Site Overview

At more than 1,600 acres, The Nature Conservancy’s Morgan Swamp Preserve is one of the largest privately protected forested wetlands in Ohio. The swamp supports a variety of wetland types including bogs, beaver ponds, vernal pools, oxbows and sedge meadows. A number of rare plants and animals call it home, from the beautiful white calla lily to the tiny four-toed salamander that makes its home in moss covered logs. The preserve also boasts two miles of the state-designated “Wild and Scenic” Grand River as well as a section of Rock Creek.

Characteristic Species

Beaver    Spotted Turtle    Four-Toed Salamander    Royal Fern
Eastern Hemlock    Wood Duck    Barred Owl    Harlequin Darner
Skunk Cabbage    River Otter    Yellow Birch    Cerulean Warbler

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Trail Access

- Long Pond Trail: an easy to moderate 1.25 mile round-trip trail that terminates at an overlook deck at Long Pond. This trail offers wonderful views of vernal pools and beaver ponds and opportunities to see a rich diversity of plants and animals. Long Pond is an unusual wetland believed to have been formed after the last ice age when the newly emerging Grand River was carving its way north.

Preserve Hours & Use

- Parking lot & trail are open from dawn to dusk
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices

Travel Directions

- From I-90, travel south on SR 534 for approximately 7 miles to its junction with Footville-Richmond Rd. Travel east on Footville-Richmond Rd. for 3.4 miles to the Long Pond Trail parking lot.
- GPS coordinates: 41.6635235926519, -80.89017320324965