

Hammer Wetlands Nature Preserve (Art Hammer)

County: Noble Size: 332 acres
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust

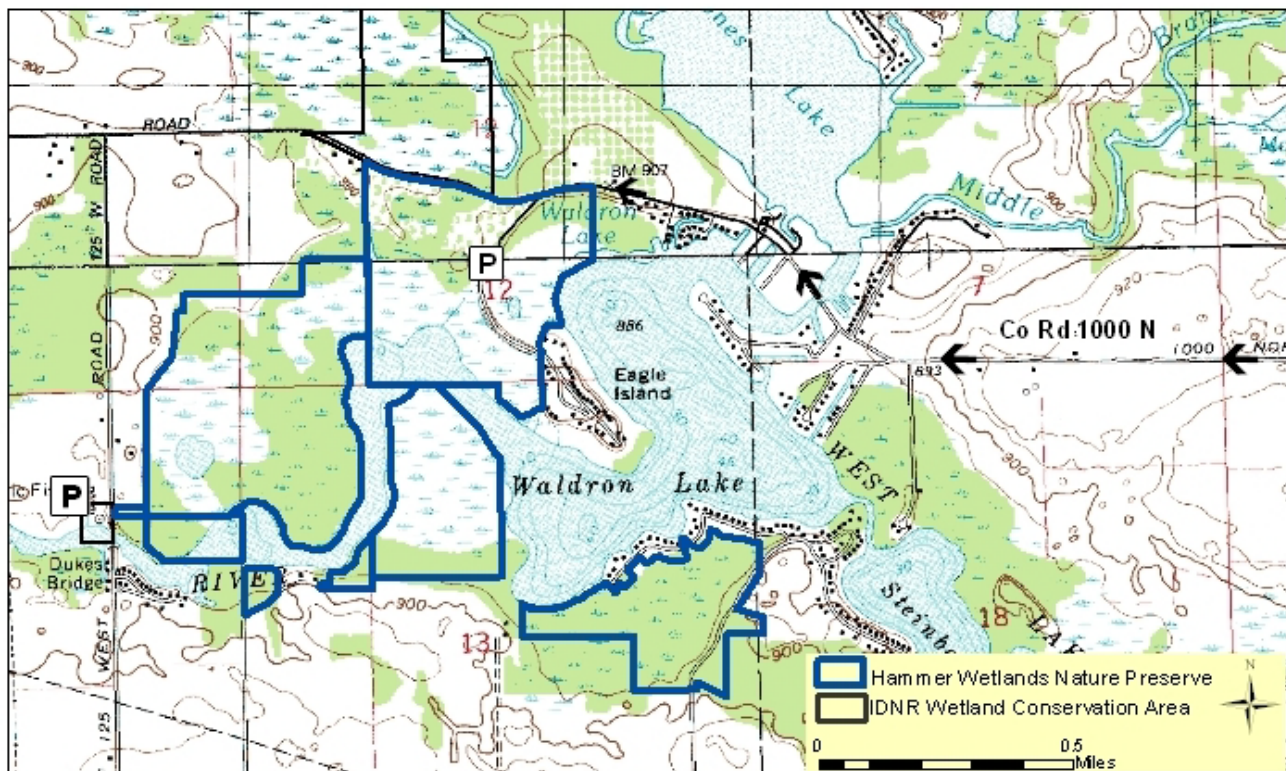


Location and Access

Parking and trails. From the intersection of SR 9 and US 6 (about 3 miles north of Albion), go west on US 6 for one mile, then turn north on CR 100W and go 2 miles. Take CR 900N west for 0.25 mile. Turn north again on CR 125W and proceed across the bridge over the river. Park at the public access site on the west side of the road just after the bridge. The preserve is located on the opposite (east) side of the county road.

East trailhead: from Rome City on SR 9, take 1000N west for 2 miles. 1000N turns into 1050N. Continue on 1050N for another mile and turn left (south) onto Eagle Island Rd and go 0.15 mile. Preserve will be on the right.

West trailhead: Same directions as above, but do not turn onto Eagle Island Rd. Instead, continue west for 0.75 mile and turn left (south) onto 125W. Preserve is on the left. Park at the IDNR public access.



Description: This extensive wetland encompasses several wetland types: cattail and shrub marsh, an open pond, yellow birch swamp, and floodplain forest bordering the North Branch of the Elkhart River. Green ash, red maple, sycamore, and cottonwood are among the more common trees that grow well in the wet conditions. The preserve serves as a haven to numerous waterbirds and other wetland animal species.

Further Information:

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