

Ivanhoe South Nature Preserve

City of Gary, Lake County

Owned and managed by Shirley Heinze Land Trust
Open to the public daily from dawn until dusk



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Ivanhoe South is a unique natural enclave in an urban setting. The dune-and-swale landscape, now considered globally rare, is characterized by a series of sandy ridges (dunes) alternating with long narrow wetland depressions (swales), all running parallel to the Lake Michigan shoreline. This unique topography formed over the past 5,000 years as the waters of the great lake receded in stages, each time leaving a sandy beach behind. The black oak savanna and interdunal wetland communities provide habitat for a diverse variety of flora and fauna.

Directions:

From I-94, exit at Cline Ave. north. Take Cline Ave. to 5th Ave. (U.S. 20). Go east on U.S. 20 to the first traffic signal (Colfax St.). Follow Colfax St. south to the parking lot just before the railroad tracks.

