
Trapping Rules: Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area

1. Drawing will be held at 11 a.m. on the first Saturday in October at the office.
2. The property is divided into 27 trapping units. Each trapping unit is further divided into time periods. Most time periods are for one month. Others are divided into two-week time periods (see special conditions for Muskrat Priority Units below).
3. All applicants must possess a valid Indiana Trapping License.
4. Each trapper at the drawing will be allowed to choose one unit based on their draw choice.
5. A successfully drawn trapper can designate a “helper” to assist with trapping. The “helper” will need to possess a valid Indiana Trapping License but does not need to be present for the drawing.
6. Each successfully drawn trapper will be given a property access permit and an activity sheet. The activity sheet must be filled out and returned to the Property Manager at the conclusion of the trapping period.
7. Trappers unable to attend the drawing on the first Saturday in October may sign up for any unfilled units on a first come first served basis through Oct. 15. After Oct. 15, previously drawn trappers may sign up for unfilled units on a first come first served basis. A trapper may sign up for a maximum of three units.
8. Upland sets are allowed throughout the trapping season at Goose Pond FWA. There is no upland trapping allowed at Hillenbrand FWA.

Muskrat Priority Units

There are four Muskrat Priority Units (MPU) on Goose Pond FWA, they are GP7, GP16, MPW1 and MPW2. The following special conditions apply:

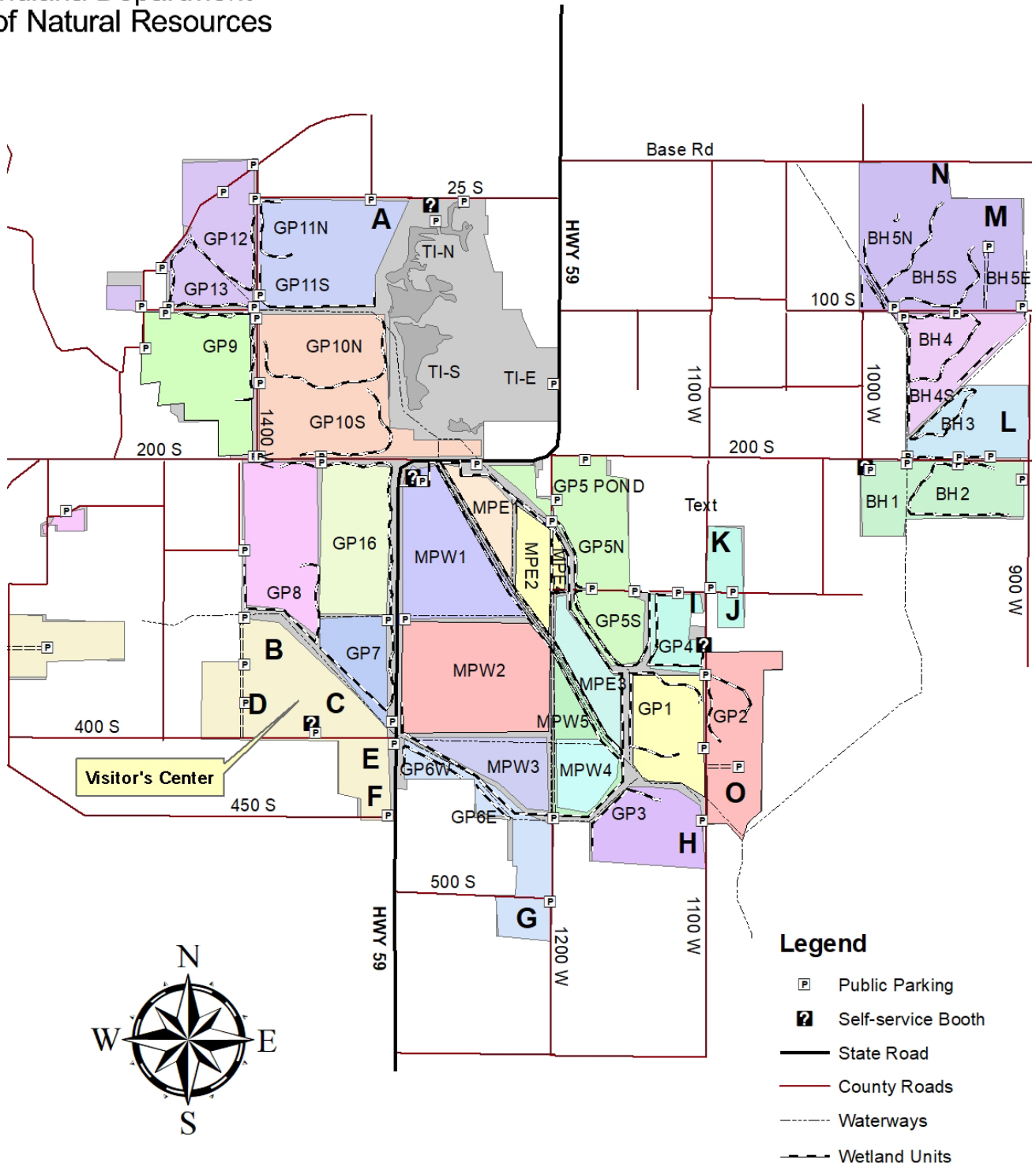
1. Start trapping within two days of the start of your chosen trapping period. A second helper is allowed in these units. All helpers must be licensed
**** If it is the Property Manager’s determination that trapping has not started within two days of the start of the trapping period, then the trapper and helpers will forfeit all trapping privileges for the remainder of the season and for the next year’s season.** If there is another trapper signed up for the next time period, we will contact that trapper and give them the option of trapping the forfeited time period. If no trapper in subsequent trapping periods is available, the Property Manager will designate a trapper of their own choosing to fulfill the remainder of the forfeited time period.
2. Your trapping effort will equal a minimum effort of 500 trap nights over the course of your two-week trapping period. *This could be 500 traps over 1 night or 250 traps over 2 nights or 36 traps over 14 nights and so on.* If it is the Property Manager’s determination that this condition is not being met, trapping privileges for the trapper and helpers will be forfeited for the rest of this season and for the next year’s season.
3. Your trapping log is due to the Property Manager within two days after the last day of your trapping period. This can be submitted in person or via email to GoosePondFWA@dnr.IN.gov Failure to return the log by the deadline will result in forfeiture of next year’s trapping privileges.

**** The Property Manager’s best discretion will be utilized when enforcing these rules. In other words, allowances may be made in the event of ice or other weather-related occurrences that may prevent a trapper from meeting their obligations. ****



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Goose Pond FWA Trapping Units Map



- Legend**
- Public Parking
 - Self-service Booth
 - State Road
 - County Roads
 - Waterways
 - Wetland Units