Conrad Station Nature Preserve

County: Newton Size: 342 acres
Ownership: The Nature Conservancy

Location and Access
Parking and trails. From the intersection of US 41 and SR 10, go south 1.75
miles to County Road 725 North. Turn East and go 0.5 miles to the parking lot and
trailhead.

Description
A remnant black oak sand savanna and sand prairie; also included is a high quality prairie restoration.
The topography consists of rolling sand dunes and sand flats. Savannas are characterized by widely
spaced, open-grown trees, with very little woody understory. This creates an openness that allows
grasses, sedge, and wildflowers common to sand prairies to be a major component of the flora. Fires are
a normal part of the existence of savannas, and are responsible for maintaining their open character. This
preserve physically connects with the 7,200 acre Kankakee Sands and offers direct linkage with Beaver
Lake Nature Preserve and Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area, contributing to a landscape-size area of
protection. A portion of the preserve includes the abandoned town of Conrad, originally platted in 1904.
Remnant foundations still exist scattered among the black oak trees of the savanna. In association with
county historians, a two-mile interpretive trail documents the diversity of the natural communities and the
rich cultural heritage of the town.

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