



## Trail Access

- The 1.5 mile, round trip trail includes a boardwalk, from which you will pass several fens that feature a number of unusual plant species such as northern bayberry, poison sumac, tamarack, large cranberry and round-leaved sundew. Past the boardwalk, an earthen trail continues, looping through a beech-maple forest. This forest grows on a hill of sand and gravel, known as a Kame, that was deposited as the glaciers retreated during the last ice age.

## Hours and Use

- Trail open dawn to dusk
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices
- In order to protect the sensitive species, and for your safety, please stay on the boardwalk and trails

## Travel Directions

- From Streetsboro: Travel State Route 43 south for 0.2 miles from its intersection with State Route 14. Turn right (southwest) on Seasons Road. Follow Seasons Road 2.2 miles to a gravel lane on the left (east) side just past a railroad crossing. Gravel parking lot on right
- GPS coordinates: 41.21404064840986, -81.37116157908415

## Site Overview

J. Arthur Herrick Fen Preserve is one of the last remaining boreal fens in Ohio. A fen is a wetland characterized by cold, alkaline, mineral rich springs and spongy layers of organic matter called peat. At Herrick Fen, numerous springs flow from low gravel hills formed by glaciers during the last ice age, 10,000-12,000 years ago. The unusual water chemistry in the springs encourages the growth of sedges and plants more common in more northern climates. The preserve supports tamarack, the only native conifer tree in Ohio that sheds its needles each year, as well as one of only three locations of northern bayberry, a distinctive shrub with waxy white berries. The site is named after Dr. J. Arthur Herrick, an early Conservancy board member, Kent State University professor and avid naturalist. The 140-acre preserve is co-owned by The Nature Conservancy and Kent State University, and managed by the Conservancy as a state nature preserve.

## Characteristic Species:



poison sumac



tamarack



round-leaved  
sundew



large cranberry

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## Herrick Fen State Nature Preserve

-  Parking
-  Eastern Trail
-  ADA Trail
-  Water
-  Open field / Developed land
-  Wooded
-  Fen
-  Sedge meadow
-  Outfield
-  Preserve property

Private lane beyond parking lot

