A short loop trail leads through a mature oak, hickory and beech forest. As the trail descends to the creek bottom an overlook reveals a view of the natural bridge from above. The bridge spans 90 feet.

**Safety**
Carrying a map, compass and plenty of water is recommended. Be aware of hunters during hunting season. Poisonous snakes and poison ivy are present in the area. The trail tread may become slick when wet.

**Surrounding Area**
Little Grand Canyon, Cedar Lake, LaRue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area, Clear Springs and Bald Knob Wilderness

**Emergencies**
The nearest hospital is St. Joseph’s in Murphysboro. The nearest public phone is in Alto Pass.

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Length: 1/3 mile
Travel Time: ½ hour to 45 minutes
Surface Type: Natural
Difficulty Level: Moderate to difficult
Recommended Season: Year round
Facilities: Parking, picnic area and grill
Access: From Rt. 127 take Pomona Rd. west 1 mile to 3-way stop. Turn right and continue to the “Y” in the road and veer right onto Natural Bridge Rd. Follow 1.5 miles to parking lot at the end of the road.

Hiker Trails - blue diamond
Trail Ethics: Pack it in, Pack it out.

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