

History

William Windus Knight was a local businessman, philanthropist, and nature enthusiast. His grandchildren donated this 42-acre parcel to the Wood County Park District in 1993. The Country Garden Club of Perrysburg saw its potential with its mature woodlot and location near the Maumee River. They were instrumental in preserving the land and making the accessible trail system possible. Local community members assisted the Wood County Parks in planning the Preserve. Which includes a wetland, pond, native prairie, and the Nature Center, which was built in 2005.

The Nature Center at Knight

The Nature Center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until dusk. It offers year-round nature experiences with the Look Out On Nature Area, or LOONA, where (from within the building) visitors can view birds and other wildlife at feeders, in native gardens, and at water features. Opportunities for hands-on nature activities are available to the public as well as school groups in the Educational Classroom. Visitors may enjoy some relaxing, quiet time with a book in the Library. This space doubles as a meeting



area for small groups.

The Hankison Great Room, available for rentals, has a serving-kitchen, fireplace, and accommodates up to 150 people.

Natural Habitats

Frogs jump, fish splash, deer freeze then turn tail and bound away into the trees. Visitors experience a variety of wildlife as they walk along the trails through fields, prairie, and mature oaks, along the wetland and pond, and on the boardwalk through wet woods at W.W. Knight Nature Preserve.

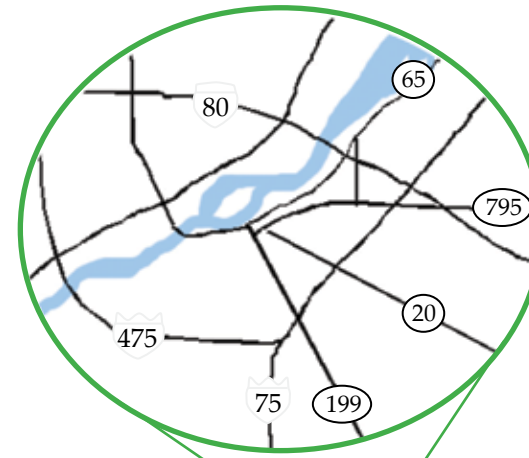


A few wing beats from the Maumee River, the Preserve invites songbirds, eagles, and waterfowl to look for food and nesting sites and is a welcome resting spot during migration.

Colorful dragonflies sparkle over the water, as swallows bank and swoop, and young people fish nearby in the warmth of summer. The prairie's native wildflowers



are in their glory just as fall begins. Winter brings ice skating, cross-country skiing, and school groups looking at animal tracks in the snow.



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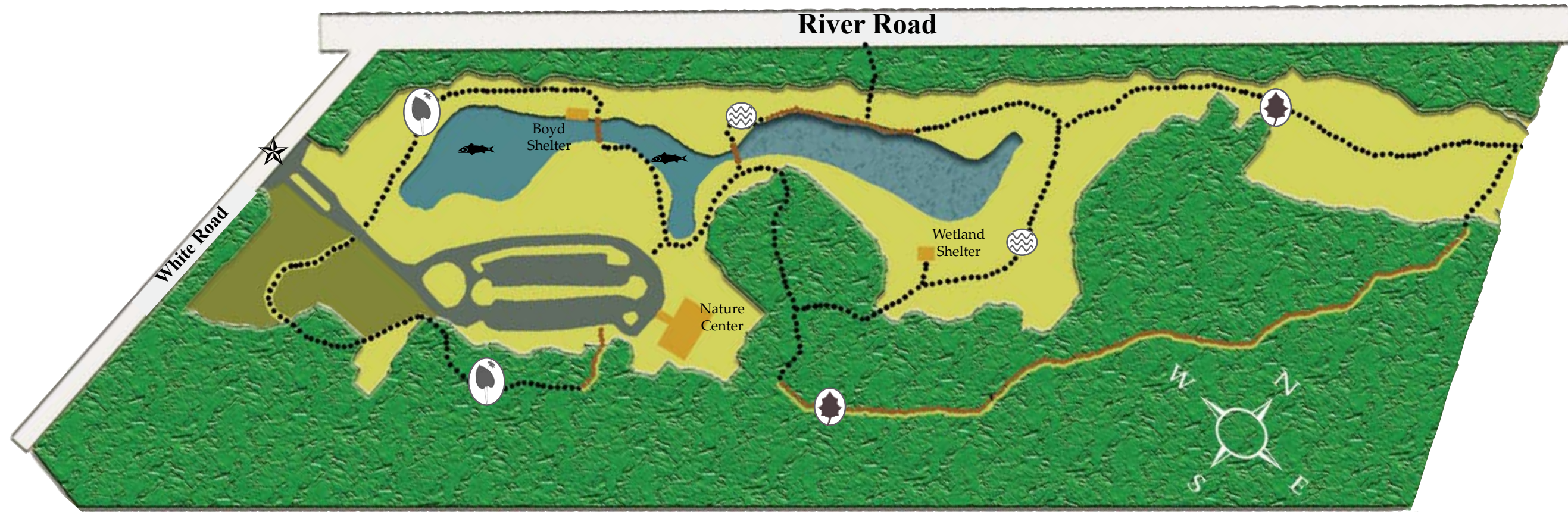
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

29530 White Road
Perrysburg, OH 43551
419-661-1697

Entrance located
at the corner of
East River Road (SR 65)
and White Road



To preserve, enhance, protect and interpret the natural and cultural resources of Wood County, while providing quality passive recreational and educational opportunities for present and future Wood County citizens.






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Fishing Regulations

- ➔ Youth and family fishing only
- ➔ 17 years of age and younger
- ➔ Adults may only fish with youth
- ➔ No live minnows for bait
- ➔ Catch and release largemouth bass and grass carp
- ➔ No fishing in wetland area

Trails

	Prairie Dock	.39 miles
	Wetland Loop	.40 miles
	Wet Woods	.52 miles

Accessibility icons: wheelchair, bicycle with slash.

Symbols

-  Park Entrance
-  Woodland
-  Prairie
-  Pond
-  Wetland
-  Meadow
-  Fishing Areas