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Habitat for Rare/Unique Species

The site provides habitat for rare/unique species of flora and fauna.



Cope's Gray Tree Frog by Steve Hager

The topography is diverse with sparsely-vegetated sand dunes, oak savanna, sand forests, wetlands and sand prairies. While the site suffers from a proliferation of trees and associated vegetation, its sandy soils and relatively limited land conversion history make this sanctuary a remarkable opportunity for restoration that will benefit many species, especially herpetofauna that are in severe decline in Illinois.



Ebony Jewel Wing by Steve Hager

Pockets of native flora remain including blueberry, huckleberry, ferns, Indian Pipe, rare sedges and orchids. Once restored Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary along with sister site Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve located less than 1/2-mile away, will be the best surviving example of the oak savanna natural community within the Green River Lowlands.

Enjoy your visit



Muskrat by Steve Hager

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Sandhill Cranes at Main Pond by Bill Rogers

Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary

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Information & Map

Located within the
Green River Lowlands Conservation Area
Green River Lowlands Section
of the Grand Prairie Division

GPS Coordinates: 41.7004° N, 89.2708° W

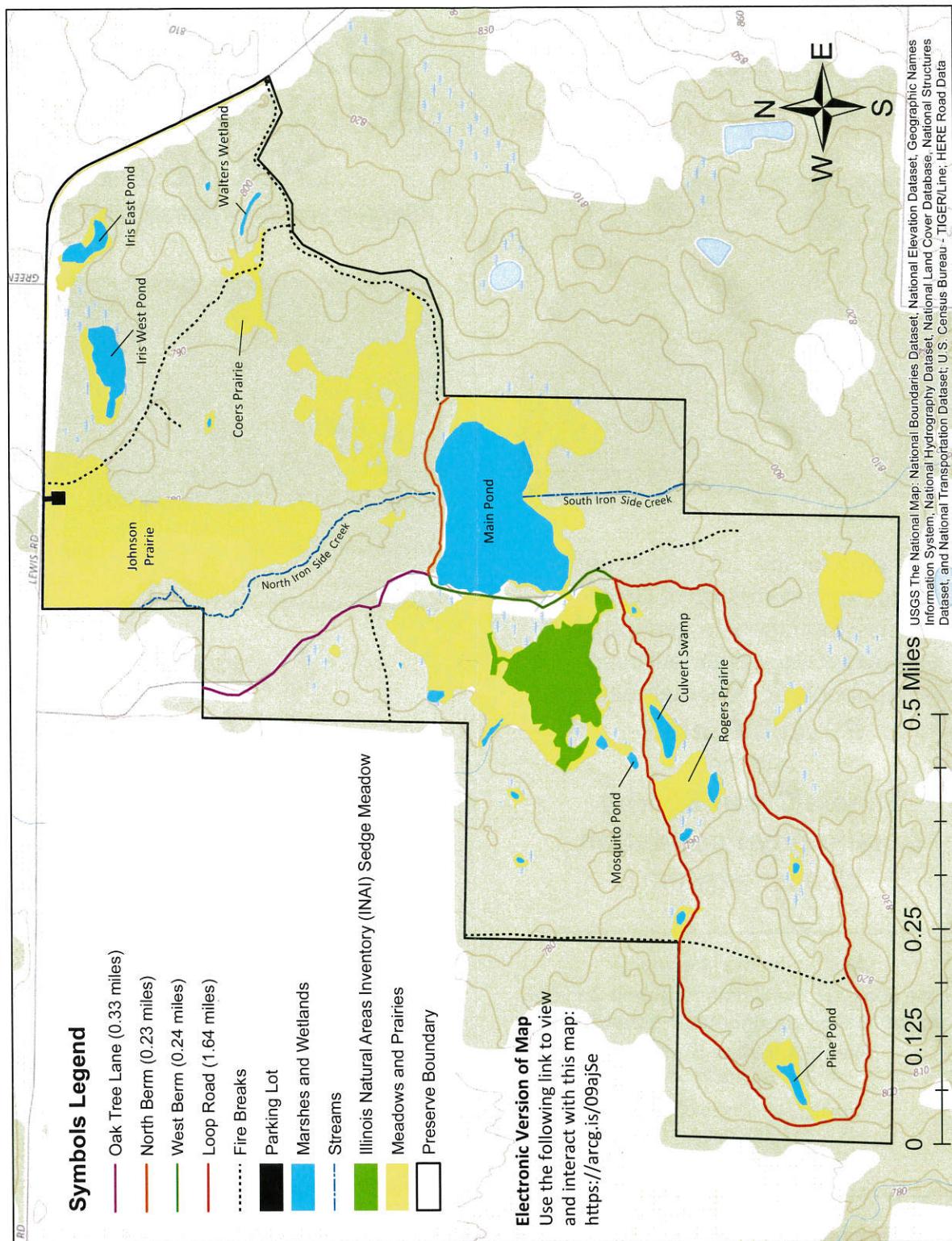
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Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary

First known public use of the site now known as Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary by American pioneers was in 1830.

The Fink & Walker Stage Coach Line traveled through the property on its route from Peoria to Galena.

In June 1832, Abraham Lincoln led a company of militia from the New Salem area on their way to the Blackhawk War through Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary. Later this same route was used to transport lead from the mines in Galena to the Illinois River at Ottawa.

There are numerous unmarked mown firebreaks and paths. Please explore with care and respect boundary signs.

Some trails may be temporarily closed due to wet conditions or to afford privacy to wildlife during certain periods.

FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY!

**In case of emergency,
PLEASE CALL 911**



Green Heron by Steve Hager

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Swamp Sparrow by Steve Hager

Join the **Illinois Audubon Society** family and become part of the rich history and tradition of Illinois' oldest non-profit conservation organization.

Locally, the **Birdsong Chapter** plays a major role in the stewardship of both **Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary** and **Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve**.

Enjoy scheduled programs and field trips. Join along on volunteer stewardship workdays.

The Birdsong Chapter

meets monthly at
Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve.

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