

## **Hardwood Tree Seedling Planting**

Once a forest is established, much of the light is blocked out before it gets to the forest floor. Because of this, it is hard for younger trees to grow and become established. In some forested areas along the trail, seedlings of desirable species such as walnut and red oak were hand planted. Some large, poor quality trees were taken out of this area to allow adequate light to reach the seedlings. The chance for these desirable seedlings to become full grown trees would otherwise be small.

### **MORE RESOURCES:**

Planting Hardwood Seedlings in the Central Hardwood Region

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<http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/FNR/FNR-210.pdf>

Growing Black Walnut

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<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/dd0505.html>



This oak seedling was hand planted in an area where larger, less desirable trees were recently taken out.