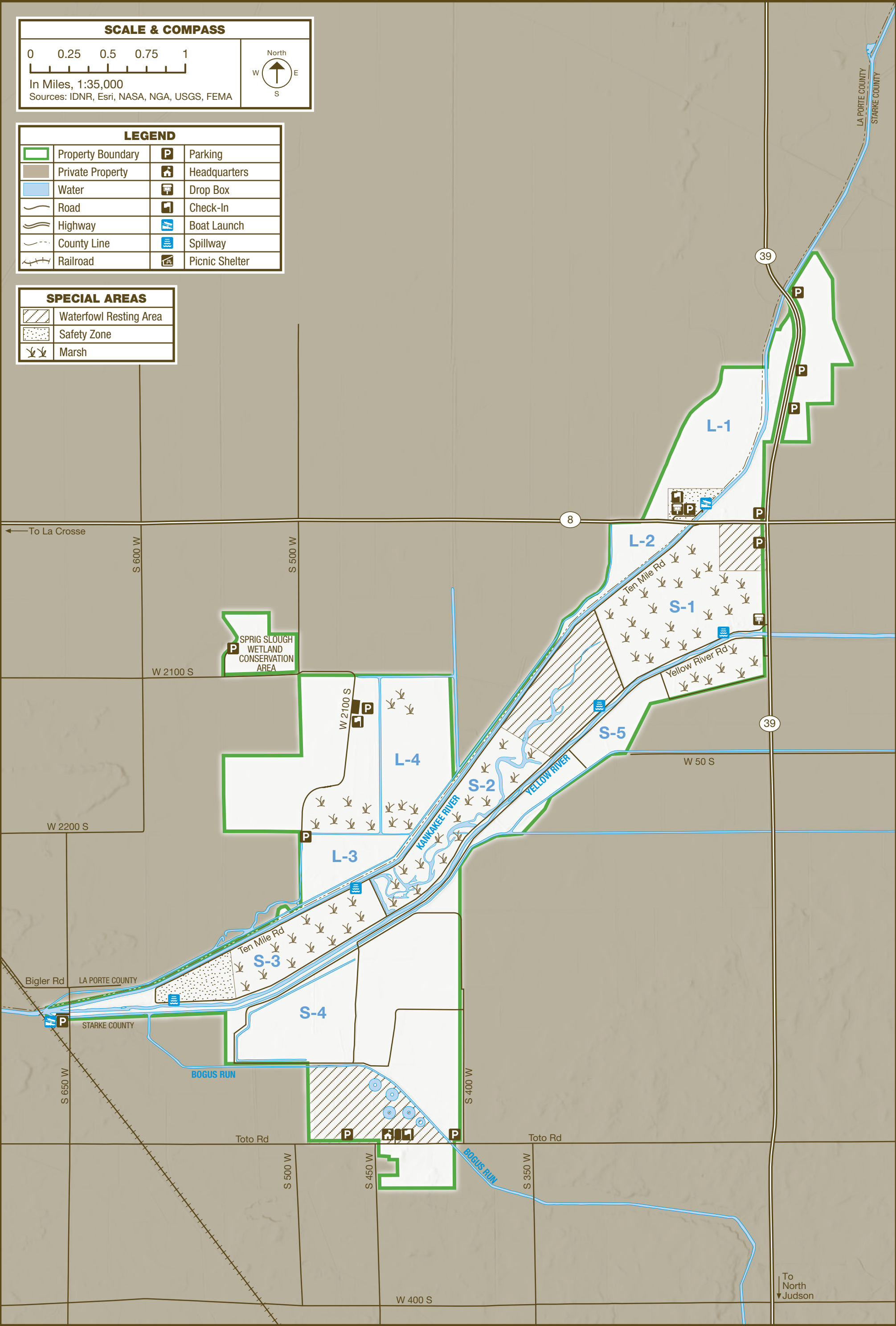


KANKAKEE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

4320 West Toto Road | North Judson, IN 46366 | 574-896-3522
4,554 Acres | Established 1923



OUR STORY

Kankakee Fish & Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting and fishing opportunities while maintaining 4,554 acres, which includes marshes, riparian timber, periodically flooded crop fields and more than 45 miles of river, open water and ditches.

The property is situated in what was the Grand Kankakee Marsh, which once covered hundreds of thousands of acres and was known worldwide for its waterfowl. Stories are told of skies blackened by the wings of countless numbers of ducks and geese. Most of the marsh was drained in the late 1800s for agricultural use.

In 1923, the state purchased 2,312 acres of the remaining marsh for a Civilian Conservation Corps. camp, housing as many as 400 men. The area later became established as a game preserve, and during the 50s, waterfowl management was undertaken by the state. In the 1980s and 90s, 1,783 acres were added to the property with an additional 104 acres added in 2010 and 355 acres added in 2024.

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

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.
- BOATING:** A maximum of 24-volt electric motors are allowed. Outboard motors are permitted on rivers only.
- BOAT LAUNCH:** Two boat ramps available; one on S.R. 8 at the Kankakee River bridge and the second at the town of English Lake at the confluence of the Kankakee and Yellow rivers.
- BANK FISHING:** Allowed except where posted. All bag limits apply. Fishing license required.
- FISHING:** Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, northern pike, redear and walleye are common. A state fishing license, is required and may be purchased at the park headquarters.
- GATHERING:** Gathering berries, mushrooms and nuts is allowed.
- HUNTING:** Deer, quail, rabbit, squirrel, dove, woodcock, waterfowl and turkey are available.
- TRAPPING:** Trapping is by drawing. Ask property for regulations.
- WILDLIFE WATCHING:** Deer, turkey, waterfowl, hawks, owls, osprey, bald eagles and a wide variety of neo-tropical species are common.

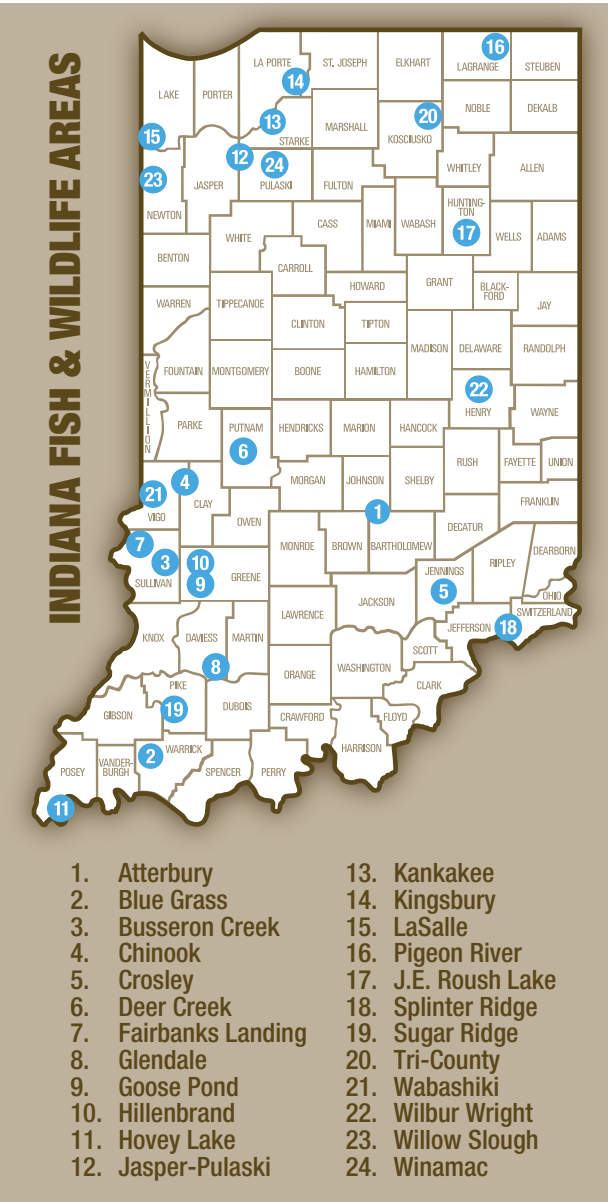
HUNTING INFORMATION

- Check-in/out is required at a self-service check station for all hunting. Bag limits apply. Call property for any questions.
- DEER:** Allowed every day during deer season and legal hunting hours.
- SMALL GAME** (squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock and dove): Hunting is permitted during legal hunting hours. Check website for all details.
- SPRING TURKEY:** Allowed every day during the spring turkey season, one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. Hunters must be out of the field by 2 p.m.
- FALL TURKEY:** Allowed every day during the fall turkey season within legal hunting areas.
- WATERFOWL:** Allowed only from designated blinds, pits and units. Daily drawings will be held during waterfowl season.

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.
- COLLECTION PERMIT:** Collection permits are required from the property manager or DNR to collect anything except nuts, berries, and mushrooms.
- CHECK-IN STATION**
You must self check-in for the following activities:
- Fishing
 - Wildlife Watching
 - Hunting
 - Gathering
 - Trapping
 - Night Hunting

- ONE-DAY ACCESS PERMIT**
In addition to a hunting and/or fishing license the following permits are required:
- All hunters are required to sign in and obtain a one-day access permit before entering the field. The one-day permit card must remain in possession and must be completed and returned to a check-in station, drop box or property office.
 - Night and predator hunting is by permit only, assigned by the property manager.
 - A permit from the property headquarters is required to enter the waterfowl resting areas.
- RESTRICTIONS:** Fishing areas are restricted during waterfowl season. Ask property for regulations.
- FISHING BAG LIMITS:** There is a 14-inch minimum size limit for largemouth bass for all Kankakee Fish & Wildlife Area waters, except within the Kankakee and Yellow rivers, where the size limit is 12 inches. All other size and bag limits apply.



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

- Find more DNR properties at on.IN.gov/recfinder.
- MORAINE NATURE PRESERVE

Hiking, Wildlife Watching, Plant Identification
- TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK

Horseback Riding, Hiking, Wildlife Watching, Interpretive Services, Playground, Fishing, Boating, Camping
- NEIGHBORING LAND**
Five wetland conservation areas are administered through this property. Ask property for information.
- Turkey Foot WCA-153 acres
 - Round Lake WCA-134 acres
 - Koontz Lake WCA-58 acres
 - Bittern Bog WCA-74 acres
 - Dick Blythe WCA-202 acres

CARRY IN

CARRY OUT

TRASH

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

WILDLIFE & SPORT FISH RESTORATION

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WRITE: Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
402 W. Washington Street, W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204

CALL: 317-232-4200

ONLINE: on.IN.gov/DNR

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