

Evelyn and Wendell Dygert Nature Preserve

4245 N. 50 W, Columbia City, IN 46725

ACREAGE: 136.7 | ACQUIRED: 2001, 2004, 2006, 2015



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This preserve is named in honor of its donors, (George) Wendell and Evelyn Dygert, who moved to the farm and woods in 1968 and donated the land to ACRES in 2001.

Beech, maple, oak, hickory, cherry and other trees cover this forested highland cut by ravines. Blue Babe Branch stream flows through the property, which provides habitat for red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, downy woodpeckers and many more species of birds.

Visitors will find an abundance of woodland wildflowers here in the spring, including blue-eyed Mary and Virginia bluebells. In early May, look for colonies of this vivid bi-colored flower with white upper lip and blue lower lip.

TRAIL LENGTH ~ 1.6 MILES | DIFFICULTY

