

Marott Park Woods Nature Preserve

County: Marion Size: 84 acres
Ownership: Indianapolis Parks and Recreation



Location and Access

Parking and trail. From the north side of Indianapolis, go south on North Meridian St to 75th St. Turn east (left) onto E. 75th St and go to College Ave. Turn south (right) onto College Ave.

From the south side of Indianapolis, go north on North Meridian St to E. 71st St. Turn east (right) on 71st St and go to College Ave. Turn north (left) onto College Ave. The preserve starts at the southeast corner of 75th St. and College Ave. Park in the parking area across from Park Tudor School, along College Ave.



Description: This preserve, encompassing most of Marott Park, is composed of an old second-growth mixed mesophytic upland forest in the north, and floodplain forest and successional fields along Williams Creek and the White River to the south. The park land was given to the City of Indianapolis by the Marott family to be used as a natural area. Ongoing restoration of the area includes removal of Amur bush honeysuckle and garlic mustard, which are problematic non-natives; erosion control, and hardwood restoration.

During the spring there is a nice show of wildflowers including rue anemone, wild ginger, bloodroot, mayapple, Solomon's seal, wood poppy, trillium, and others. Some interesting trees here are Ohio buckeye, pawpaw, bur and chinquapin oaks, and rough-leaved dogwood.

Further Information:

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