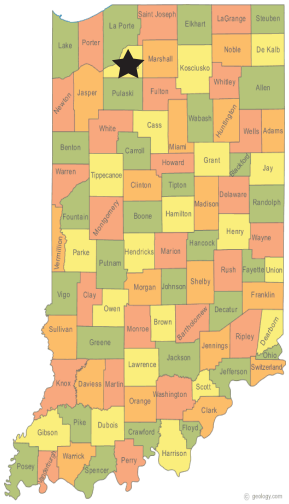
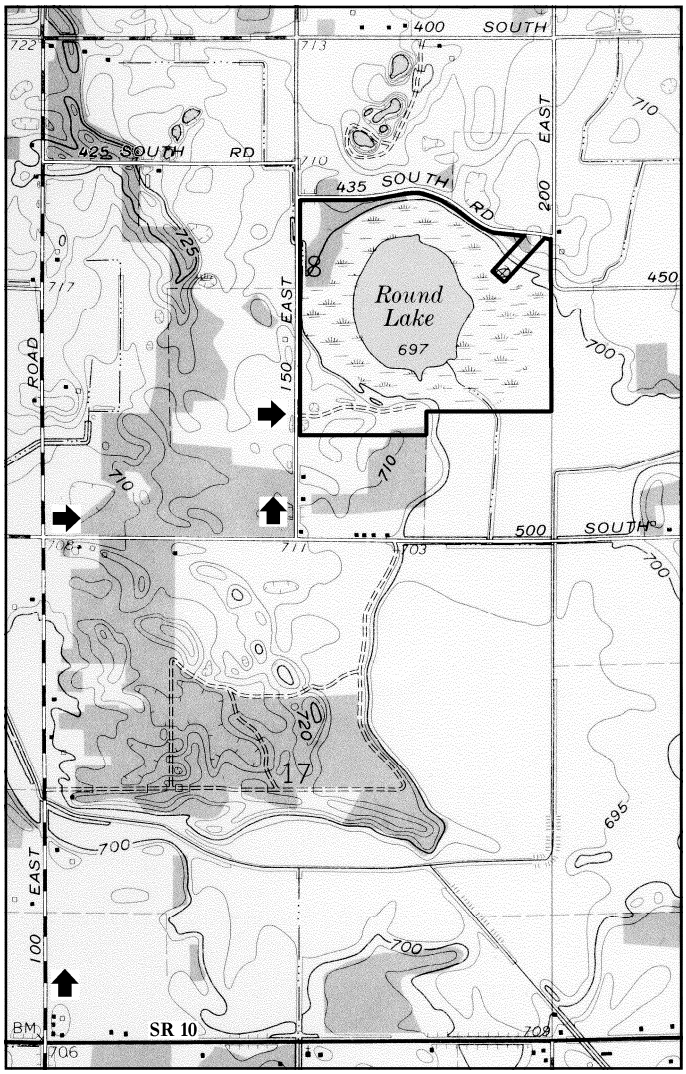
Round Lake Wetland Conservation Area & Nature Preserve



County: Starke Size: 140 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR; Fish and Wildlife - IDNR

Location and Access

Parking area; no trail. Visitors should use caution as hunting is allowed. From North Judson go 5 mi. east on SR 10 to Co. Rd. 100E. Turn north on Co. Rd. 100E, then east on Co. Rd. 500S. Turn north on Co. Rd. 150E and go 0.25 mi. to a lane leading east into the preserve. You may park in the turn-around at the end of the lane.



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. Several rare plants are found in the wetlands. 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. Future plans call for prairie restoration.

Further Information:

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USGS Quad map: Denham
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