

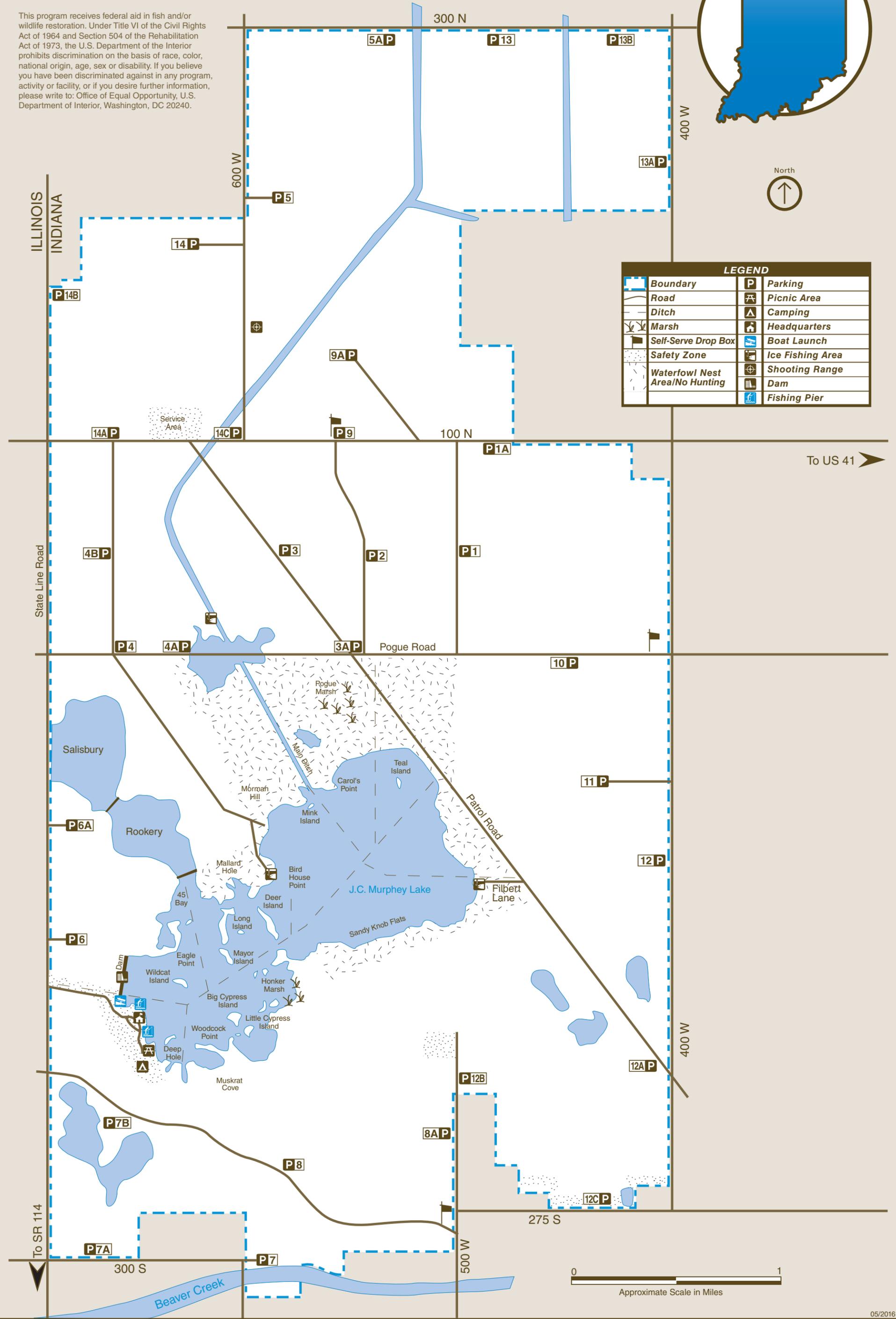
# WILLOW SLOUGH

## FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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LEGEND			
	Boundary		Parking
	Road		Picnic Area
	Ditch		Camping
	Marsh		Headquarters
	Self-Serve Drop Box		Boat Launch
	Safety Zone		Ice Fishing Area
	Waterfowl Nest Area/No Hunting		Shooting Range
	Dam		Fishing Pier



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The Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from the use of these facilities.

### Responsibility

Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may be cause for forfeiting your hunting, fishing, or visiting privileges on this area.

### Violations

Safety zones, refuges, waterfowl resting and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs. PLEASE READ AND OBEY ALL SIGNS.

### Posted Areas

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 Department of Natural Resources.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Most revenues used in land acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area are derived from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Funds are also received from the federal Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs to aid fish and wildlife restoration. These funds are derived from taxes levied on sport hunting and fishing equipment. Indiana hunters and anglers are proud to provide this property for the enjoyment of all.

Willow Slough began with the purchase of 7,800 acres of land in 1949. Land acquisition continued to bring the total size to 9,956 acres. J.C. Murphey Lake was completed in 1951. Parts of Willow Slough were formerly grazed, hayed and cultivated. A railroad once ran through the property, and portions of an old station can be found in the area.

### HISTORY AND FUNDING



Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting and fishing opportunities while maintaining 9,956 acres, which includes 1,000 acres of open water, marshes and flooded crop land.

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• Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area provides over 1,000 acres of available water in J.C. Murphey Lake and numerous ponds.

### FISHING

Please be courteous to neighboring landowners. Look for property boundary and safety zone signs. Do not trespass on private property.

Traffic on public roads through the area is governed by state and county laws. Traffic over service roads and trails, except by authorized vehicles, is restricted to walking.

### Traffic

Target range is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., local time. Range is closed Monday and Tuesday. All shooters must obey range rules and regulations.

### Target Range

Camping, picnicking, and open campfires are allowed in designated areas only. Unloaded firearms, unstrung bows and arrows, and air guns may be possessed, but not used in camping and picnic areas. All weapons (except validly licensed handguns) must be stored or carried in a case, or locked within a vehicle while in these areas. No swimming is allowed.

### Camping

• A launching permit is NOT required on Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area.

• No check-in or written permission is required for fishing. No fishing is allowed during duck season.

• A permit from the Fish and Wildlife headquarters is required to enter the waterfowl resting areas.

• Night and predator hunting is only permitted by daily permit cards from the property manager.

• Permission to hunt during the day on Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area must be obtained before entering the field. Daily hunt permit cards must be in possession of the hunter and recorded through established self-service procedures outlined at the check station. Self-service drop boxes are located on the property for your convenience.

• In addition to a hunting and/or fishing license, the following permits are required:

### Permits

• Campground includes 50 Class B sites. Camping is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. A picnic area is also available.

### CAMPING

• 9,956 acres of high sandy hills and oak barrens, poorly drained wetlands, farmland, ponds and marshes surround a 1,000-acre lake, attracting deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, hawks, owls, osprey, bald eagles and a wide variety of songbirds.

### WILDLIFE WATCHING

• Deer, quail, rabbit, squirrel, dove, woodcock, waterfowl and wild turkey are common at Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area.

• Daily check-in is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply.

• During waterfowl season, daily drawings begin at 4:30 a.m. local time.

• Advance registration is required for wild turkey hunting.

• Area 9 is designated for dog training.

### HUNTING

• No check-in is required for fishing. No fishing is allowed during duck season. Ask at headquarters for details.

• Primary species include bass, bluegill, channel catfish, redear, crappie and Northern pike.

• Motor restrictions: No outboard motors are allowed. Maximum of 24-volt electric allowed.

• Shoreline fishing available only on designated piers and below the picnic area.

• There is an 18-inch minimum size limit for largemouth bass for all Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife area waters and a total panfish limit of 25 fish, consisting of bluegill, redear, or crappie in aggregate. All other size and bag limits apply.

• Two boat ramps are provided near the headquarters. Boats may be launched only at the headquarters area.

• Access to the back of the lake is afforded only after ice-up at Mormon Hill and Filbert Lane (see map).

• Pond anglers must park in designated lots.

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Wetland trapping is available through drawing only. Ask for details.
- A dog training area is provided in area 9 (see map).
- Additional hunting opportunities include waterfowl hunts by drawings and turkey hunting. Advance registration is required for turkey hunting.
- Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area provides 50 class B camping sites; no reservations are needed. A picnic area is provided.
- Accessible hunting and fishing areas are available. Ask for details.
- Nuts, berries and spring and fall mushrooms may be gathered from the property.

### FUNDING FOR FISH AND 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.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## INDIANA FISH AND WILDLIFE AREAS



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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Atterbury         | 13. Kingsbury      |
| 2. Blue Grass        | 14. LaSalle        |
| 3. Chinook           | 15. Pigeon River   |
| 4. Crosley           | 16. J.E. Roush     |
| 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. Kankakee         |                    |

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