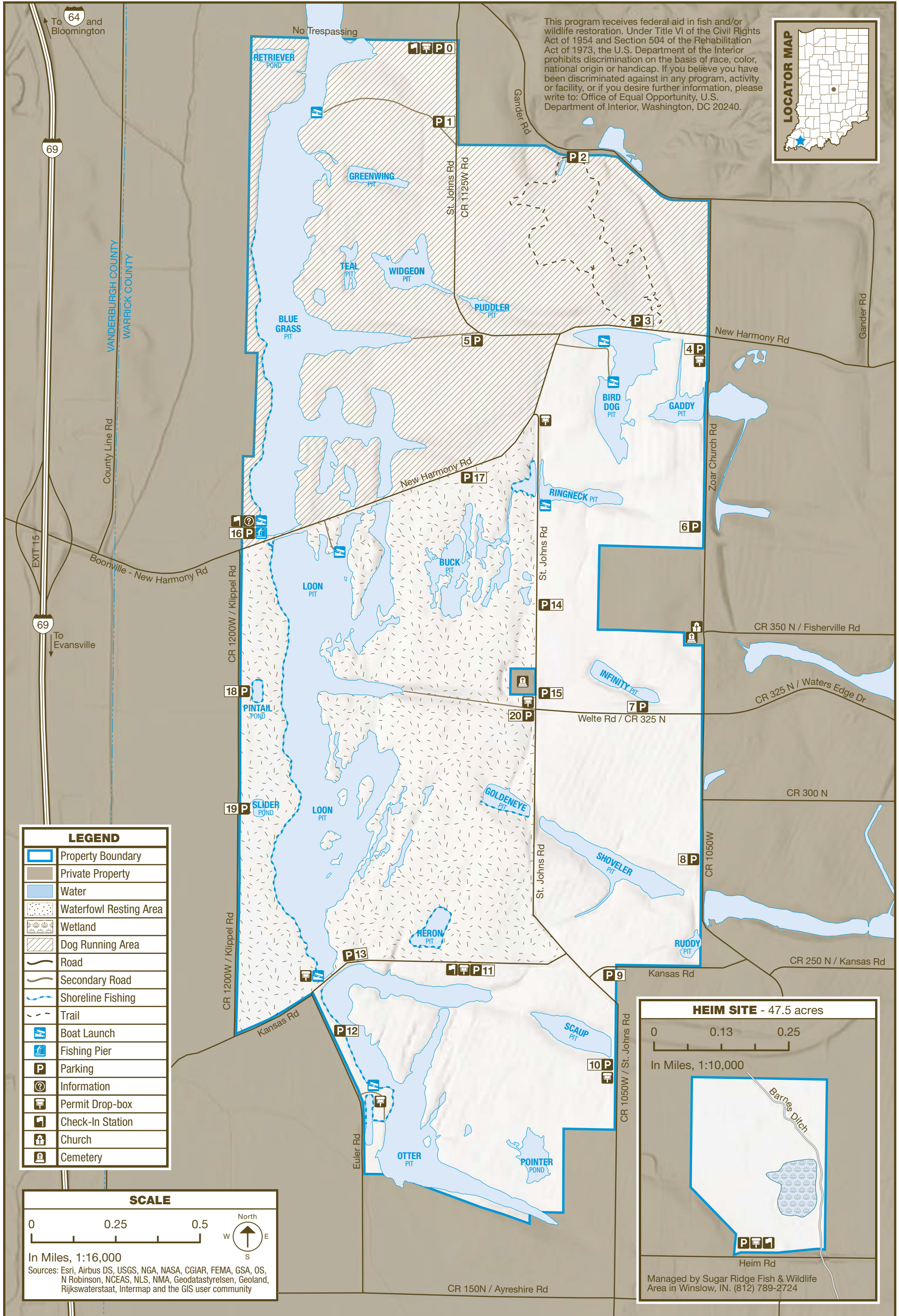


BLUE GRASS FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

11699 New Harmony Rd | Elberfeld, IN 47613 | 812-789-2724
2,532 Acres, 600 Water Acres | Established 1993





OUR STORY

Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area is a unique natural resource area. The land has been strip-mined and comprises approximately 2,532 acres of land with approximately 600 acres of water in 28 pits. The property provides and maintains quality hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching opportunities.

Located in Warrick County, Blue Grass FWA is named after Bluegrass Creek, located just west of the property. Amax Coal Company began mining operations in October 1973, and ceased in 1993. Revegetation occurred using herbaceous cover and woody species planted in clumps and strips.



ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

Look for these icons on the map.

- ACCESSIBILITY:** ADA-accessible hunting and fishing areas available through a permit. Contact Sugar Ridge FWA office for details.
- BOATING:** Outboards are permitted on Blue Grass, Otter, and Loon pits at idle speed only; electric motors only on all other pits.
- BOAT LAUNCH:** Seven boat access ramps are available on five pits.
- DOG TRAINING:** Allowed only in the area north of Boonville-New Harmony Road.
- FISHING:** Loon pit is stocked with Muskie; size and bag limits apply. Loon and Blue Grass pits have an 18-inch and two bass bag limit, all other pits are 14-inch, five bass bag limit. All other state fish size and bag limits apply.
- GATHERING:** Mushrooms, berries, and nuts may be gathered. A written permit is required to remove plants, animals, rocks, or fossils.
- HUNTING:** Deer, quail, rabbit, turkey, mourning dove, and waterfowl are common. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply.
- TRAPPING:** Allowed through a special drawing held at the Sugar Ridge FWA office on the first Saturday in October (contact for details).
- WILDLIFE WATCHING:** Approximately 2,500 acres attracts a wide variety of song birds, hawks and waterfowl.



RULES & REGULATIONS

In addition to state fish and wildlife laws, this property is governed by posted regulations affecting the public use of lands and facilities owned, leased or licensed by the DNR.

POSTED AREAS: Safety zones and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs. PLEASE READ AND OBEY ALL SIGNS.

VIOLATIONS: Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may cause forfeiture of hunting, fishing or visiting privileges.

RESPONSIBILITY: The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from use of these facilities.

TRAFFIC: Traffic on public roads through the area is governed by state and county laws. Service roads and trails are restricted to walking except by authorized vehicles. No motorized vehicles, horses or bicycles are permitted beyond county roads. Park only in designated areas.

PERMITS
In addition to a hunting and/or fishing license, please acquire a one day-access permit as follows:

- All hunters and dog runners are required to sign in and obtain a one-day access permit before entering the field. The one-day permit card must be completed and returned to a check-in station, drop box or property office.
- All other visitors are encouraged to obtain a miscellaneous one-day access permit before entering the field. The one-day access permit should be kept with you while visiting then completed and returned to a self-service booth or drop box before leaving.

COLLECTION PERMIT: Collection permits are required from the property manager or DNR to collect anything except nuts, berries, and mushrooms.

- HUNTING GUIDELINES:**
- Self-service check-in is required and stations are located throughout the property.
 - Must have a daily permit card to enter the field.
 - Daily permit cards must be returned to a drop box at the end of the day. Drop boxes are located throughout the property.
 - Waterfowl hunting is allowed one half hour before sunrise until noon (local time) on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Hunting in waterfowl resting area is not allowed. Blinds may be constructed but must be removed at the end of the hunt day.

- Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail and dove) hunting is permitted on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, during legal hunting hours.
- Deer hunting is allowed every day during deer season and legal hunting hours.
- Spring turkey hunting is allowed every day during the spring turkey season, one-half hour before sunrise until noon CT.
- Fall turkey hunting is allowed every day during the fall turkey season and legal hunting hours.

NOT PERMITTED: Camping, swimming and target shooting is prohibited. No removal of plants, animals, rocks or fossils. No shooting of woodchucks/groundhogs. No fishing during waterfowl hunting season.



HEIM SITE

The Heim Site provides excellent waterfowl hunting opportunities in the wetland area. Deer frequently use the thick early successional habitat. The Indiana Department of Transportation owned the property and completed wetland mitigation before transferring it to the DNR.



HELPFUL LINKS

Stay up to date on hunting and fishing information.

- HUNTING**
WHERE: on.IN.gov/where2hunt
LEARN: on.IN.gov/learn2hunt
GUIDE: on.IN.gov/huntingguide
- FISHING**
WHERE: on.IN.gov/where2fish
LEARN: on.IN.gov/learn2fish
GUIDE: on.IN.gov/fishingguide
- LICENSES**
PURCHASE: on.IN.gov/inhuntfish
- RECREATION**
LOCATIONS: on.IN.gov/recfinder

INDIANA FISH & WILDLIFE AREAS

1. Atterbury	13. Kankakee
2. Blue Grass	14. Kingsbury
3. Chinook	15. LaSalle
4. Crosley	16. Pigeon River
5. Deer Creek	17. Splinter Ridge
6. Fairbanks Landing	18. Sugar Ridge
7. Glendale	19. Tri-County
8. Goose Pond	20. Wabashiki
9. Hillenbrand	21. Wilbur Wright
10. Hovey Lake	22. Willow Slough
11. Jasper-Pulaski	23. Winamac
12. J.E. Roush Lake	

FUNDING FOR FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife sells hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. All revenue is used for managing fish and wildlife resources in Indiana. No license money goes into the state general fund. The Division also receives money from the federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs (sometimes referred to as Dingell-Johnson and Pittman-Robertson funds). The funds are derived from excise taxes levied on sporting arms and ammunition, bows and arrows, fishing equipment and motor boat fuel. The funds are then returned to state fish and wildlife agencies using a formula that in part is based on the number of fishing and hunting license buyers.



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

For a full list/map of all DNR properties visit on.IN.gov/recguide or on.IN.gov/recfinder.

- Hemmer Woods Nature Preserve**
self-guided hiking trail
- Interlake Off-Road State Recreation Area**
bike trails, bridle trails, hiking trails, wildlife watching, fishing, dog training, trapping, boating
- Lincoln State Park**
hiking, wildlife watching, interpretive services, nature center, boating, fishing, swimming, playgrounds, camping



Please carry out all trash you produce to help keep the property clean and beautiful for all to enjoy!



Your purchase of hunting and fishing equipment and motorboat fuels supports Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration and boating access facilities.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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