

Our Mission

- Protecting Lindenwood's natural habitat
- Providing programs and events designed to promote environmental education and cultural enrichment
- Fostering awareness that the natural setting enhances the quality of life through artistic inspiration, spiritual connection, physical fitness and exploration



How to Get Here

Lindenwood Nature Preserve is located on Lindenwood Avenue between U.S. Highway 24 (W. Jefferson Blvd.) and Spring Street. From U.S. Highway 24, turn north onto Lindenwood Avenue. The preserve is on the west side of the street across from the Lindenwood Cemetery.



Lindenwood Nature Preserve
600 Lindenwood Avenue
Fort Wayne, Indiana
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Lindenwood Nature Preserve
is owned and operated by the
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department.



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History

Lindenwood Nature Preserve became a park when the city leased the land from Lindenwood Cemetery in June 1974. When the 10-year lease expired, the Fort Wayne Park Foundation, with the help of the English, Bontner, Mitchell Foundation, purchased the land for the Board of Park Commissioners. Lindenwood Park became an official city park in 1987.

On March 17, 1994, the Board of Park Commissioners resolved to protect the park in perpetuity by applying to the Department of Natural Resources for Nature Preserve status. This designation was awarded by the State of Indiana and Lindenwood Park became Lindenwood Nature Preserve.



**“When one tugs at a single thing
in nature, he finds it attached to
the rest of the world.”**

- John Muir

**“Those who contemplate the beauty of
the Earth find reserves of strength that
will endure as long as life lasts.”**

-Rachel Carson

Guidelines

Lindenwood Nature Preserve protects a piece of Fort Wayne's natural woodland habitat in an undisturbed manner. Please abide by these simple rules when visiting the preserve:

- No collecting. This includes plants, animals, leaves, feathers, rocks, nuts, mushrooms, etc.
- Remain on the marked trails when exploring the preserve.
- No littering; Carry out what you carry in.
- No hunting or fishing.
- No pets.
- No bikes or motorized vehicles.

Hours

Lindenwood Nature Preserve is open daily year round from dawn til dusk.



Activities

Lindenwood provides opportunities for picnicking, bird watching, nature photography, wildlife observation, hiking, or just sitting by the pond and enjoying the great outdoors.

The nature preserve may be scheduled for group events such as birthday parties, scout outings, school programs and more. Staff naturalists will provide hikes, games, and activities suited for your event whether it is educational or just for fun. We'll even provide a campfire for roasting hot dogs. Contact Kellie Adkins, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, at 427-6005 to arrange your group outing.



Stewards of the Woods

The volunteer opportunities at Lindenwood Nature Preserve are endless. Our Stewards of the Woods act as trail guides (training provided) and help maintain the trails in the preserve. All ages are welcome. Call 427-6005 for details.

Come Inside!

Lindenwood Nature Preserve encompasses 110 acres of oak-hickory forest and a small, quiet two-acre pond. Visitors may explore the preserve on any of four hiking trails ranging in length from .25 miles to 1 mile. One trail features a level boardwalk and stone path, providing easy navigation and access to the pond for strollers and wheelchairs.



"It is inconceivable to me that an ethical relation to land can exist without love, respect, and admiration for land, and a higher regard for its value."

- Aldo Leopold

