

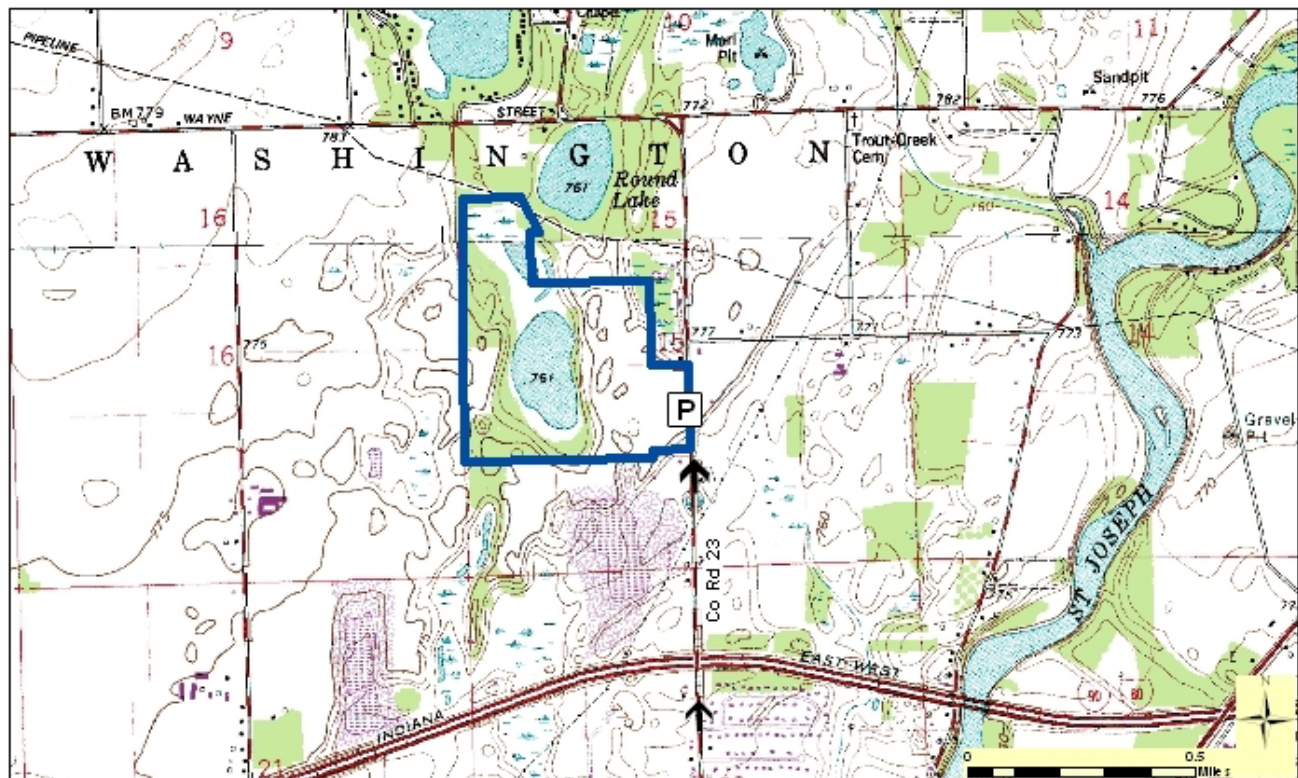
Pipewort Pond Nature Preserve (Also known as William L. Lieber Memorial Preserve)

County: Elkhart Size: 135 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR.



Location and Access

Parking and boardwalk. In Bristol, at the intersection of US 120 and SR 15 where the latter turns south, proceed northward across the St. Joseph River bridge. Shortly after crossing the bridge turn onto CR 23, which veers off to the left. Follow this road until you are 0.5 mile past the toll road overpass and turn into a drive on the left, marked with small white Nature Preserve signs. Park and walk west on an old farm lane to the pond. There is a boardwalk that overlooks the pond.



Description: Pipewort Pond has a very shallow basin which creates wide seasonal fluctuations in the water level. The resulting effect is that of extensive peaty muckflats and sandflats late in the summer with the same areas completely under water in the spring and early summer. Because of these wetland characteristics Pipewort Pond is a very attractive site for herons, ducks and shorebirds.

Some unusual species found here are disjunct from larger populations along the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Some plant species include umbrella sedge, Robbin's spikerush, green-keeled cotton grass, and the pipewort.

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