

## Hiking Trail Map

## 11. Oak Road Nature Preserve

Preserve Acres: 155 Miles of Hiking Trail: 1.75

Trail Rating: Easy on fairly level terrain

Trail and Preserve Features: Trail on the west side of Oak Road showcases a forest restoration project which began in 2006. The southern-most loop passes through a hardwood forest. The trail on the east side of Oak Road features a prairie planting that blooms in mid-to-late summer and the trail leads to a scenic overlook of the extensive seasonal wetland that fills with water each spring and becomes an annual stopping point for migrating waterfowl and breeding amphibians.

A Spring Pond for Spring Peepers... In the springtime the Oak Road wetland floods, attracting ducks, sandhill cranes, American woodcocks and other wetland birds. When the marsh is filled and springtime temperatures reach 40 degrees, spring peepers, a type of frog, are so abundant and loud that neighbors find it hard to sleep at night! Long ago, locals dubbed it "Frog Town," and it still lives up to its name!



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