

Big Chapman Lake Nature Preserve Little Chapman Lake Nature Preserve

County: Kosciusko

Size: Big Chapman: 147 acres

Little Chapman: 82 acres

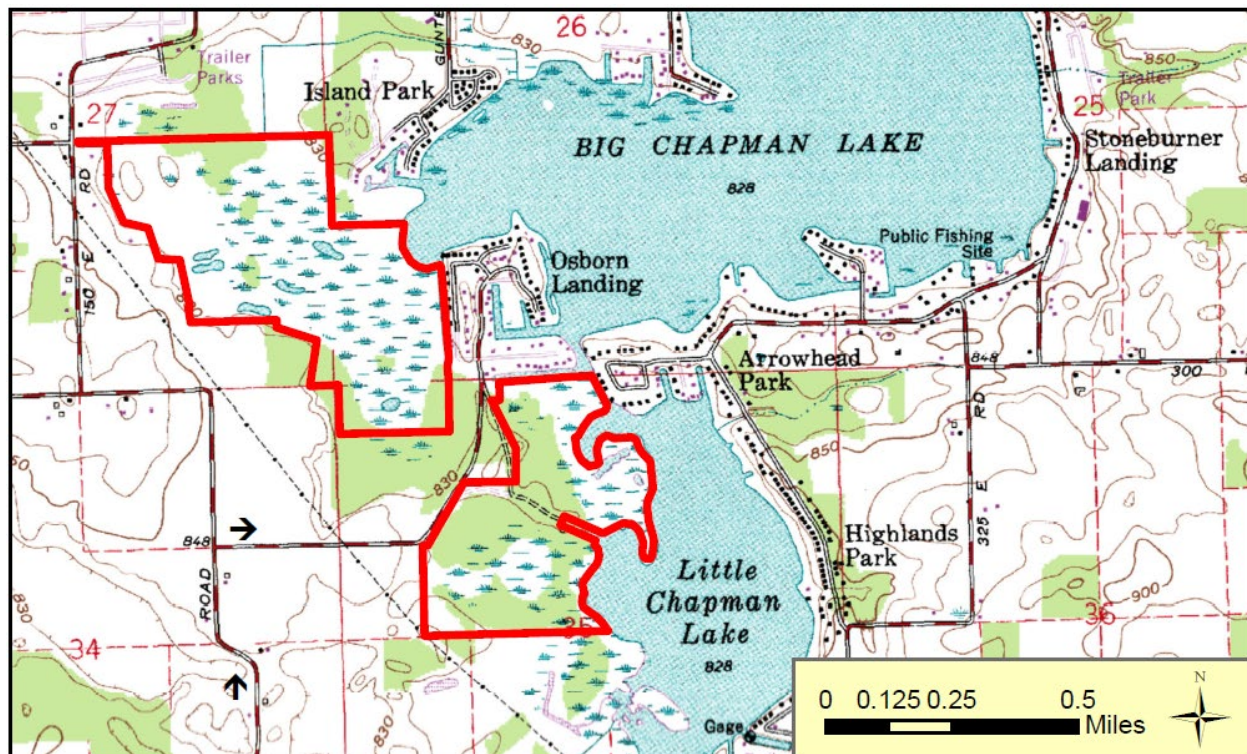
Ownership: IDNR- Divisions of Nature Preserves, Fish & Wildlife



Location and Access

There are no trails and no parking lot, making access to either preserve difficult.

From the intersection of US30 and SR15, go south to the first left (east) onto Co. Rd. 200N. Go about 2.25 miles until the road “T”s and turn left onto Co. Rd. 175E. Head north and take the first right. Go 0.5 miles to a gated lane on the right side of the road. Little Chapman is on the right side of the road; Big Chapman is to the left of the road, 0.2 miles farther north.



Description: Big Chapman Lake Nature Preserve is a large wetland with a variety of habitats. The cattail-bulrush community is a very attractive feeding and nesting area for several species of water birds including bitterns, rails, and herons. The marl-beach prairie that borders the marsh is the most interesting wetland community type found here. It includes characteristic plant species such as blazing star and big bluestem.

The north half of Little Chapman Lake Nature Preserve is primarily cattail marsh. The south half includes a bog with unusual species such as pitcher plant and cranberry.

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