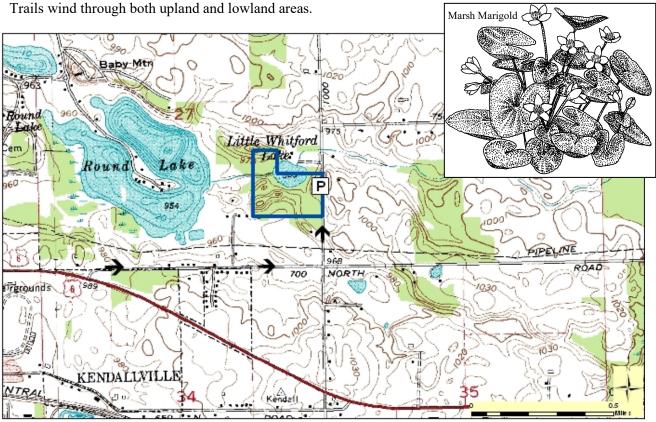


Lonidaw Nature Preserve

County: Noble Size: 25 acres Ownership: ACRES Land Trust

Location and Access

Parking and trail. From the north side of Kendallville go east on US 6. Just after the fairgrounds US 6 turns southeast. Make a left turn off US 6 and continue due east on CR 700N. After 0.8 mile, turn north on CR 1000E and go 0.3 mile to the preserve. The parking lot is on the west side of the road, north of the old gate.



Description: The terrain of Lonidaw was shaped by glaciers. The preserve includes 3/4 of the shoreline of a 5-acre kettle hole lake (Little Whitford Lake). An esker (a long, narrow ridge of coarse gravel and sand that was deposited by a stream in or beneath a glacier) runs east-west through the south part of the property. Mucky ground near the lake is dominated by spicebush, dogwoods, willows, and swamp rose. Skunk cabbage and marsh marigold are common in this area. Low ground near the lake is covered by mature woods dominated by sugar maple, hackberry, red elm, and walnut. Spicebush is common in the understory. The lower slopes are particularly rich in spring wildflowers. Upland areas are covered by mature to oldgrowth sugar maple-beech woods. Prickly ash is a common understory species of the uplands.

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