

# Apple Orchard



This area was once an apple orchard on the Pringle farm, but the process of forest succession has not been beneficial to the fruit trees. Apple trees require sunlight and other apple trees nearby for pollination. Other trees now put the apple trees in shade for most of the growing season. However, one can see the herbal level of the forest structure here. Different plants and wildflowers grow here including Jack in the Pulpit and smartweed. The litter layer can also be seen here, comprised of leaves and twigs, etc. If there seems to be a lack of such material, it might be because earthworms have invaded the woods here and are consuming the leaves.