

Little River Wetlands Project

Restoring and protecting more than 1,000 acres of wetlands in Northeast Indiana.

When settlers first arrived in this area, they found a vast wetland complex teeming with wildlife known as the Great Marsh. In fact, much of northeast Indiana was once wetlands. Although most of those wetlands have been drained, Little River Wetlands Project (LRWP) works to bring back a small portion of this valuable ecosystem.

WHAT WE DO

A nonprofit land trust, LRWP restores and protects wetlands in the watershed of the Little River, a tributary of the Wabash River. Our project area encompasses more than 140,000 acres in Allen, Huntington, and Whitley Counties. We manage several preserves: Eagle Marsh, Arrowhead Prairie/Arrowhead Marsh, Buttonbush Bottoms, and Little River Landing (co-owned with ACRES Land Trust).

Education is a big part of our mission, too. We offer free nature education programs to the community, helping people learn about wetlands and the value of conserving natural areas.

WHY WETLANDS MATTER

Much of the wildlife that once thrived on the Great Marsh is now endangered or threatened. By providing needed habitat, our wetland preserves help these species survive. Wetlands also control flooding, cleanse groundwater and offer opportunities for recreation.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Intensive stewardship to nurture the young native plants is still needed at all our preserves. Consider volunteering, or make a donation at LRWP.org. Your generosity will help us preserve our valuable — and disappearing — wetlands.



HOURS

Dawn to dusk.

RULES OF THE TRAILS

To protect our wildlife, do not bring in or remove animals or plants of any kind. Imported species can carry diseases, damage native populations or cause other problems.

Please take your trash out with you.

Stay on marked trails. The wildlife of Arrowhead Preserves need our habitats to survive; please don't disturb them.

PROHIBITED

Dogs or other pets, hunting, fishing, biking, motorized vehicles, horseback riding, alcohol, drugs, weapons, camping, campfires and all collecting.

GROUP HIKES

Contact Little River Wetlands Project if you wish to bring children's groups to the preserve, conduct studies, or want to join us on one of our guided hikes.

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Preserve Guide

Eagle Marsh

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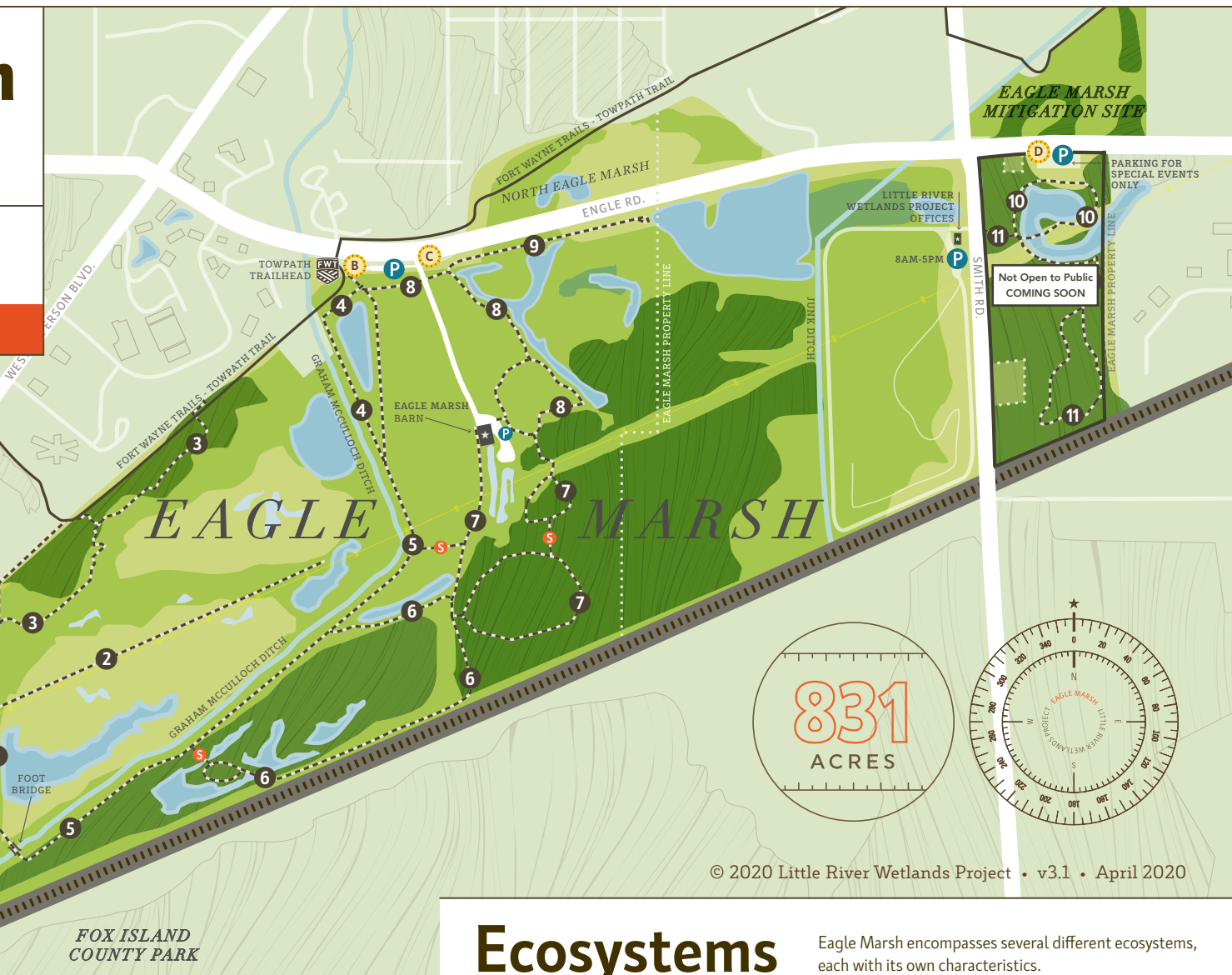


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HIKING TRAIL LENGTHS

Ⓢ Seasonal Trail ⓐ Emergency Entrances

1	Old Farm Trail	2 miles	👟	7	Tree Frog Trail	1¼ miles	👟
2	Portage Trail	2 miles	👟	8	Wetland Interpretive Trail	1¼ miles	👟
3	Monarch Meadow Trail	1 mile	👟	9	Heron Flyway	1 mile	👟
4	Waterfowl Way	1/2 mile	👟	10	Rambler's Run	1/2 mile	👟
5	Continental Divide Trail	1½ miles	👟	11	Towering Timbers Trail	1½ miles	👟
6	Oxbow Loop	2 mile	👟				

Trail distances are approximate

Ecosystems

Eagle Marsh encompasses several different ecosystems, each with its own characteristics.



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