

Round Lake Wetland Conservation Area & Nature Preserve

County: Starke

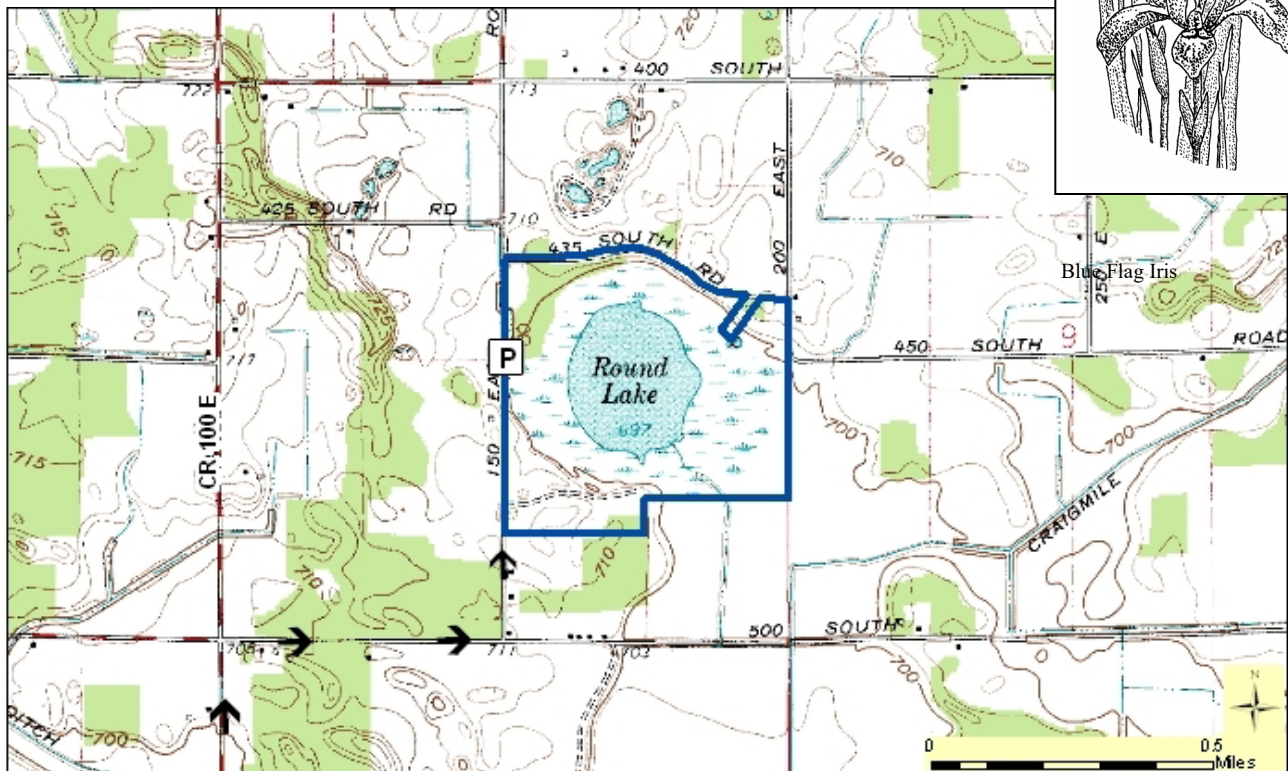
Size: 140 acres

Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR; Fish and Wildlife - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking. No trail. Users may hike the 0.5 mile access lane that leads to the lake. The lane is level easy walking on a natural sand surface. Visitors should use caution as hunting is allowed in season. Fishing is also allowed in season. The preserve may be closed on days when prescribed fire is being used for management purposes. From North Judson go 5 miles east on SR 10 to CR 100E. Turn north on CR 100E, then east on CR 500S. Turn north on CR 150E and go 0.5 mile to a lane leading east into the preserve. Park in the gravel parking lot.



Description: This area is managed both as a wetland conservation area and nature preserve. It includes the entire shore of Round Lake and its surrounding wetlands. This muck-bottomed lake has formed in a shallow depression in a sandy plain. The open water is surrounded by an emergent marsh that includes cattails and a floating sedge marsh. The wooded portions of the shore grade from wet woods into upland oak mixed with maples or cottonwood. Uplands on the southwest part of the preserve were once farmed and they have been restored to prairie.

Further Information:

Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area, 4320 W Toto Rd, Box 77, North Judson, IN 46366. (574) 896-3522.

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