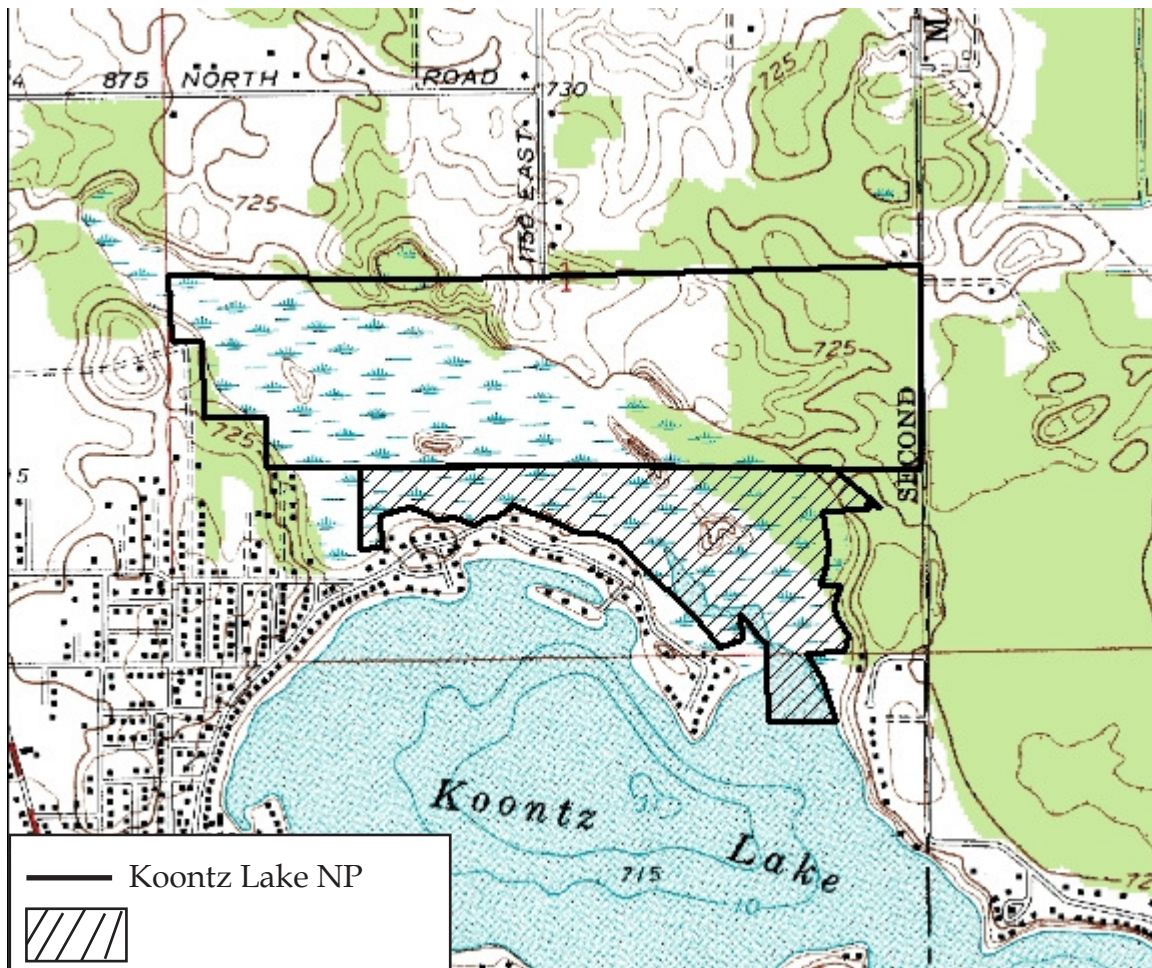
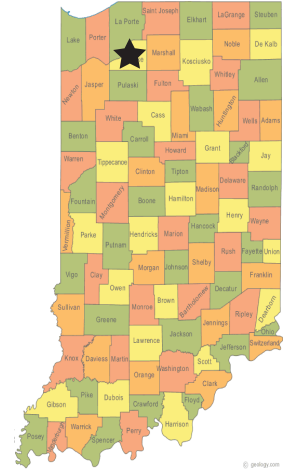


Koontz Lake Nature Preserve

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

Location and Access

Parking lot; no trails. From the town of Koontz Lake go 1.25 mi. north on SR 23. Turn right (east) on Co. Rd. 875N to the 'T' intersection which is Co. Rd. 1150E. Turn right (south) on this road and drive to the end of the road and park in the parking lot. This area lies north of and adjacent to the 58-acre Koontz Lake Wetland Conservation Area (hatched area on map).



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, goldthread, wintergreen, highbush blueberry, and tamarack remind one of more northerly sites in Michigan or Wisconsin.

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