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## In the Wild

Birding  
hot spots  
on trail in  
preserveUnderground Railroad  
stop among historical  
sites in southern OhioBy Bob Downing  
Beacon Journal staff writer**WEST UNION:** The Wilderness Trail is one of the wildest spots in Ohio.

The 2.5-mile loop is part of the magnificent 13,000-acre Edge of Appalachia Preserve in Adams County in southern Ohio.

The tract along Ohio Brush Creek is owned and managed by the Nature Conservancy and the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal.

The trail is also part of a new Appalachian Discovery Birding and Heritage Trail, a 200-mile driving tour of southern Ohio that combines birding hot spots and historical sites in Clermont, Brown, Adams, Scioto and Highland counties.

The trail provides good birding for forest birds in breeding and migratory seasons.

The yellow-blazed trail opened in 2000 and winds through the Charles A. Eulett Wilderness Preserve that covers 1,200 acres and offers some of the best biodiversity in Ohio.

It is mostly wooded, can be hard to follow and is lightly traveled. You may not see another person.

The trail goes through cedar glades, along gray limestone cliffs, through deep woods and into prairie openings.

The Wilderness - a National Natural Landmark - features 50 rare plant and animal species and three rare plant