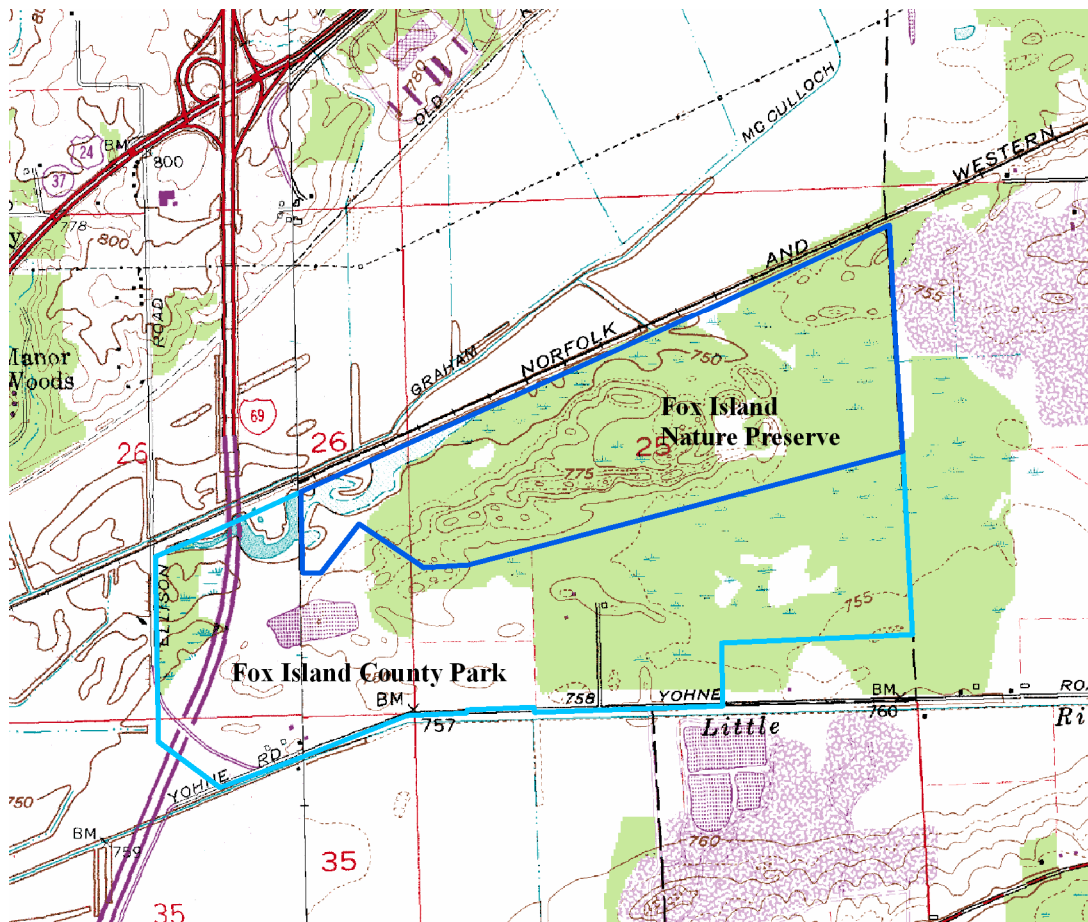
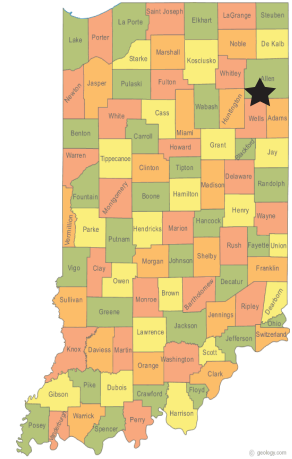


Fox Island Nature Preserve

County: Allen Size: 270 acres
Ownership: Allen County Parks

Location and Access

Parking & trails. This preserve is in Fox Island County Park. From the US 24 - I-69 interchange, go west on US 24 a short distance to the traffic light at Liberty Mills Rd. and turn left (S). Follow Liberty Mills as it merges into Ellison Rd. and continue south on Ellison as it curves east into Yohne Rd. Follow Yohne east to the marked entrance.



Description: Marshes and swamps border a dune developed after the recession of the Wisconsin glacier. Diverse land and water forms have created a wide variety of plant communities, which in turn support a large variety of animals. Black oak predominates on higher, drier dunes. White oak, black walnut, and wild black cherry increase on moist slopes and are replaced by willows, cottonwood, and sycamore on low mucky soils. Wetlands in the northwestern part of the preserve have open water surrounded by emergent vegetation. Old fields in various stages of succession are also present. Over 190 species of birds have been found on the preserve.

Further Information:

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