

**Kitty Todd Nature Preserve
Sunday May 17, 2009**

**The Nature Conservancy
Blue Weekend**

Saturday and Sunday May 16-17th will be “Blue Weekend” a celebration of all things Blue at Kitty Todd. The 2009 schedule has not yet been finalized, but you can expect field trips and bird walks led by knowledgeable naturalists, staff and volunteers through the day. Kitty Todd is not to be missed!

During Blue Weekend, thousands of wild lupine plants should be blooming, and we will search for federally endangered Karner blue butterflies among the lupine. Many birds should be seen and heard including lark sparrows, red-headed woodpeckers, eastern bluebirds, orchard orioles, yellow-throated vireos, towhees and indigo buntings.

Kitty Todd Preserve, Lucas Co

The Nature Conservancy’s 772 acre Kitty Todd Nature Preserve was established in 1972 to protect one of the finest remnants of northwest Ohio’s Oak Openings Region. “Oak Openings” was the term used by early European settlers to describe the 130-square mile area west of the Maumee River that supported stand of scattered oaks and treeless wet prairie. Kitty Todd contains high quality black oak savanna, tallgrass prairie, wet prairie, 110 state listed plant and animal species and over 590 native plant species. Highlights of some of the rare species include orange-fringed orchid, small purple-fringed orchid, soapwort gentian, prairie milkweed, twisted yellow-eyed grass, fringed gentian, cross-leaved milkwort, Kalm’s St. John’swort, Great Lakes goldenrod, spatulate-leaved sundew, Karner blue butterfly, frosted elfin butterfly, lark sparrow, spotted turtle, Blanding’s turtle and blue-spotted salamander. Visitors will see habitat in various stages of restoration including initial restoration sites started in the 1980’s, sites where the habitat is recovering and sites where restoration has just begun.

The preserve is located in Lucas County approximately 7 miles west of Toledo and 1 mile northeast of the Toledo Express Airport.

Directions to Kitty Todd, Lucas Co.
16.8 mi – about 23 mins

Driving directions to Kitty Todd Nature Preserve from

Holiday Inn-Perrysburg, 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, OH 43551

1. Exit Holiday Inn, turn right on Hwy 20
2. In 0.3 mile exit onto Interstate -75 South
3. In 1.3 mile exit onto I-475 N (exit 192)
4. Go 8.2 miles (exit 8) turn left on Hwy 2 West
5. In 5.1 miles, Turn Right on S. Eber Rd

6. Eber Rd dead-ends into Old State Line Rd.
7. Turn **left** at **Old State Line Rd**
In 0.3 miles, Kitty Todd will be on the right

Kitty Todd Nature Preserve
10420 Old State Line Road,
Lucas County, Ohio

Map to Kitty Todd, Lucas Co – from Perrysburg, Ohio

