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Big Walnut Preserve

Big Walnut Preserve is a dazzling scenic area situated among the rolling hills and steep ravines of Big Walnut Creek Valley. Since 1985, the preserve has been co-managed by the Conservancy and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves (DNP). This successful partnership has protected more than 2600 acres and has ensured the long-term viability of this biologically important natural area.¹

¹ http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/indiana/placesweprotect/big-walnut.xml
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Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area

Possession of the land which comprises Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area began in 2010 with a transfer of 1,962 acres from the Putnamville Correctional Facility to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish & Wildlife. The property is comprised of rolling interspersed agriculture and mature oak hickory dominated woods.²

Fern Cliff Preserve

Steep forested, sandstone cliffs, lush wooded ravines, and a profusion of ferns and bryophytes characterize this popular preserve. Its unique vegetation makes the preserve a botanists’ floral paradise.³

² http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/6297.htm
³ http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/indiana/placesweprotect/fern-cliff.xml