

Little Joe Wildlife Management Area WMA00447

Size: 230 acres

Pope County

Area Wildlife Office

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Located: Lake Johanna Township, S33, T123, R36. From Brooten, go three miles west on County Road 8, five miles south on County Road 37, and one-half miles west on a township road.

General Description: Located in the transition zone between the forest and prairie, Little Joe WMA is a mixture of oak woods, wetlands, and prairie that includes Little Lake Johanna. The edges between these diverse cover types are attractive wildlife habitat. Old growth oaks provide roost areas for wild turkeys and nest sites for wood ducks. Ruffed grouse are occasionally seen on the unit. You may hear male grouse drumming in the spring. The unit contains original habitat, including a dry native prairie, a calcareous fen, some oak savanna, and remnant maple-basswood forest.

Management Emphasis: The unit is managed primarily for deer and turkeys. Invasive sumac is mowed to preserve native prairie.

Wildlife Features:

Improvements:

Special Features: If you are seeking solitude, you can find it here.

Recreation Notes:

Hunting opportunities: Deer, waterfowl, turkey, pheasant, small game, and birding.

Viewing opportunities:

SPRING: Listen for gobbling turkeys. Look for woodland songbirds such as cardinals, orioles, vireos, and warblers. Turkey hunting is available.

SUMMER: Look for turkey broods picking insects in open areas. Try to find kingbirds, tree swallows, and black terns.

FALL: Hunting for wood ducks and deer is available.

WINTER: This is a good area for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. You may observe deer and turkeys.

Lodging: Glenwood and Belgrade