

Heinzerling Family Five Points Nature Preserve

Approximately 6800 CR 7A, Garrett, IN 46738

ACREAGE: 116 | ACQUIRED: 2014

DEKALB COUNTY

Black Creek winds through this preserve, later merging with Little Cedar Creek before continuing its journey into Cedar Creek. The preserve safeguards vibrant wetlands, an oxbow stream and a small forested wetland system. In 2021, restoration efforts converted nearly 40 acres of agricultural land through tree plantings and tallgrass prairie installation.

In the fall, visitors can enjoy a colorful foliage display. In the spring, the woodland floor is covered with wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, wild geranium, bloodroot and several species of trillium.

The preserve also has considerable local history: An interurban rail line and Five Points School once existed on the property. Carl Heinzerling, who purchased the property in the 1920s, was a co-founder of the famed Creek Chub Bait Co. His grandchildren protected this land.

TRAIL LENGTH ~ 0.78 MILES | DIFFICULTY

