

# CHAMBERLAIN LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

This site is owned by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Nature Preserves and is jointly managed by St. Joseph County Parks. Park staff maintain the trail, small viewing platform, and parking area; IDNR manages the habitat.

The lake basin is shallow, with little open water during much of the year. DNR ecologists have studied the site extensively and documented over 120 plant species in the lake, with 18 being endangered, threatened, or rare including oblong-leaved sundew and seven-angle spikerush. Sandhill cranes have nested there.

The adjacent woodland has sandy soil and a 1.5-mile loop trail terminates at a small observation deck at the lake.

A tornado passed through the area in October of 2001, and knocked down most of the oak canopy trees, dramatically changing the composition of plant life in the woodland.



**83 ACRES** TOTAL

1.5 MILES WOODDED TRAILS

COOPERATIVELY MANAGED

STATE DEDICATED NATURE PRESERVE



RARE AND ENDANGERED PLANTS



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**PARK INFORMATION**