



Cedar Line Nature Preserve

Location: In north Pendleton County at 5 Hale Rd, Butler KY 41006. Park off Hale Rd next to intersection with Flour Creek Rd.

Website: <http://pendletoncounty.ky.gov/aboutus/Pages/CedarLineNaturePreserve.aspx>

Driving Directions: Drive US 27 into Butler in north Pendleton County. Turn east on KY-177. In about 1/2 mile where 177 veers sharply right, continue straight (east) onto Flour Creek Rd. Go about 2.5 miles, passing Vater Rd on the left. Preserve is on the left (north) side of Flour Creek Rd at Hale Rd intersection. Turn left on Hale and park in the gravel area immediately on the right.

Hiking Trail Miles: About 2

Trail Features: This is a new trail system through a 43 acre preserve with paths on several surfaces including dirt, grass, moss, and rocks. Trails cross a couple streams, which are dry most of the year. Trails also cross over several wood footbridges and pass near old rock fences. Many little square signs note the trail names, and only some trail sections were confusing when hiked in October 2014. If confused in sections with no signs, notice that trails are often edged with fallen trees and limbs. There are also many split wood benches along the trails.

Enter the preserve at the obvious break in the fence across Hale Rd from the gravel parking lot. A-Trail is the longest trail, circling the preserve's perimeter, covering about 0.8 miles and about 180' elevation change. A-trail passes an old barn, passes through one of the rock fences, and has junctions with all the other trails, allowing a variety of hike loop options. C-trail is maybe the most scenic trail, climbing next to an intermittent stream through the center of the preserve.

Dogs: Not allowed.

History: Original property owner Karen Kuhnhein donated Cedar Line Preserve to the Pendleton County Fiscal Court when she died. She wanted visitors to be able to explore and experience the natural beauty of its grounds as she had. She had created so many trails through the preserve that current trail maintenance is allowing many to return to nature. Over 40 species of trees and 27 species of birds have been identified in the preserve. Many trees still have Karen's signs noting their species. The preserve is open daily during daylight hours for guests to explore by foot travel only. Hunting occurs on adjacent properties in November, so even though hunting is not allowed in the preserve, it might be wise to avoid Cedar Line Preserve during November.

Other Activities: Flour Creek offers opportunities for aquatic education, including in-stream walking wearing knee boots. It flows adjacent to the parking area, but property ends at the bridge.

Hiking Trails At Cedarline Nature Preserve

Corner of Flour Creek & Hale Roads, east of city of Butler in northern Pendleton County KY

GPS tracks and map by:
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A-Trail

- Loop path around perimeter of entire trail system
- 0.92 miles long
- 175' elevation change

C-Trail

- 1-way path between highest and lowest points of A-Trail
- 0.33 miles long
- 124' high-to-low elevation change

R-Trail

- 1-way path between 2 points on A-Trail
- 0.14 miles long
- 24' high-to-low elevation change

Paul Dickenson Trail

- 1-way path between 2 points on A-Trail, below AT&T phone lines
- 0.21 miles long
- 66' high-to-low elevation change

