

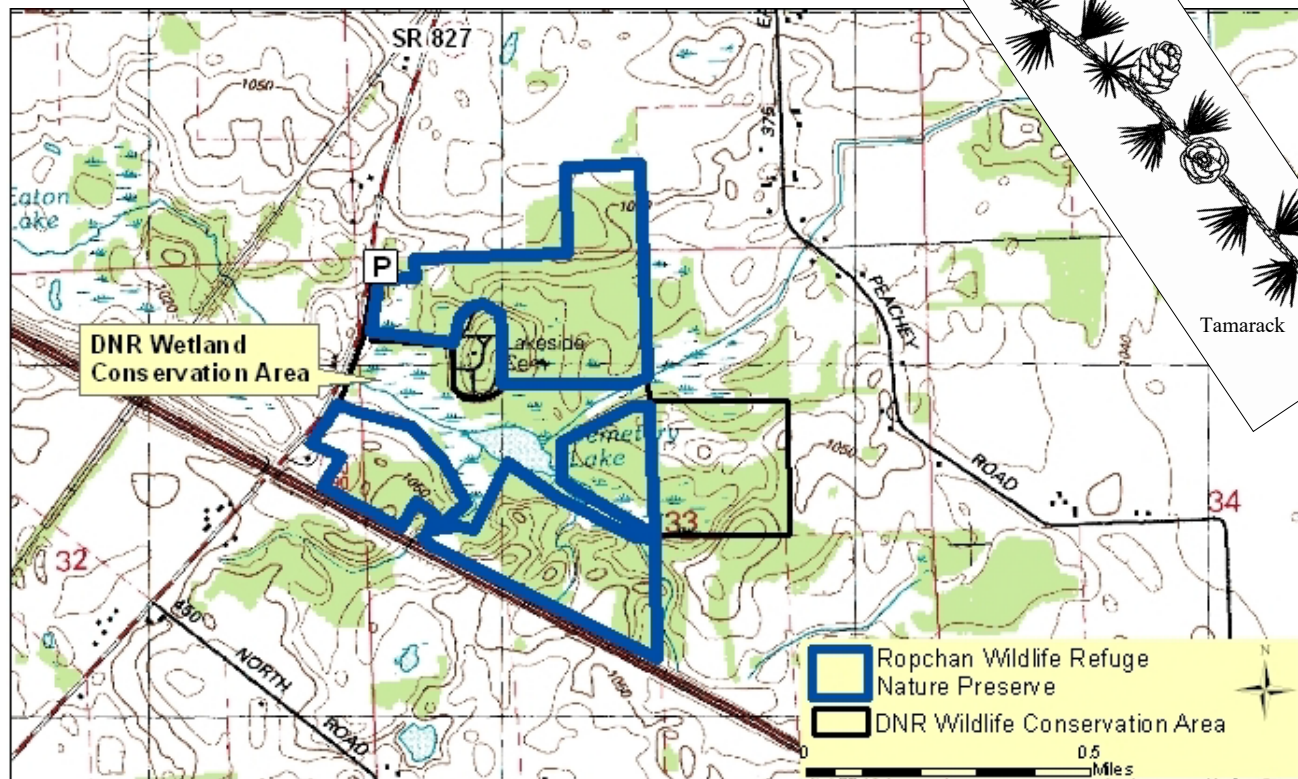
Ropchan Wildlife Refuge Nature Preserve

County: Steuben Size: 157 acres (Nature Preserve)
90 acres (Wetland Conservation Area)
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust; Fish and Wildlife - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking and trail. Go 1.0 mile south of Fremont on SR 827. Use the parking area on the east side of the road. A nature trail system traversed the preserve.



Description: This area contains a number of plant communities including: upland oak-hickory, mixed mesophytic, and lowland swamp forest; old fields in various successional stages; and pine plantations. Unusual plants include tamarack, yellow birch, and 2 species of shinleaf. Star-nosed moles, Blanding's turtles and massasauga rattlesnakes are among the more unusual animals. The topography is the strongly rolling kettle and kame glacial topography that is so well developed in Steuben County.

Further Information:

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