

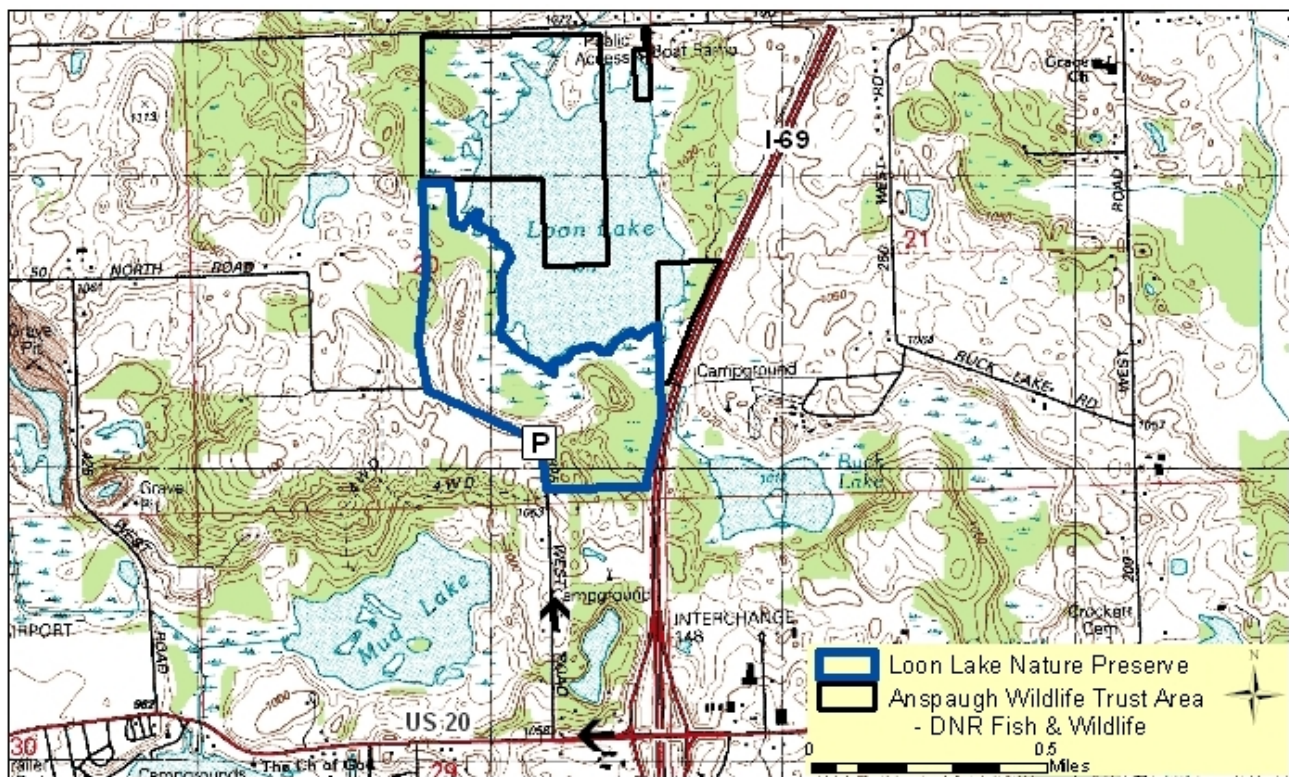
Loon Lake Nature Preserve

County: Steuben Size: 99 acres
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking and trail. Access to most of the wetland areas near the lake is very difficult. Access to the lake is from a public access site on the north end of the lake. **Public access to the nature preserve:** From the intersection of I-69 and US 20, go west 0.13 mile. Turn north (right) at the T-junction (CR 325W) and go 0.75 mile to where the road turns left. Park in front of the cable on the right. There is a trail through the upland and a short section of boardwalk into a wetland.



Description: Loon Lake is most important for its number of different wetland communities which are home to over a dozen rare, threatened or endangered plant species. Among these are the purple bladderwort, which grows in the shallow open water of Loon Lake, the Robbin’s spikerush and cuckoo flower which can be found in the sedge meadow area of the preserve, and the pitcher plant, cottongrass, and tamarack trees which can be found in the bog. There is also an area of marl prairie that is considered very good quality.

While not dedicated as a nature preserve, the Division of Fish and Wildlife - IDNR owns and protects the northwest shore of the lake.

Further Information:

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