Fun Things To Do at Buttonbush Bottoms

We challenge you to do them all. Check them off as you go!

- Watch for eagles cruising overhead
- Search under leaves to find bugs
- Sketch, draw, or color a wetland scene
- Count the different sounds you hear
- Find something on the trail in every color of the rainbow
- Adopt a tree, record seasonal changes
- Take a picture of what you see
- Find different plants that stand in water
- Look for butterflies drinking nectar
- Draw a variety of seeds seen on a hike
- What birds did you see in trees? Along railroad tracks? On open prairie?
- Investigate mud puddles or snowy areas for animal tracks
- Take a 20 minute listening hike, no talking
- Help at a stewardship work session
- What’s the smallest animal seen? Biggest?
- Look for scat (poop)
- Count caterpillars found on milkweed
- Attend a public hike
- Invite your friends to join you!

Buttonbush is a shrub that is native to Indiana and grows in these woods. Look for the circular white blossom in the summer and the seed head in the fall.

Bottoms is short for bottomland habitat that is described as lowlands located in a valley or other low area near rivers, streams, or bodies of water prone to flooding.

**Buttonbush Bottoms WETLAND PRESERVE**

8533 Amber Rd | Fort Wayne, IN 46814

**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 Buttonbush Bottoms 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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Buttonbush Bottoms encompasses several different ecosystems, each with its own characteristics.

**Hiking Trail Lengths**

- **Seasonal Trail**: 1.1 miles
- **Emergency Entrances**: 0.5 miles

**Trail Distances are approximate**

**The “Boot System”**

- Boots are best
- Better grab those knee-high boots!

**Ecosystems**

- **Marsh**
- **Sedge Meadow**
- **Prairie**
- **Forest Wetlands**