The diphylla bird and large school grant small, Echinacea Purpurea, an herbaceous perennial flowering plant in the daisy family. It is native to the eastern United States, where it is found in xeric fields, open woodlands, and prairies. E. Purpurea is valued for its medicinal properties, including anti-inflammatory, antiviral, and antioxidant effects.

Site Overview

One of four designated National Natural Landmarks within the Edge of Appalachia Preserve System, the Charles A. Eulett Wilderness Preserve is named for the late “Charlie” Eulett, a popular local school teacher who often led his students on field trips to this area and who was instrumental in working with local landowners to acquire land in the early days of the preserve’s history. The Wilderness Preserve is characterized by dolomite cliffs, shaded gorges and small, xeric limestone prairie openings. Spring wildflowers such as large-flowered trillium Trillium Grandiflorum and miterwort Mitella Diphylia abound in the shaded, woodland soils while prairie species such as American aloe Agave Virginica and purple coneflower Echinacea Purpurea dot the openings. A variety of neotropical migrant bird species nest in the mature forest here including the oven bird Seiurus Aurcapilla and cerulean warbler Setophaga Cerulean. 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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Travel Directions

From the Creek’s Bend Visitor Information Pavilion located at 3223 Waggoner Riffle Road, West Union:

- Proceed north on Waggoner Riffle Road for 2.3 miles to State Route 125.
- Turn right (east) on Rt. 125 for 1.3 miles.
- Turn left (northeast) onto Lynx Drive for .3 mile.
- Turn left (north) onto Shivener Road for .6 mile to parking area.

(Coordinates: N38.78021 W083.41724)

Trail Access

- The trailhead for the 2.4 mile Wilderness loop trail is located on Shivener Road just north of the village of Lynx. This is a narrow one-lane road and parking is limited and may not be suitable for buses or large RV’s. The trail is moderately difficult, with rugged terrain, rocky or at times muddy trails.

Hours and Use

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

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