

Kauffman Nature Sanctuary

13127 Beecher Rd, Hudson, MI 49247

ACREAGE: 77.9 | ACQUIRED: 2019

HILLSDALE COUNTY

Kauffman Nature Sanctuary is ACRES Land Trust's first Michigan property. Land donor Janet Kauffman purchased the land in 1977, farming a portion of the property for more than a decade before letting nature reclaim the rolling acreage, and restoring five pre-settlement wetlands. Now sedges, willows and cattails provide habitat for nesting green heron and sandhill cranes.

The loop trail winds through tall grass before entering a forest with several large pawpaw patches and a rich floodplain at the back of the property. A coolwater stream—one of Michigan's headwater streams of Lake Erie—flows through these woods. Thirteen species of freshwater mussels have been documented in the stream, including the slippershell mussel, threatened in Michigan.

TRAIL LENGTH ~ 1.4 MILES | DIFFICULTY 

