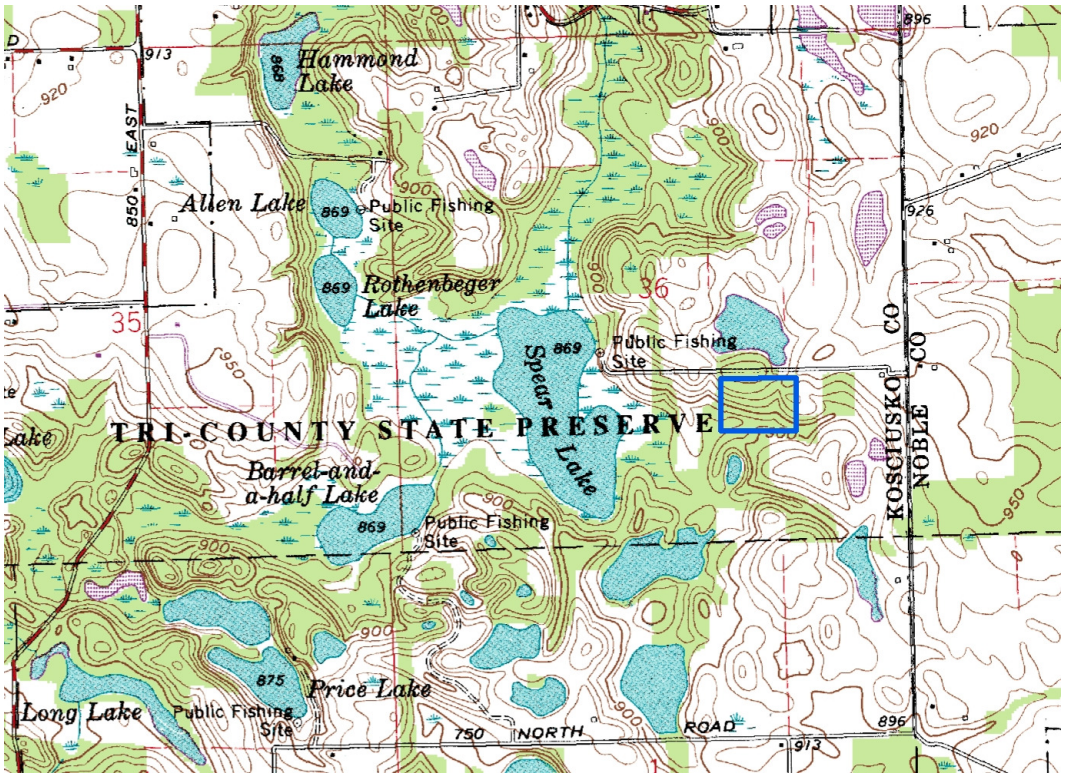
Grider's Woods Nature Preserve

County: Kosciusko Size: 10 acres
Ownership: Fish and Wildlife - IDNR

Location and Access

Parking area & trail. Visitors are advised to check with the Property Manager, as hunting is allowed in season. From the town of Indian Village on S.R. 5 in Noble County, take Co. Rd. 100N southwest to a "T" intersection. Turn south and proceed about 0.3 mi. to the first road west. Follow this road to a marked parking area. A self-guiding nature trail traverses the area.



Description: Jethro Greider formerly owned this small woodlot. It was also once part of the Flatbelly Indian Reservation.

This is an old second-growth oak-hickory forest, with interspersed sugar maple, black walnut, white ash, and tulip. Several trees exceed 30 inches in diameter including: white ash, black oak, chinquapin oak, and red oak. The shrub layer includes woodbine, smooth black haw, mapleleaf viburnum, green brier, pawpaw, hazelnut, grape, gooseberry, and raspberry.

In spring the ground is carpeted with wildflowers including: spring beauty, bloodroot, anemones, mayapple, and beds of large-flowered trillium. Later species are true and false Solomon's seal, sweet cicely, bedstraws, nettle, and appendaged waterleaf.

Further Information:

Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area. 8432 North 850 East. Syracuse, IN 46567-8378. 219-834-4461.
Division of Nature Preserves. 402 W. Washington St. Rm W267. Indianapolis, IN 46204. 317-232-4052.
http://www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/