

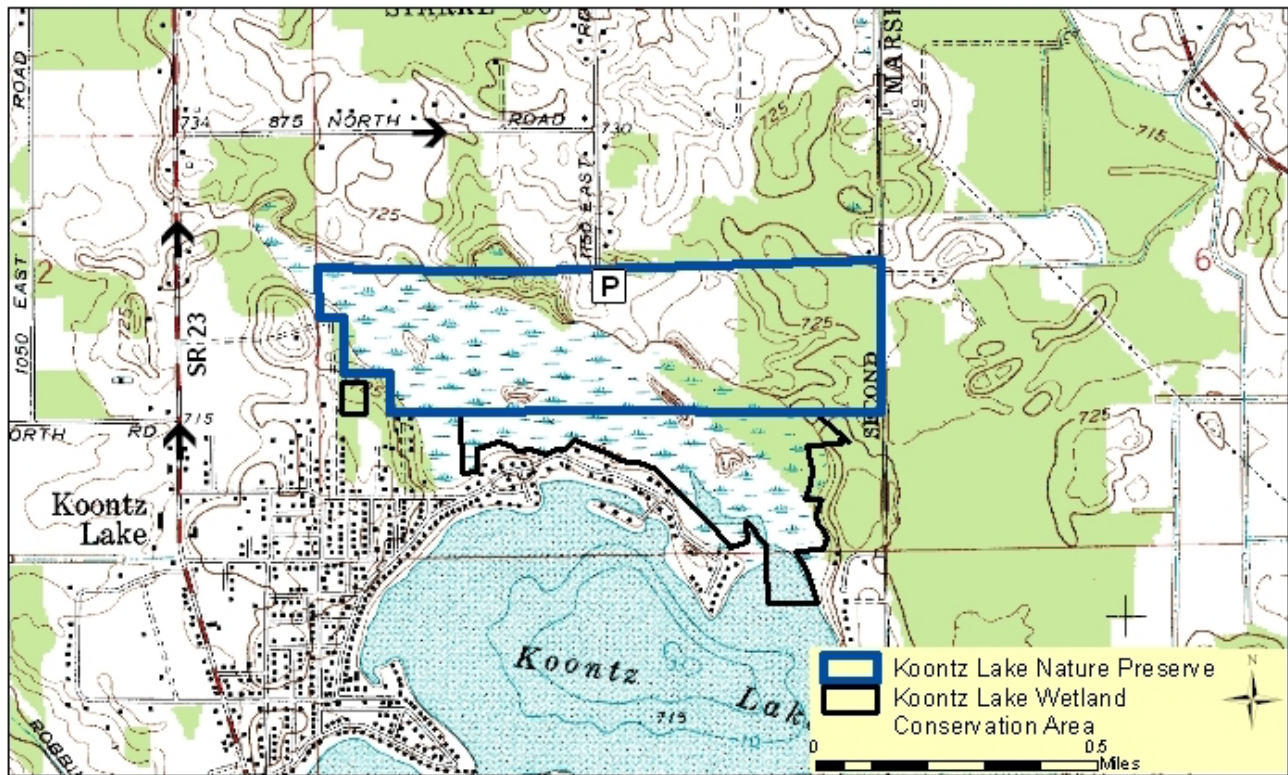
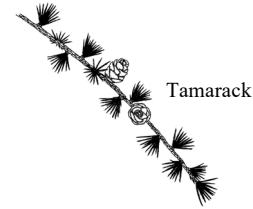
Koontz Lake Nature Preserve

County: Starke Size: 148 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking. No trails. One may hike on established fire lanes which are level, easy walk natural surface lanes that lead from the parking lot into the preserve. Preserve may be closed on days when prescribed fires are scheduled. From the town of Koontz Lake go 1.25 miles north on SR 23. Turn right (east) on CR 875N to the 'T' intersection which is CR 1150E. Turn right (south) on this road and drive to the end of the road and park in the gravel parking lot. This area lies north of and adjacent to the Division of Fish and Wildlife's 58-acre Koontz Lake Wetland Conservation Area. No hunting is allowed on the nature preserve.



Description: This preserve is composed of distinctive upland and lowland communities. The uplands consist of open areas of little bluestem and areas of savanna characterized by black oaks, blueberries, and Pennsylvania sedge. The lowland communities are diverse, ranging from small open pockets of water to marsh to the shrub bogs and remnant stands of tamaracks. A number of more northern species such as leatherleaf, gold thread, wintergreen, highbush blueberry, and tamarack remind one of more northerly sites in Michigan or Wisconsin.

Further Information:

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