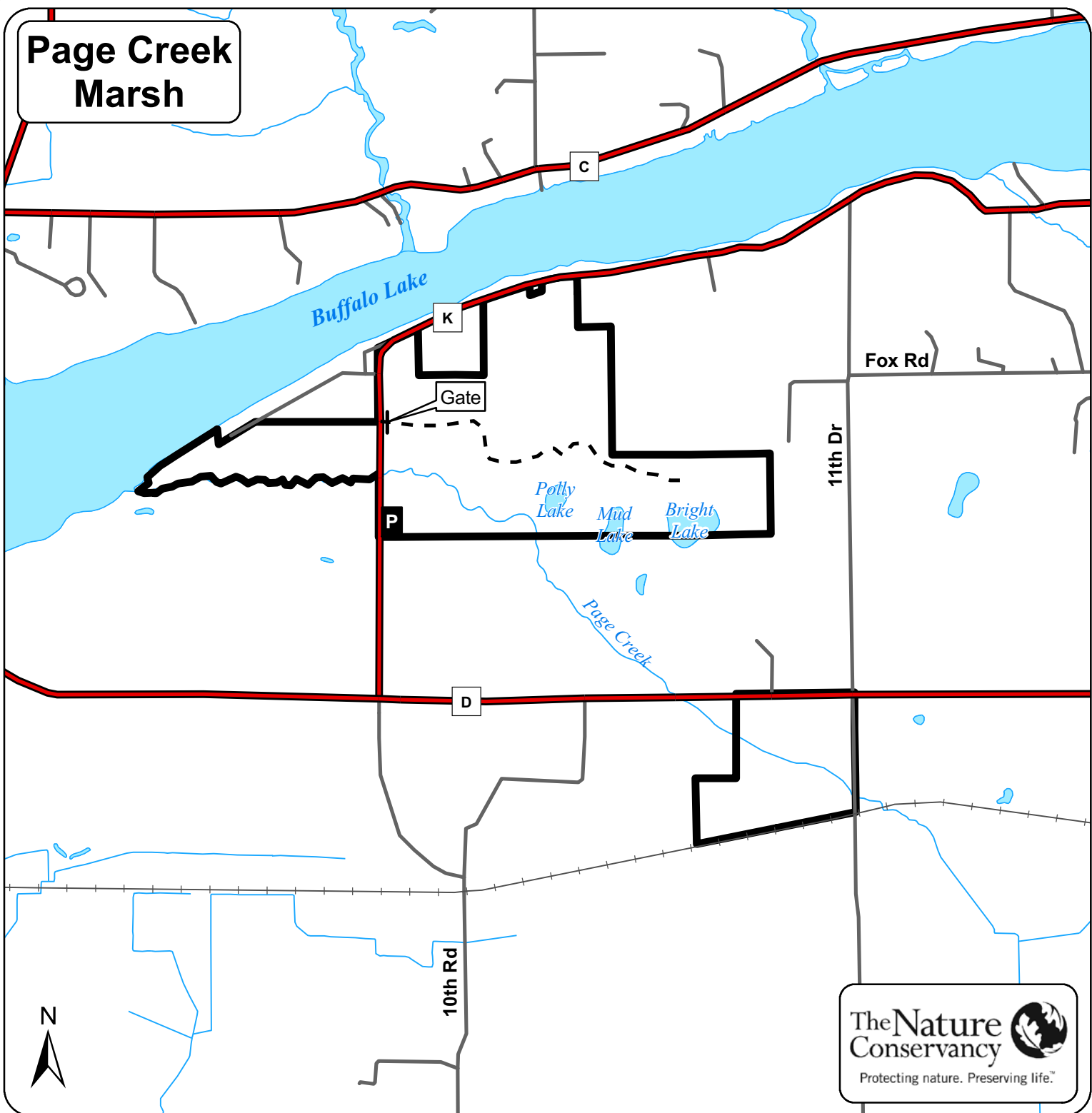









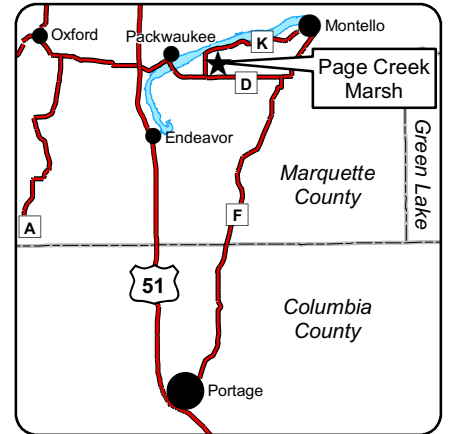
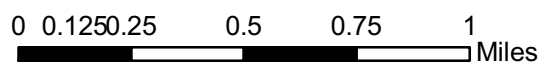


Page Creek Marsh



-  Preserve Boundary
-  Hiking Trail
-  Lake
-  River / Stream
-  Highway
-  Local Road
-  Railroad Tracks
-  County Boundary
-  Parking

Directions from Portage: Drive north about 15 miles on U.S. Hwy 51. Pass through Endeavor, then take Cnty Hwy D east to Packwaukee. Still on Cnty D, cross Buffalo Lake and travel about 1.75 miles to Cnty Hwy K. Take Cnty K north about 0.5 miles to the Page Creek Marsh parking area on the right (east). If you cross the creek, you've gone 0.25 miles too far.



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Page Creek Marsh

Why You Should Visit

This large wetland preserve supports a rich diversity of plants, waterfowl and grassland birds. The creek winds through gently rolling farmland enhanced by remnants of native prairie and oak savanna.

Broad sedge meadows, marshes and areas of open water afford habitat to several rare species.

Hours and Conditions

Open year round, dawn to dusk. Hiking is on old roads and intermittent, unmarked, primitive trails. Narrow boardwalks traverse the creek and the bog. In the winter, you can cross-country ski or snowshoe on the old roads.

Note that hunting for white-tailed deer is allowed at Page Creek Marsh during the regular posted seasons, with no prior permission from the Conservancy required.

What to See: Plants

Plant communities such as sandy oak savanna, sedge meadow, prairie fens, tamarack swamps, bogs; rare plants such as the downy willow-herb and bog reed grass thrive in the wetlands surrounding one of the lakes; a variety of sedges and wild rice

What to See: Birds

Luxuriant with emergent aquatic plants, the secure, deep-water habitat of the Page Creek Marsh area provides cover for large numbers of birds, including wood ducks, willow flycatchers and green-backed herons.

What to See: Animals

Beaver, coyote, red fox, and woodchuck

Why the Conservancy Selected This Site

Page Creek Marsh is a large, relatively undisturbed wetland that provides habitat for many waterfowl. During the fall migration season it serves as an important staging area for sandhill cranes. Several rare plants and reptiles call this home.

What the Conservancy Has Done/Is Doing

In 1986, Barbara Sheehan gave the first 69 acres to the Conservancy. Since then, the Conservancy has acquired 583 acres, bringing the total protected acreage to 652 acres.

Conservancy volunteers are removing old buildings, repairing trails and boardwalks, and posting boundaries. They are also helping to restore the oak barrens. (Barrens are open, sandy areas dominated by a cover of grasses, flowers and some low shrubs, and sparsely timbered with oak and pine.)