

Calli Nature Preserve (Violet & Louis J. Calli, Sr.)

County: Jennings Size: 179.21 acres
Ownership: Jennings County Community Foundation



Location and Access

Parking and trail. From North Vernon, take US 50 east for just under 1.0 mile to the bridge over the Vernon Fork of the Muscatatuck River. Just after crossing the bridge there is a gravel road on the right. Turn onto the gravel road and follow it to the parking lot, which will be on the left. The two mile trail begins from the parking lot. There is a self-guided trail brochure available in the sign-in box at the trailhead.



Description: This tract contains high-quality limestone cliffs, waterfalls, mesic and dry-mesic upland forests, the latter containing a large eastern hemlock stand. Red-shouldered Hawks and Hooded Warblers both nest in the preserve. The site also contains some rare plants.

The tract was a gift by Dr. James Calli, Jr. and is named after the late Dr. Louis J. Calli, Sr. who moved to North Vernon in 1949. He was sometimes the only practicing physician in Jennings County during his career ending with his retirement in 1998.



Further Information:

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