# **Bruce Lake Natural Area**

## **Area Facts**



Bruce Lake is a natural lake that was formed by a retreating glacier.

- Area is 2,845 acres.
- Located in Pike County southwest of Blooming Grove.
- Features two lakes: Bruce Lake and Egypt Meadow Lake
- Area was formerly glaciated, leaving scattered lakes and bogs
- Features the Bruce Lake Trail, which intersects both Egypt Meadow and Bruce lakes.

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# **Ecosystem/Terrain**

- Area is characterized by its glacial bog and glacial lake community
- Area is relatively flat at approximately 1800' elevation.
- Upland deciduous trees include mixed oaks and northern hardwoods.
- ➤ Area is home to uncommon plants like sundew and pitcher plant.



Common sundew, a fascinatting carnivorous plant found in the area.

## Wildlife

- The natural area harbors abundant waterfowl and amphibians.
- ➤ Other game animals like white-tailed deer and black bears can be found in the natural area.
- ➤ Predators such as coyotes, bobcats, and fishers can be found in the natural area.
- The natural area also provides good habitat for many species of songbirds.



The black throated blue warbler has been observed in the natural area.

#### **Access**

- ➤ US 84 and Route 402 are major roads in the area.
- ➤ Old Greentown Road accesses the northwest corner of the area, and ample parking is available on the western border on Route 390.
- Ranch Road is a gated administrative road on the northeastern side of the natural area.
- Numerous trails cross the natural area offering spectacular hiking (see map on reverse for detail).
- ➤ Off-trail hiking in the area can be challenging due to numerous wetlands.



Sphagnum moss is a central component of the bog community.

