

### Site Overview

Kitty Todd Preserve, established in 1972, comprises over 1,000 acres and boasts a wide array of rare species found nowhere else in Ohio. The harsh, sandy soil of the preserve was originally part of the lake bed of glacial Lake Warren, the ancient predecessor of Lake Erie. The preserve protects a number of rare habitats including the black oak savanna community, which many unusual species of butterfly, wildflower, dragonfly and birds call home. This site supports abundant populations of wild lupine, the only plant upon which larvae of the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly feed. Kitty Todd Preserve has one of the highest concentrations of rare species of any nature preserve in the state, giving visitors a unique outdoor experience.

# Characteristic Species:

Karner blue Butterfly badger fringed gentian wild lupine spotted turtle prickly pear cactus big bluestem blazing star



lark sparrow









red-headed woodpecker

black oak

## Trail Access

• The 1-mile loop trail showcases globally unique wetlands and windblown sand dunes populated by prairie, oak savanna, and woodland habitat.

### Hours & Use

- Preserve gates are open during business hours (Monday -Friday from 9am - 5pm) and the first Saturday of each month. Trails may be accessed by foot from dawn to dusk when gates are not open. If gate is closed, please park along side of the road and do not block the gate.
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices

#### Travel Directions

- From Interstate 475 on the west side of Toledo: Exit at Airport Highway (State Route 2), traveling west toward the Toledo Express Airport. Turn right (north) on Eber Road. Eber Road dead ends into Old State Line Road. Turn left onto Old State Line Road. Follow the signs to the preserve office and parking lot at 10420 Old State Line Road.
- Address: 10420 Old State Line Rd, Swanton, OH 43558
- GPS coordinates: 41.61741049219939, -

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