

Vermilion River Observatory

Directions: The site is about 40 miles east of campus, and about 4 miles southeast of Danville, Illinois, in Vermilion County. Take Interstate 74 to Danville. Just after crossing the Vermilion River Bridge, exit the Interstate at Exit 216, the Perrysville Rd./Bowman Ave. exit. At the T intersection turn south (right). At the next T intersection (about 50 m) turn east (left) on the Perrysville Road (County Hwy #4). Travelling east you'll pass a couple trailer courts, then a golf course after about 1.7 miles, and come to a 4 way stop sign and the MoonGlo Tavern & Grill after 2.5 miles. Continue straight, winding east/southeast for another 2.3 miles. Just after passing a horse stable, being across from a converted brick school house, and just before the white Union Corner United Methodist Church, turn west (right) on W. Union St. Almost immediately, turn south (left) on S. Union St.

The north boundary of the property begins about .1 mile south of the turn and is on the west side of the road. Another .1 mile to a barn on the property and another .3 mile to the main entry gate. The gate is locked. Vehicle access to the southern edge of the property is also possible via public road and private lane.

Elevation of crop ground ranges from 655 ft. in the east to 630 ft. in the west. The lowest elevations in the ravines range from 510 ft. in the NW corner to 550 ft. in the SW ravines. The Vermilion River which runs about a quarter mile to the west of the U of I property has an elevation of about 500 ft.

Fencing along the property edges is often missing. Please stay on our property. The main gate address is 13589 S. Union St.

Danville
4 miles

W. Union St.

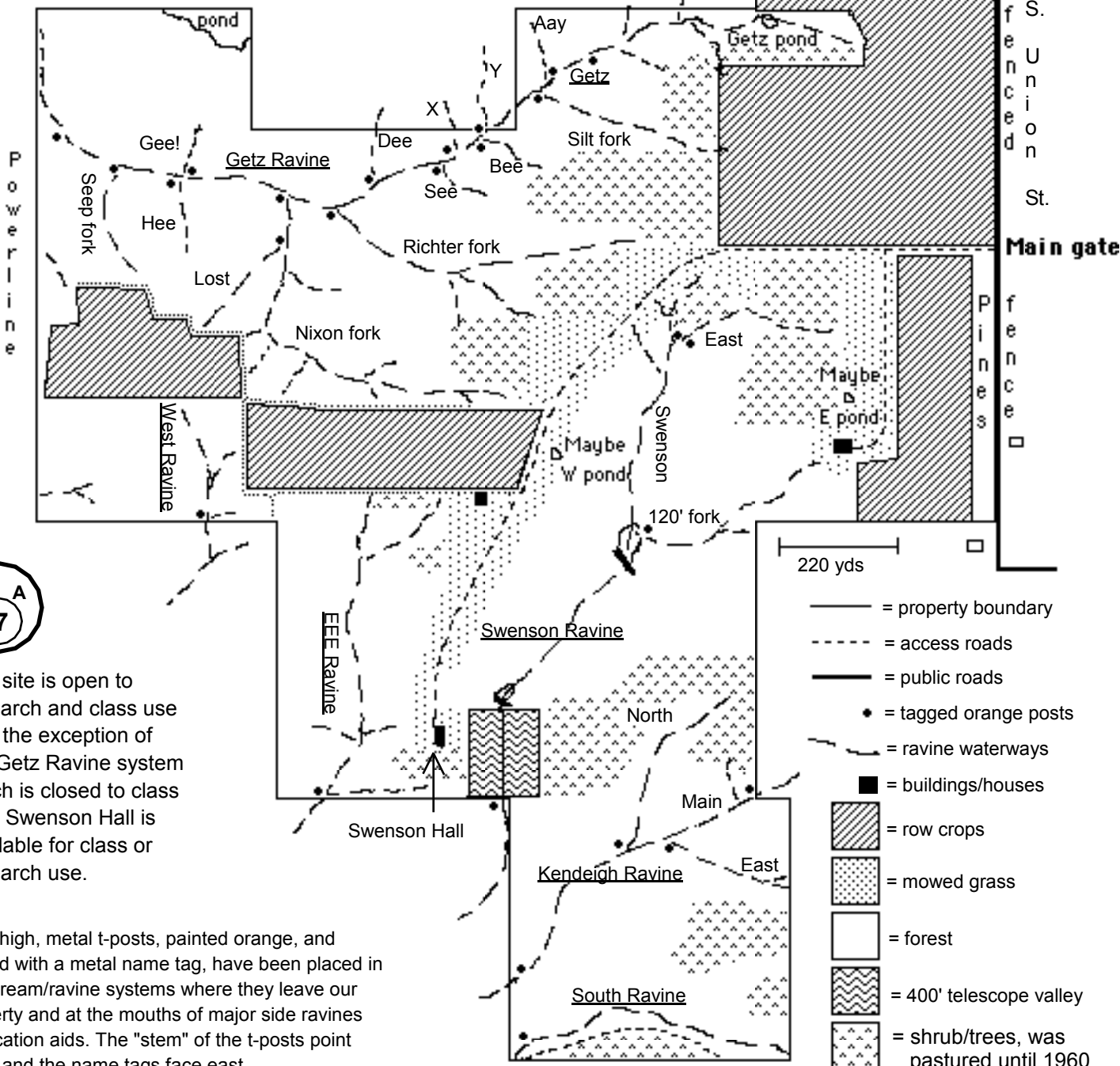
Hwy.6

N. gate

Barn gate

S.
Union
St.

Main gate



The site is open to research and class use with the exception of the Getz Ravine system which is closed to class use. Swenson Hall is available for class or research use.

• 4' high, metal t-posts, painted orange, and affixed with a metal name tag, have been placed in the stream/ravine systems where they leave our property and at the mouths of major side ravines as location aids. The "stem" of the t-posts point north and the name tags face east.