



Brown's Lake Bog Nature Preserve TRAIL MAP & GUIDE

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Site Overview

Brown's Lake Bog protects a kettle hole bog and lake, as well as a glacially-formed hill called a kame. This 99-acre preserve was initially acquired in 1966 and is one of the few high-quality bogs left in Ohio. The preserve is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy and designated as a National Natural Landmark and State Nature Preserve. The last glacier receded here 15,000 years ago, leaving a landscape of rock, gravel, kames and kettle holes. Extensive peat deposits caused by poor drainage promoted the development of this acidic bog. With ongoing stewardship, the bog still thrives and includes 20 rare plant species and 2 carnivorous plants. Visitors can enjoy botanizing, birdwatching, photography and hiking.

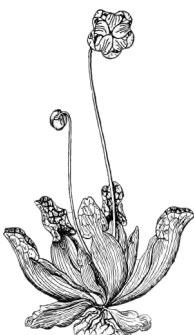
Characteristic Species

pitcher plant

large cranberry

tawny cotton grass

cinnamon fern



Trail Access

- The preserve features a boardwalk trail, earthen loop trail and interpretive signage that allow visitors to learn about one of the few remaining kettle hole bogs in Ohio. Native plants viewable along the trail include cinnamon and royal ferns, pitcher plant, and large cranberry. Watch out for poison sumac in the bog area. This short, native tree grows in high-quality wetlands and can produce a skin reaction similar to poison ivy.

Hours and Use

poison sumac

- Trails are open dawn to dusk.
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices.
- Please stay on the boardwalk & trails to avoid trampling sensitive species. Leashed dogs are allowed.



Travel Directions

- From Wooster: Travel State Route 3 south past the intersection of U.S. 30. Turn south onto Elyria Road. Follow Elyria Road south for three miles, then turn west on Brown Road. Park on the south side of the road.
- GPS coordinates: 40.68282, -82.06728

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Boardwalk Trail

Length: 2000 feet Width: 24 inches

Running Slope: less than 2%

Cross Slope: less than 2%

Maximum Running Slope: 2%

Earthen Trail

Length: 2600 feet Width: 24 inches

Running Slope: less than 2%

Cross Slope: less than 2%

Maximum Running Slope: 20%

-  Upland Forest
-  Wetland Forest
-  Bog Mat and Open Water
-  Open Field
-  5' Contour Line

