 acres of woods, marsh, and meadows. Enjoy plenty of birds, wildflowers, and animals as you walk the trails. Please call ahead to make sure trails are passable or to set up a tour program. Contact Lacy Hurt

at 260-223-3290 or at wildflower-princess@hotmail.com. Take U.S. 6 west to S.R. 5 in Ligonier. Turn north on S.R. 5 through Ligonier to C.R. 900 N. Turn west on C.R. 900 N to C.R. 900 W. Turn north on C.R. 900 W. Tulip Creek is the first property on the west side of the road.

JENNIE THOMPSON GARDENS: Brilliant floral displays in 27 beds memorialize one of Ligonier's benefactors, Jennie Thompson. You'll enjoy walking through the brick pathways. Sitting space is available at the fountain and throughout the garden. Open year around. Take S.R. 5 north from U.S. 6 intersection (junction of highways 6, 33, and 5) to Union Street. West to Kenney Park. Gardens are at park entrance.

Southwestern Noble County Area

RALPH F. GATES NATURE PRESERVE: Two well-marked loop trails covering 2 miles. Guide maps are available in sign-in box. This deep ravine, heavily forested area, is located between the Crooked Lake Nature Preserve and the Indiana University Biology Station. Parking is also available at the Crooked Lake Nature Preserve. Acres Land trust maintains the 151 acre preserve. Located at the south edge of

Noble County, take S.R. 9 south of Albion and Merriam. Turn west on County Line Road, the preserve's entrance is on the left side of the road.

Rome City Area

GENE STRATTON-PORTER STATE HISTORIC SITE: Enjoy several types of walking paths, hiking trails, and grass walkways. Some paths run along Sylvan Lake. Trail maps available at entrance parking lot box, and Carriage House. Phone (260)854-3790. www.genestratton-porter.com. From S.R. 9 south of Rome City, turn east onto C.R. 900N/Limberlost Road. Follow about 1 mile, site is on north side of road.

Wolf Lake Area

MERRY LEA ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER OF GOSHEN COLLEGE: See page 6 for more information.

Green Center Area

QUIET CORNER TEA & COFFEE ROOM: A privately owned haven for those looking for a peaceful place to bird watch, enjoy a walk, and perhaps a cup of tea. Well groomed 1/4 mile trail system. Open to the public. 3242 E C.R. 500S Green Ctr. (260) 693-2202. (Just follow the tea pot signs).



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