

I think I remember...Local Ponds

The largest natural pond that I remember is located at the north edge of Argos. If you walk north along the railroad starting at Marshall Street, the pond is approximately three blocks north of Marshall. At one time it was known by locals as Sheetz Pond. Later the farm was owned by Paul Nifong but the old name stuck for the pond. We were told that years ago, the pond was used in the winter to provide ice for the local area. At the north end of the pond was a structure that supposedly was the ice house. It was/is a beautiful setting.

On the property just north of the intersection of Marshall and Maple streets was a pond that was more visible to local traffic in the winter and provided a local spot for ice skating. It was attractive for hockey, ice skating etc. I think I remember that someone fell through the ice one spring which resulted in a loss of life. After that, the area was changed to provide drainage so that the pond could never fill to a significant level of water again.

At the west end of Argos was a wooded area bordered by streets Indiana Ave, Walnut, Clinton and Kenilworth road. The area was low in elevation and runoff water flowed to that area. In the summer it provided mosquitoes and in the winter provided some areas of ice that could be used for skating and winter activities. It was somewhat dangerous due to trees and undergrowth that made the safety of the ice questionable. Over time with the building of homes that area became drained as well.

Eddy Lake was a small lake located on the Muckshaw road. It was just south of 19B road. It provided a bit of recreation, mostly fishing, for folks in that area.

Three ponds existed at the Izaak Walton Club east of Argos and were used only for fishing.

Located about a mile directly north of the Izaak Walton Club on 15th road, were a couple of Marl Pit ponds but they provided for little, if any recreation.

Most water recreation for Argos took place at Lake Maxinkuckee. During the summer months, a school bus provided transportation weekly to and from the lake for a small fee. A number of kids would hitchhike to get a ride to and from the lake as well.