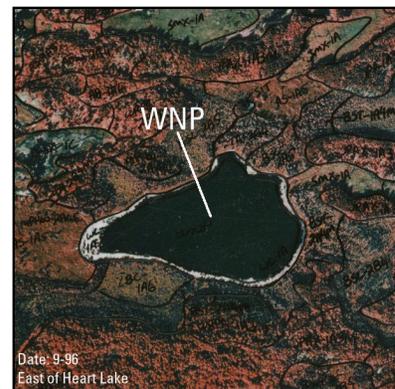


## WNP - Water-Natural Pond

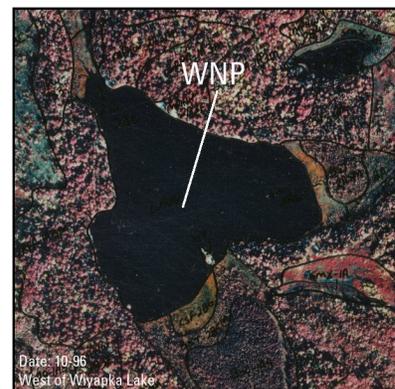
The Water-Natural Pond Map Unit (WNP) represents natural bodies of water that are <16 h in size and *are not* affected by beaver activity. WNP is used only for ponds (or portions of ponds) that are <10% vegetated. Ponds (or portions of) that are >10% vegetated are described with map units that represent the type of vegetation present. WNP does not necessarily map the entire pond. Some WNP polygons are only the open water portion of a pond. Vegetation within shallow bays or along shorelines are mapped separately. WNP was created to map these ponds separate from other small ponds that *are* affected by beaver activity (see discussion for WBP).

Because of limitations in seeing submergent vegetation with CIR aerial photographs, some of these small ponds may indeed have >10% vegetation. In such cases, these polygons would best be described within the Midwest Pondweed Submerged Aquatic Wetland Association of the USNVC.

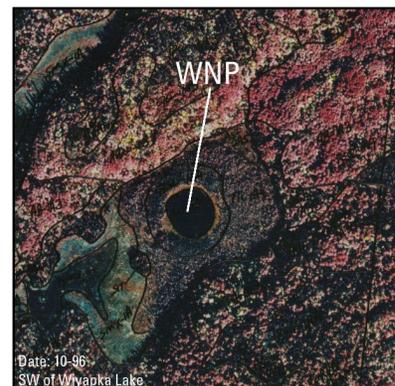
WNP appears as black with a smooth texture. A narrow ring of water lily borders this pond, which is mapped separately with the WL Map Unit. The WNP polygon is 6 h in size. With the WL polygon, the entire pond is almost 8 h.



WNP appears as black with a smooth texture. There is no evidence of aquatic plants visible at the surface. The WNP polygon extends to the shoreline of the pond, with upland forests and shrub fens bordering it.



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### Area Report for WNP Map Unit

# Polygons: 21

# Hectares: 113

# Acres: 279

Average size: 5 hectares, 13 acres