Paul Van Booven WMA Information

WMA Overview

**Location & Size:** Breathitt County, 2,293 acres.

**Contact:** Becky Littleton 606-877-8409

**Elevation:** minimum 739 feet, maximum 1543 feet.

**Entrance GPS coordinates:** Latitude N 37.4471, Longitude W -83.2038

**Area Habitat:** mostly open land: open land 58%, forest 41%, wetland 0%, open water 0%

**Directions & Description:**
Located off Kentucky HWY 476. From Jackson - travel approximately 6 miles on HWY 15 south, then east on HWY 476 approximately 12 miles. At Breathitt/Perry County line, turn left on Buckhorn Creek RD and travel less than one mile to gated entrance on the right. Area is gated and foot travel only is allowed behind any locked gate. Directions from Hazard - travel approximately 7 miles east on HWY 80, then west on HWY 476 approximately 14 miles. Turn right on Buckhorn Creek RD and follow directions above.

Paul Van Booven WMA is located in southeast Breathitt County. The WMA consists of over 2,000 acres of reclaimed surface mines and forests. The University of Kentucky owned property is the site of many ongoing research projects related to forest management and mine reclamation. Good to moderate populations of elk, quail, rabbits, deer, turkey and songbirds exist on the area.

Through the cooperative agreement with the University of Kentucky the area is an Elk Viewing Area and is closed to elk hunting.

The area is open for hunting under statewide regulations except for archery/crossbow only for deer.

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
- 🐎 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
- Elk Hunting Units
- 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
- State Park Trail
- WMA Road
- WMA Foot Trail
- WMA Horse Trail
- Gas Pipeline
- Powerline
- Rivers and Streams
- Dam
- Trout Waters
- Elevation Contour