Kentucky River WMA

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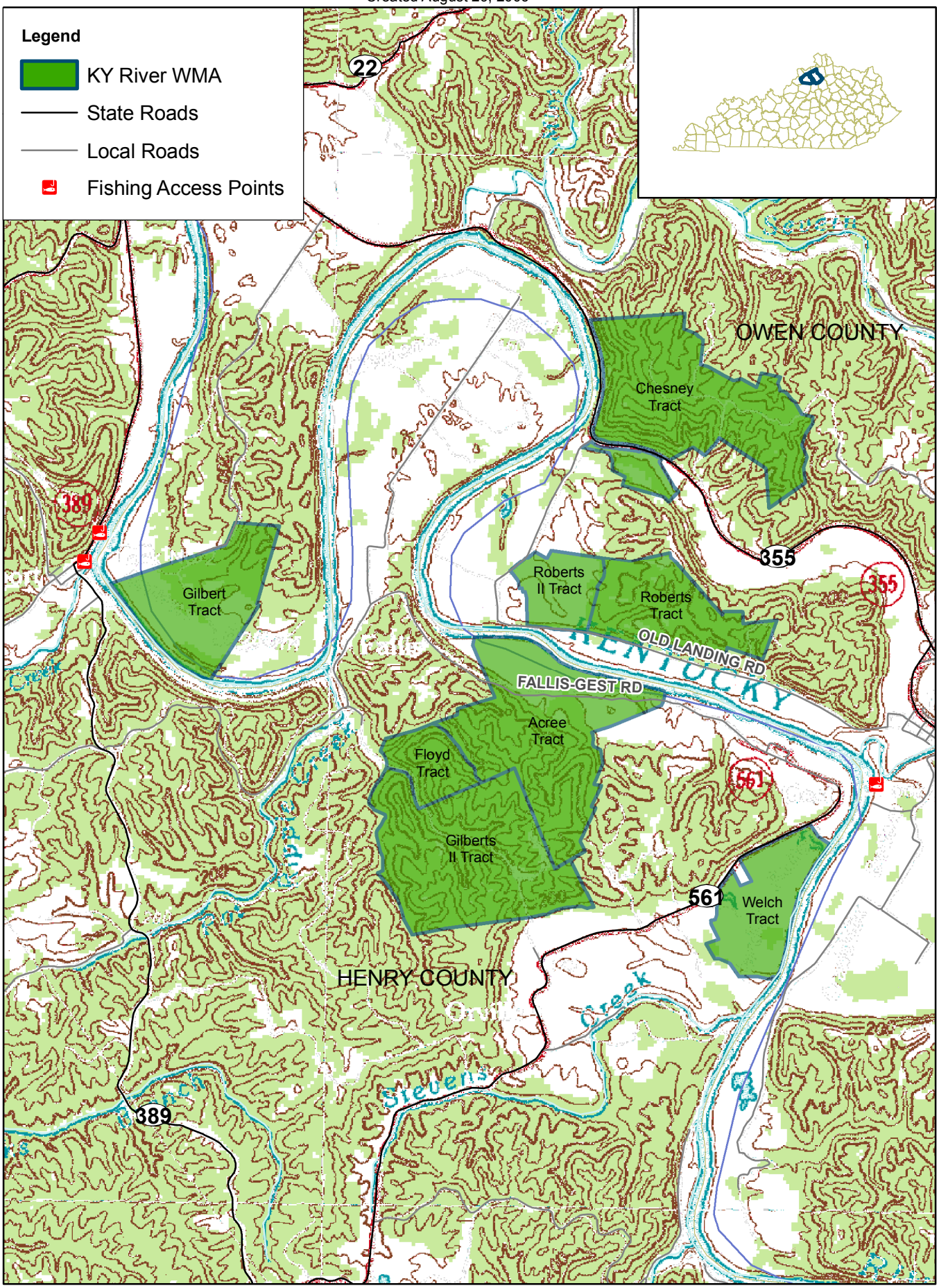

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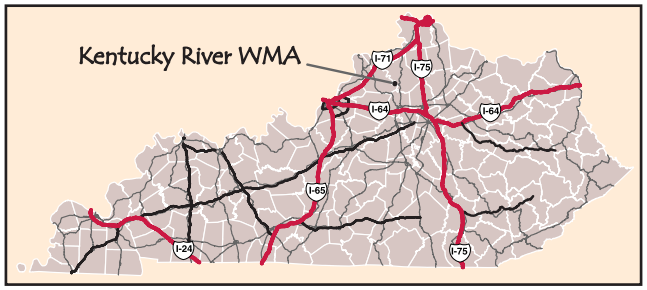
Kentucky River WMA General Information



Directions to Henry County tracts

From Frankfort - Go north on US 421 approximately 11.5 miles to KY 561. Go east on KY 561 approximately 9 miles to Gest and continue on KY 561 north from Gest for approximately 1.5 miles to the wildlife management area.

From Carrollton - Take I-71 to exit #43. Go south on KY 389 approximately 20 miles to Lockport. Continue south from Lockport on KY 389 approximately 4.5 miles to KY 561. Go east on KY 561 approximately 5.5 miles to Gest and continue on KY 561 north from Gest for approximately 1.5 miles to the wildlife management area.

Note - the Welch tract is along KY 561 approximately 1 mile west of Gest.

Directions to Owen County tracts

From Frankfort - Go north on US 127 approximately 16 miles to KY 355. Go north on KY 355 approximately 3 miles to the Chesney tract. To reach the Gilbert tract continue north on KY 355 from the Chesney tract for approximately 2.5 miles to Brown Bottom Road. Go west on Brown Bottom Road approximately 3 miles to the end of the road and the wildlife management area.

From Carrollton - Go south on KY 227 approximately 4.2 miles to KY 355. Go south on KY 355 approximately 13 miles to Brown Bottom Road. Go west on Brown Bottom Road approximately 3 miles to the end of the road and the wildlife management area. To reach the Chesney tract continue south on KY 355 from Brown Bottom Road for approximately 2.5 miles to the management area.

Kentucky River WMA Information:

Kentucky River Wildlife Management Area is located in Henry and Owen Counties along both sides of the Kentucky River approximately 21.5 miles north of Frankfort and is owned by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It consists of a total of 1,604 acres of Kentucky River floodplains and associated uplands as well as old fields and oak-hickory forests on hillsides and ridge tops. The area can be accessed readily from Kentucky Highway 561 in Henry County and Kentucky Highway 355 in Owen County.

Kentucky River WMA has many uses. Hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and photography are just a few of the many activities that can be accommodated on the area. Good populations of deer, turkey, squirrel, and occasionally waterfowl, use the area. Rabbits, quail, and dove can also be found on the area. Hunting pressure may be moderate to heavy due to the area's small size and firearms may not be used to hunt deer on Kentucky River WMA.

WMA Management Objectives:

The management objectives on Kentucky River WMA are:

1) to manage wildlife areas toward the creation, enhancement, and sustainability of permanent wildlife habitats and populations;
2) to manage areas for the preservation and enhancement of public outdoor recreational opportunities;
3) to restore wildlife species to their natural habitats;
4) to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife education;
5) to provide demonstrations of sound wildlife management practices.

General Guidelines:

All specific information on area use for hunting, fishing, and other activities can be found in one of the many guides published by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

1. Vehicles must remain on maintained roads.
2. Parking is limited to areas provided near gates and graveled areas.
3. Do not block gates or access roads.
4. Access beyond gates is by foot travel only.
5. No ATV's, camping, open fires, or horse back riding are permitted on WMAs.
6. Access to the WMA across private land is by landowner permission only.
7. Please respect private property. Area boundaries are marked by signs and yellow paint.
8. Hunters shall not discharge a firearm with in 100 yards of a boat ramp, a residence, or occupied building. This applies whether or not the building is on the WMA.
9. Please refer to the current Kentucky Hunt ing and Trapping and Sport Fishing and Boating Guides for hunting, fishing and boating information.

Telephone Numbers:

WMA Manager:
502-535-6335
KDFWR Information line:
1-800-858-1549
Telecheck:
1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)
Licenses/Quota hunt applications:
1-877-598-2401
To Report Wildlife Violations Only:
1-800-25A-LERT (1-800-252-5378)