**WMA Overview**

**Location & Size:** Elliot County, 1,393 acres.

**Contact:** (606) 474-8535

**Elevation:** minimum 720 feet, maximum 1160 feet.

**Entrance GPS coordinates:** Latitude N 38.129, Longitude W -83.18958

**Area Habitat:** mostly forest: open land 5%, forest 95%, wetland 0%, open water 0%.

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**Directions & Description:**

From Morehead, take KY 32 east toward Sandy Hook. After crossing the Elliott county line, the WMA be accessed by Sand Gap RD, directly off KY 32 at the head of Clifty Creek, or from Stegall-Cold Spring RD (the only location to provide direct access to Laurel Creek).

The area is part of Laurel Creek Gorge and has rockhouses, waterfalls and moss-covered boulders shrouded by rhododendron and hemlock. The WMA stretches from cliff line to cliff line, making it a long, narrow piece of rugged property. Laurel Creek, which flows through the gorge, averages 15 to 20 feet wide. Although mostly shallow, it does offer some deeper holes. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources stocks 3,000 rainbow trout annually in April, May, June and October, along with 250 brown trout in early spring. The Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA is open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

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**Online Resources**

Public Hunting Area users must abide by the Kentucky hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations. It is incumbent on persons using Public Hunting Areas to become familiar with these regulations. Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources provides these regulations on our Web site at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or by calling 1-800-858-1549.
Wildlife Management Area Map Notes & Legend

NOTE TO MAP USERS:

For most WMA maps the landscape is depicted using a combination of elevation contours, hillshading and a green tint indicating woodland areas that is derived from satellite imagery. On WMAs that are relatively small or have a history of surface mining aerial photography is used.

WMA Map Legend

- WMA Office
- Information Kiosk
- Check station
- Mobility-impaired Hunting Blind
- Trailhead
- Horseback Trailhead
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Wildlife Viewing Site
- Interpretive Site
- Retriever Training Site
- Gate
- Campground
- Cemetery
- Corps of Engineers Office
- Waterfowl Blind
- Shooting Range
- Established Bank Access
- Fishing Pier
- Carrydown Launch
- Small Boat Ramp
- Large Boat Ramp
- State Park Office

- WMA Boundary
- Aerial photograph
- Other Public Hunting Areas
- Area Off Limits
- No Hunting
- Seasonally Restricted Access
- Mobility Impaired Hunting Area
- Primitive Hunting Only
- Foot Traffic Only
- Open Water
- Wetland
- Woodland

- Populated Place
- Kentucky Boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Kentucky Parkway
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Local Road
- Forest Service Road
- Active Railroad
- Abandoned Railroad
- Federal Recreation Trail
- WMA Road
- WMA Foot Trail
- WMA Horse Trail
- Gas Pipeline
- Powerline
- Rivers and Streams
- Dam
- Trout Waters
- Elevation Contour