

The Black Oak Ridge Conservation Easement (BORCE) was established under a Natural Resource Damage Assessment and includes 3,073 acres on Black Oak Ridge and McKinney Ridge in the western part of Oak Ridge. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency manages the site. It contains interesting community types and species such as hemlock-rhododendron forest, beech maple forest, cedar barrens, fringe tree, spider lily, spreading false-foxglove, white-topped sedge, Vaseys trillium, Tennessee dace, and southeastern shrew. Some of these species are unusual for the Ridge and Valley region. The greenway on the BORCE is popular for hiking, biking, and viewing wildlife.