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I loved this hike. It was so quiet because we were the only people there. This made me feel so free from all of the stress and discomfort in my life. I have been traveling during the past few weekends, and so being outside with no responsibility or deadlines was like taking a breath of fresh air after being submerged in water too long. I let everything go and simply existed for a few hours. And for that and pushing me to go outside today, I say thank you.

Today, I visited the Peninsula Trail in Bloomington, Indiana. As it was raining outside, there were not many pollinators around. Instead, I decided to help some flowers and become a pollinator (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm9FadAIZLc>). On the hike, I saw many different trees. One of which was a baby oak tree, just beginning its life. Another plant that I saw was actually a fungi. I saw a little white *Agrocybe* growing next to the trail. I was not able to picture this well, but I saw a Blue Heron sitting on the lake shore and right as I was going to take a picture, it flew away. Blue Herons are relatively common in Indiana, but it was still very pretty to see. In terms of wild life, I did not see too much as it was raining and most animals were trying to find cover, but I did see a snail (pictured above) and a squirrel. I did, however, hear many animals, some of which I identified as crickets, woodpeckers, squirrels, cicadas, and crows. The trail was quite clay-like. It was well-trodden and had a lot of small rocks covering it. As it was raining, we had a very grey, cloudy sky. I was really interested to see part of an old limestone quarry at one part of the path. Indiana is known for its limestone, but I never knew that there was a quarry in this area. The thing that took my breath away the most was, again, the feeling of simply being, with nothing on my mind other than the present.



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laraprojectgreen PGC Day 14: Adventure and mystery can find you where ever you go. I had an amazing day hiking in the rain today. Stepping out of your comfort zone often leads to the most enthralling moments. I am inviting anyone with an open mind and a sense of adventure to come with me to this amazing place. Here, I felt truly free, a feeling that many lack. Come and experience the world with me!

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