

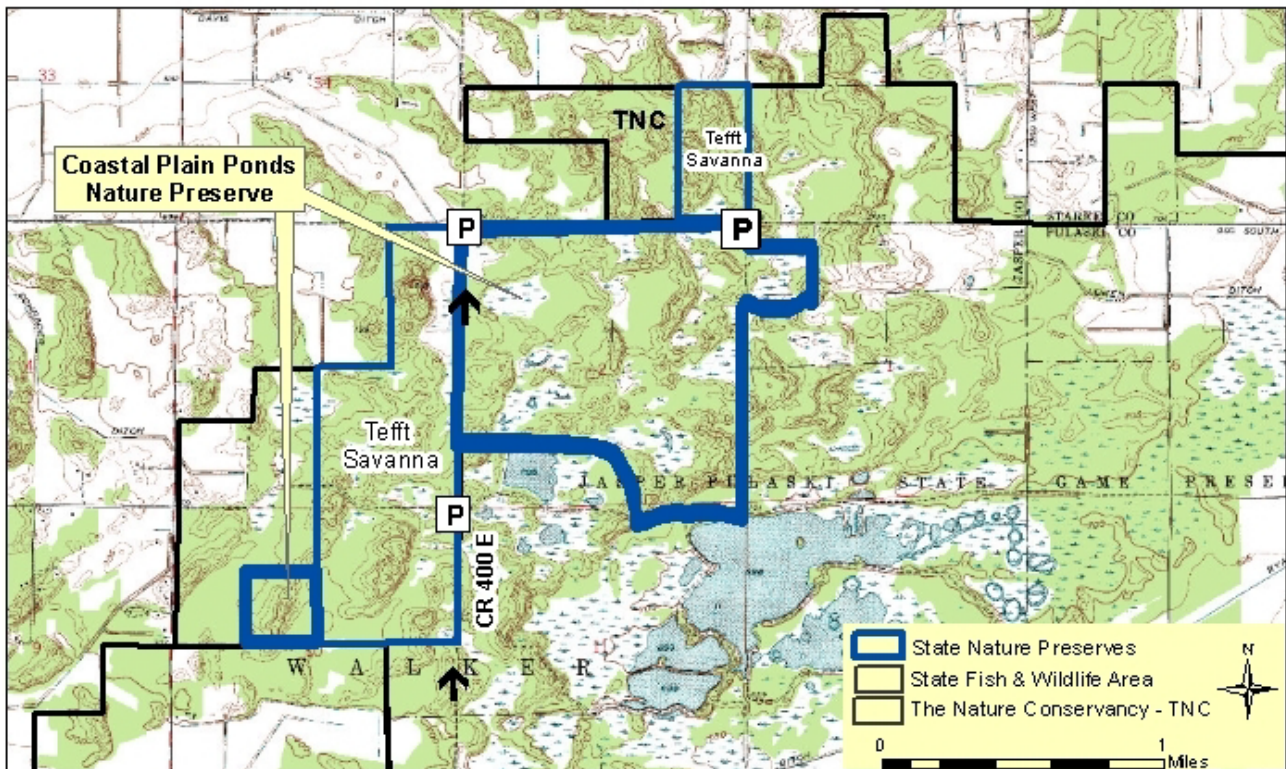
Coastal Plain Ponds Nature Preserve

County: Jasper Size: 628 acres
Ownership: Fish and Wildlife - IDNR



Location and Access:

Parking. No trails. Within Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area; visitors are required to check in at property headquarters and should be aware that hunting is allowed in season. The preserves is closed on days when prescribed fires are used. There are several coastal ponds and marshes within the preserve boundaries. From US 421 (Pulaski Co.), head west on SR 143 for 4 miles. After the shooting range, turn north on CR 400E and go north 2.5 miles to 1100N. Turn right and then take another immediate right into a Fish & Wildlife Area parking lot. Walk the lane south back to one of the more accessible coastal marshes. This lane is easy walking on a 0.25 mile natural surface firelane. Another marsh can also be seen by continuing east on 1100N for 1 mile, where another F&W Area parking lot can be used on the south side of the road. The marsh is immediately west of this parking lot and lies parallel to the county road.



Description: Although a popular destination for hunters, anglers, and Sandhill Crane enthusiasts, few are aware of the global significance of Inland Coastal Plain ponds and marshes at Jasper-Pulaski. These ephemerally wet, shallow basins are host to an impressive array of unusual flora. As the name of the nature preserve and natural community type suggests, several plants found in these wetlands have their primary distribution along the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain. As water levels recede in late summer, muckflats and sandflats are exposed, providing a suitable substrate for these and other interesting plants. Long-horned beakrush, Robbin’s spikerush, netted nutrush, warty panic grass, sessile-leaved bugleweed, and creeping Saint John’s-wort are among the rare and interesting flora.

Further Information:

Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area, 5822 N. Fish and Wildlife Ln, Medaryville, IN 47957. (219) 843-4841.

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