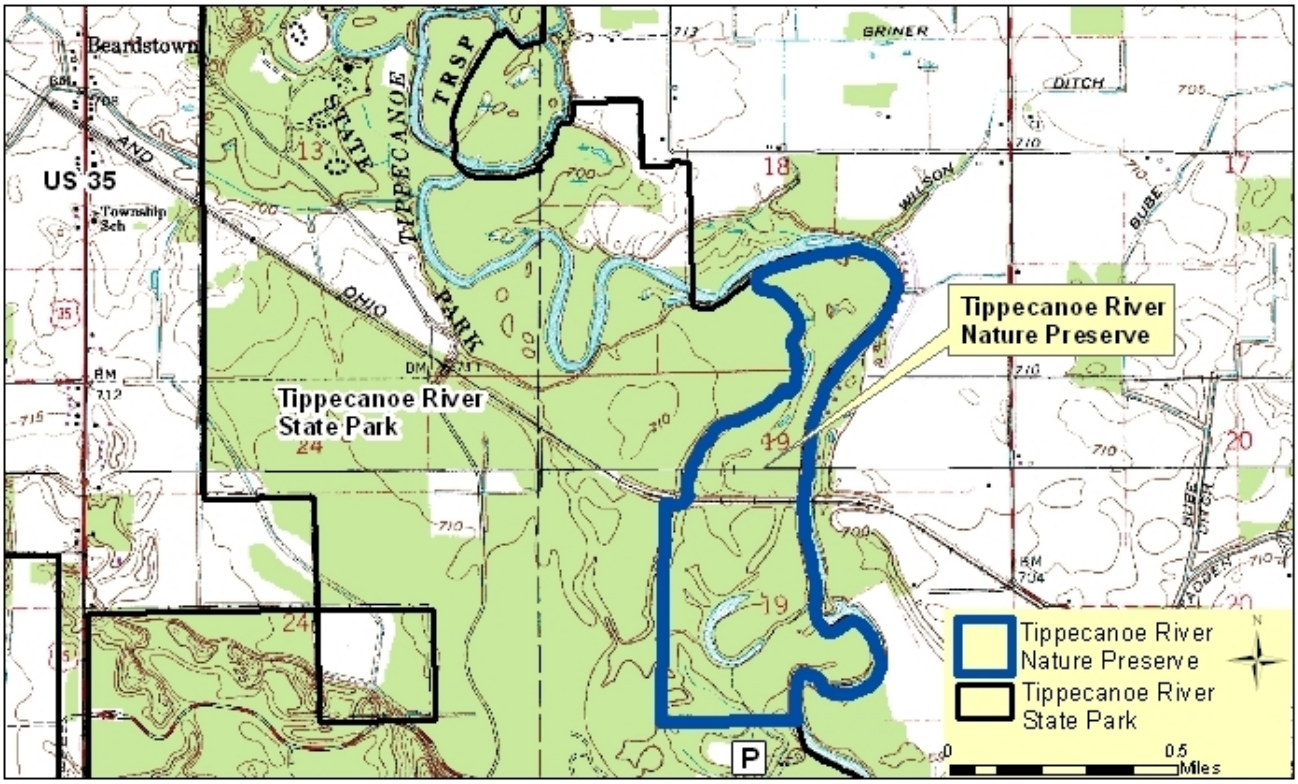
Tippecanoe River Nature Preserve

County: Pulaski Size: 180 acres
Ownership: State Parks and Reservoirs - IDNR

Location and Access

Parking and trails. Tippecanoe River State Park is about 4 miles north of Winamac on US 35. This preserve borders the river in the eastern portion of the Park. It is near the Tippecanoe River picnic area. Trail 4 passes through the southern portion of the preserve, and trail 5 is through the northern portion, starting at the railroad tracks, then turning to follow the river.



Description: The Tippecanoe River forms the sinuous border of this preserve for about 1.5 miles Adjacent to the river is an extensive floodplain and bottomland area that contains many old oxbow sloughs. Silver maples, cottonwoods, and black willows are most common in areas subjected to frequent flooding, whereas the drier areas have red oak and black walnut. The swamp oxbow sloughs are especially attractive to water birds, such as great blue herons, which also have a nesting colony in a remote area of the state park. Other birds frequenting this area include Wood Ducks, Green Herons, Kingfishers, Red-headed Woodpeckers, and Prothonotary Warblers. Mammals are well represented with common ones like deer and muskrat, to the more unusual beaver and mink.

Further Information:

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