

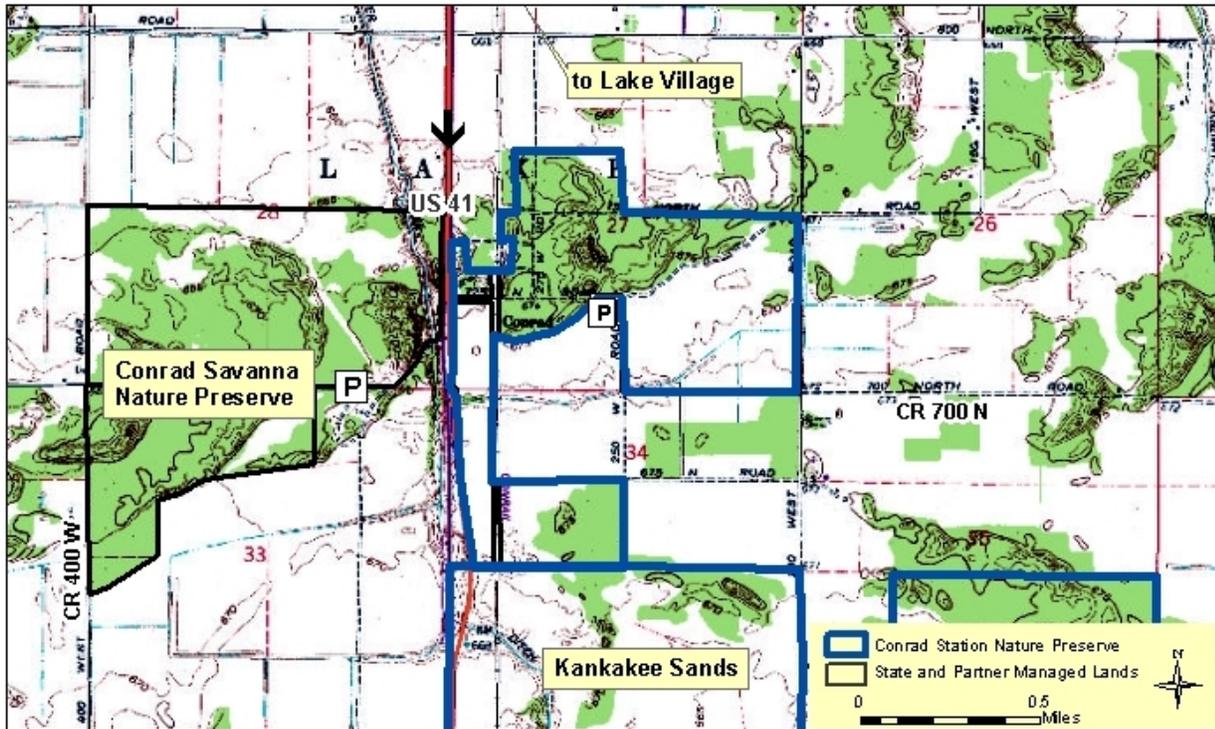
# Conrad Station Nature Preserve

County: Newton      Size: 342 acres  
Ownership: The Nature Conservancy



## Location and Access

**Parking and trails.** From the intersection of US 41 and SR 10, go south 1.75 miles to County Road 725 North. Turn East and go 0.5 miles to the parking lot and trailhead.



## Description

A remnant black oak sand savanna and sand prairie; also included is a high quality prairie restoration. The topography consists of rolling sand dunes and sand flats. Savannas are characterized by widely spaced, open-grown trees, with very little woody understorey. This creates an openness that allows grasses, sedge, and wildflowers common to sand prairies to be a major component of the flora. Fires are a normal part of the existence of savannas, and are responsible for maintaining their open character. This preserve physically connects with the 7,200 acre Kankakee Sands and offers direct linkage with Beaver Lake Nature Preserve and Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area, contributing to a landscape-size area of protection. A portion of the preserve includes the abandoned town of Conrad, originally platted in 1904. Remnant foundations still exist scattered among the black oak trees of the savanna. In association with county historians, a two-mile interpretive trail documents the diversity of the natural communities and the rich cultural heritage of the town.

## Further Information:

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