

These woods were willed by Dr. James O. Ritchey to The Nature Conservancy to assure their protection. The Nature Conservancy has given the land to The Children's Museum of Indianapolis for its care and use, and The Children's Museum of Indianapolis has given the land to the City of Fishers.

Property rules and visitor expectations:
Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve is owned by the City of Fishers and is governed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and there are rules and regulations that protect it. Nature Preserves are "to be preserved as pristine natural areas for all the people of Indiana." RWNP is open from dawn until dusk. Visitors are not permitted after daylight hours. Visitors must remain on the trail at all times. This includes dogs who must also be on a leash at all times. Staying on the trail reduces erosion, damage to fragile plant communities and reduces disturbance to ground nesting birds. We do have threatened and endangered plants and animals at Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve. Bicycles are prohibited within the park. If you arrive by bicycle, it is not permitted past the parking lot. Disturbing or removing any plant, animal, or natural item is prohibited. Gathering berries, picking flowers, harvesting mushrooms, or collecting fallen leaves is not allowed. Leaving something behind can be as detrimental as taking something with you. Visitors may not feed the wildlife, release an animal, bring in any plant material (seeds, flowers or yard debris as examples), litter or leave dog waste behind. The fire pit is not available for public use. Fires are only permitted in our fire pit during a Fishers Parks & Recreation sponsored event. Personal fires are prohibited (no grills, no fire pits, no candles, no lanterns, no smoking, and no fire of any kind). Smoking and tobacco are prohibited (this does include: cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaping devices and chewing tobacco). Alcohol is also prohibited. Metal detecting is prohibited. Erecting tents and hammocks is prohibited. Finally, it is a violation of City Ordinance for patrons to charge fees or receive income through the use of a City of Fishers Park.

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"Our mission is to provide experiences
that enhance quality of life through play
and discovery."

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For program information, visit the parks website at www.playfishers.com and click on the Fun Guide.

Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve



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**10410 Hague Road
Fishers, Indiana**

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Total Park Acreage: 127

Trail Miles: 2.25

Open Dawn to Dusk



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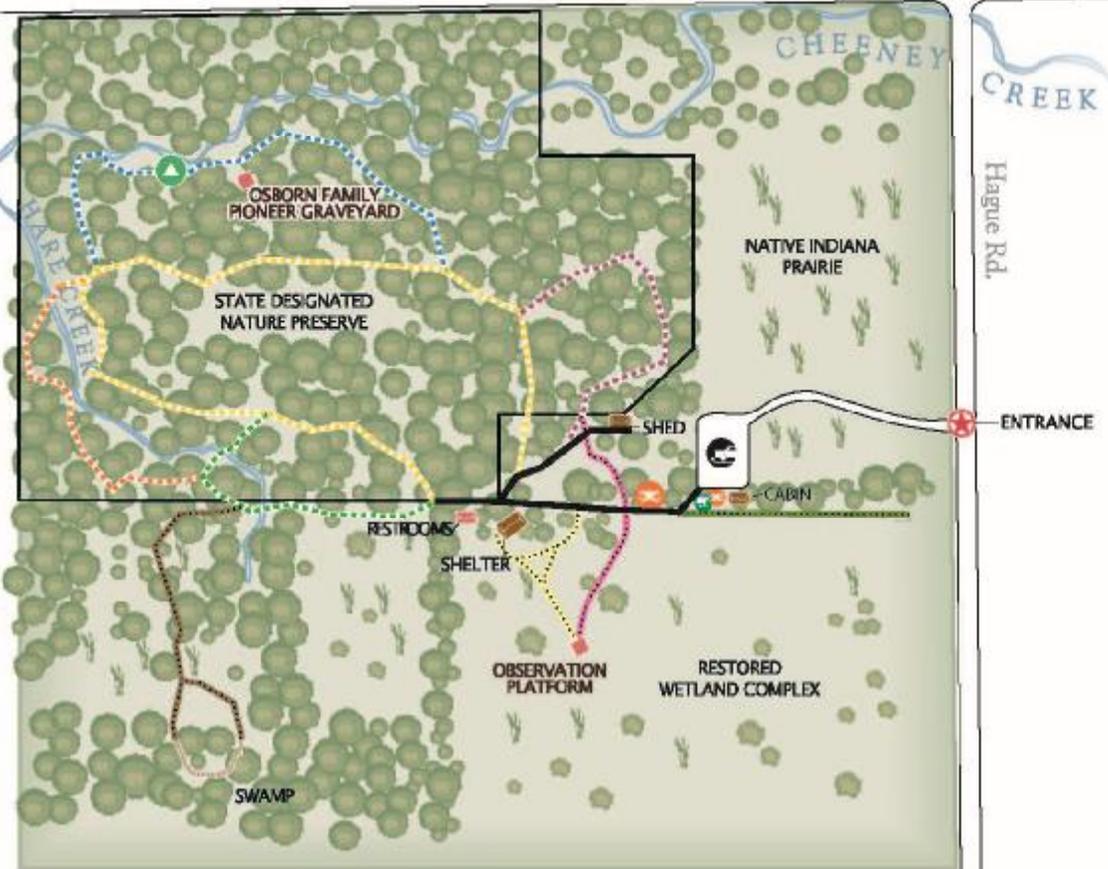
The shelter and other areas are not available for rent, they are only reserved for scheduled programs with Fishers Parks & Recreation (FP&R) staff. The shelter and other areas at RWNP are available to the public on a first come first serve basis for groups under 20 people (unless already reserved for a FP&R program). For groups over 20 people, a Special Event Permit is required.



Rachel Quigley



Heidi Shoemaker



Park Amenities		Park Amenities	
GRASS TRAILS:	Miles	EARTHEN TRAILS:	Miles
SWAMP TRAIL	0.36	HARE CREEK TRAIL	0.16
DRAGONFLY TRAIL	0.10	SOUTH RIDGE TRAIL	0.20
ORCHARD TRAIL	0.10	BEECH HOLLOW TRAIL LOOP	0.55
BLACKBIRD TRAIL	0.10	CREEK RIDGE TRAIL	0.28
		HICKORY TRAIL	0.20
		GRAVEL ACCESS TRAIL	0.20
		PARKSIDE CAFÉ PICNIC SITE	
		PARKING (GRAVEL)	
		PICNIC TABLES	
		CHEENEY CREEK GREENWAY	
		BOARDWALK	



106th St.

Hague Rd.

ENTRANCE

CHEENEY CREEK

OSBORN FAMILY PIONEER GRAVEYARD

STATE DESIGNATED NATURE PRESERVE

NATIVE INDIANA PRAIRIE

CABIN

RESTROOMS

SHELTER

OBSERVATION PLATFORM

RESTORED WETLAND COMPLEX

SWAMP

GRAVEL ACCESS TRAIL 0.20

PARKSIDE CAFÉ PICNIC SITE

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