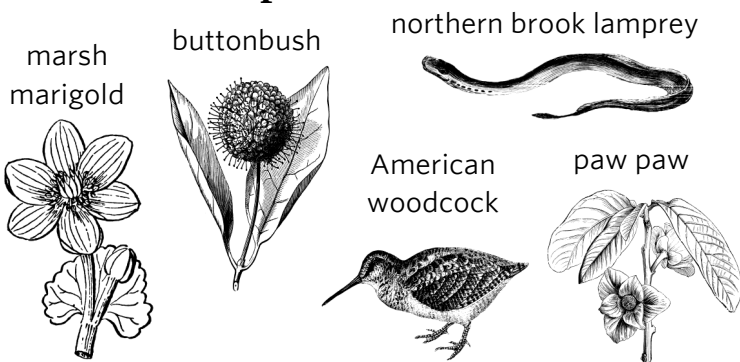


## Site Overview

The 900-acre Big Darby Headwaters Preserve is a beautiful landscape of wetlands, rolling fields and streamside forests. Here, small cold-water springs emerge and form headwater tributary streams that contribute millions of gallons of clean, cold water to nearby Big Darby Creek. These streams, and the floodplains, forests and wetlands around them are an important influence on water quality and the Big Darby watershed. They also provide essential habitat for plants and animals. The preserve protects 3 miles of the Big Darby Creek, nearly 1.5 miles of which the Conservancy restored to correct past stream channel degradation. Along the trails, visitors can enjoy signage that describes the importance of the headwaters to people and wildlife, and explains the stream restoration process.

## Characteristic Species



## Trail Access

- The preserve features a 1/3 mile accessible trail to a spring-fed wetland overlook and a 1-mile grass trail to an overlook of a restored section of the Big Darby Creek. Native plant and animal species you will typically see include marsh marigold, skunk cabbage, trilliums, wild turkey, Ohio buckeye, eastern screech owls and great crested flycatchers.

## Hours and Use

- Trails are open dawn to dusk.
- Leashed dogs are allowed.
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices

## Travel Directions

- From Columbus, take US 33 W to the S.R. 287 exit (2nd Honda Parkway exit). Turn left and drive approx. 0.3 miles. Turn right onto S.R. 287 and drive approx. 2.5 miles. Follow S.R. 287 by making a left at the Middleburg sign and drive approx. 1 mile. Turn right on Township Rd 227. In approx. .2 miles, Township Rd 227 merges with County Rd 152. Continue on County Rd 152 for 0.1 miles until you see a sign for Big Darby Headwaters Nature Preserve on your right.
- GPS coordinates: 40.29795, -83.57792

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## Big Darby Headwaters Nature Preserve

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Bridge               |  | Accessible Trail 0.3 Mi |
|  | Parking              |  | Grass Trail 1 Mi        |
|  | Interpretive Sign    |  | Open Field              |
|  | Observation Platform |  | Wooded                  |
|  | Preserve Property    |  | Big Darby Creek         |
|                                                                                   |                      |  | Tributary               |

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