

GRATIOT LAKE CONSERVANCY Directions to the NOBLET FIELD STATION (5173 Noblet Lane)

SE corner of Gratiot Lake

NOTE that IRON GATE ROAD, CONSERVANCY ROAD, and NOBLET LANE are all dirt logging roads—high carriage cars, trucks, or SUV's are recommended. Logging may be occurring at any time off of Iron Gate Road or Conservancy Road so use caution.

From US 41:

Coming from Mohawk, when you reach Central turn right (South) on to the Gratiot Lake Road. Follow the Gratiot Lake Road approximately 4.6 miles to Gratiot Lake. When you reach the bottom of the hill at the Lake do not turn left toward the public access but instead go straight past the mail boxes.

After passing the mail boxes watch for Iron Gate Road, the first dirt road on the RIGHT. Turn right on Iron Gate Road. Take this old logging road around to the South side of the lake. Stay on the main dirt road, do not take any forks. At 3.3 miles you will pass Cedar Lodge camp.

1.5 miles past Cedar Lodge turn left onto Conservancy Road.

Follow Conservancy Road approximately 1.3 miles until you see Noblet Lane, a dirt road on the left. Emergency locator number 5173 is on the sign post.

Take left onto Noblet Lane and go past a small camp and through a Lake Superior Land section which was logged in 1999. This turn is approximately .8 mile from the Conservancy Preserve.

This road is passable with a SUV, pickup or any relatively high carriage car. If you are attending a Conservancy program please park in the large, cleared area a few hundred feet before the Conservancy gate. Parking at other times is just beyond the gate (if the gate is open). Walk on the path near the shoreline for the last 1/4 mile to the Conservancy's Noblet Field Station. Deliveries/ Handicapped please obtain permission to drive all the way in (337-5476)

From M-26, Gay-LacLabelle Rd.:

Travelling South from LacLabelle look for the Iron Gate Road on the right about .7 mile from Brunette Park. Turn right on this road.

▲After about 2.1 miles on this road you will come to a prominent fork. Stay on the main road and bear left. Go another 1.3 miles until you come to Conservancy Road. Take a right onto Conservancy Road and follow directions at ② above.

Travelling North from Gay approximately .7 mile past Jarve Rd to Big Betsy and past the point where the road crosses the Big Betsy River look for the Iron Gate Road on the left. (If you pass Brunette Park you have gone too far). Turn left and follow directions in section marked with a **\(\Delta\)** immediately above.