Site Overview

The Creek’s Bend Public Information Pavilion and the nearby Joan Jones Portman Trail, provide the visitor with an excellent opportunity to learn about the Edge of Appalachia Preserve System and the ecology of the Ohio Brush Creek Valley. A picnic pavilion and overlook with ADA access orients visitors to the preserve and provides an excellent view of Ohio Brush Creek. At nearly 60 miles in length, this stream drains over 435 square miles and empties into the Ohio River just six miles south of this point. In pre-glacial times, most of this watershed drained to the north but the southward moving ice sheet dammed northward flowing streams and eventually resulted in the flow being reversed as these basins filled with meltwater and then cut through drainage divides. The Joan Jones Portman Trail leads the hiker up the east flank of this large valley, through small prairie openings and a diverse mixed mesophytic forest. The Nature Conservancy has been working to protect the Edge of Appalachia Preserve with our collaborative partner Cincinnati Museum Center more than 50 years.

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