

Koontz Lake Wildlife Management Area

Koontz Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is managed by Kankakee Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) and is located near Koontz Lake in Starke County, Indiana. This property totals 58 acres and is primarily comprised of diverse lowland areas ranging from small open pockets of water to marsh and shrub bog.

Amenities

There is a parking lot approximately a quarter mile north of Koontz Lake WMA that can be accessed by walking through Koontz Lake Nature Preserve.

Access

Koontz Lake WMA lies on the north shore of Koontz Lake in northeastern Starke County between S.R. 23 and C.R. 1200 E. It lies directly south of the Koontz Lake Nature Preserve, a 148-acre property managed by Nature Preserves. For more information about the area, visit on.IN.gov/naturepreserve.

Access is by boat from the Koontz Lake Public Access Site or from the Koontz Lake Nature Preserve parking lot at the end of C.R. 1150 E. The parking lot is approximately a quarter mile north of Koontz Lake WMA, and visitors must walk through Koontz Lake Nature Preserve to get there. There are no marked trails from the Nature Preserve to the Wetland Conservation Area. There is a public fishing pier on the southwest side of Koontz Lake. The public access boat launch is on the southeast side of Koontz Lake.

There is no check-in for hunting deer (archery, muzzleloader, and firearms* allowed), waterfowl, quail, pheasant, turkey, small game, crow, and frog. Hunters may use steel shot only, except for when turkey hunting. Only portable hunting stands are allowed. All other hunting is allowed within state and federal regulations.

*Guns must be cased while within the borders of the Nature Preserve.

Prohibited Activities

Prohibited activities on this property include starting open fires, camping, digging, horseback riding, using ATVs or snowmobiles, dog running, and night hunting. Trapping is not allowed without written permission from the Kankakee FWA Property Manager. All state and federal laws apply.

Permitted Activities

Permitted activities at Koontz Lake WMA include:

- Hunting per property rules
- Foraging of berries, mushrooms, and nuts
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Wildlife viewing
- Boating



For additional information about this property, please contact:

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Directions: From the town of Koontz Lake, go 1.25 miles north on S.R. 23. Turn right (east) on C.R. 875 N. to the 'T' intersection which is C.R. 1150 E. Turn right (south) on this road and drive to the end of the road and park in the gravel parking lot.

GPS coordinates for the parking area: (41.425300° N, 86.475995° W).

All boundaries on the map are approximate.