West Kentucky WMA Information

WMA Overview

Location & Size: McCracken County, 6,425 acres.
Contact: (270) 488-3233
Elevation: minimum 297 feet, maximum 451 feet.
Entrance GPS coordinates: Latitude N 37.13324, Longitude W -88.81393
Area Habitat: mostly forest: open land 34%, forest 47%, wetland 18%, open water 1%.

Directions & Description:
Seven miles from I-24, exit 4, in Paducah, on US 60 in Future City. Turn north on KY 996 for 3.6 miles. Turn west on KY 358 for 2.6 miles to office.

Old fields, woodlots, grasslands, crop fields and food plots. Twelve fishing ponds with access for small boats; picnicking, hiking; kennels and stalls for use during field trials. Horseback riding on designated trails only. National caliber horseback bird dog field trials, retriever field trials, and retriever test hunts are hosted September - May on the WMA. Chief Paduke Skeet Range (Phone (270) 488-3248, web site www.chiepaduke.com) on KY 358 one-half mile east of office. Archery range (mobility-impaired accessible) with 10-50 yard targets open daily during daylight hours, wildlife viewing areas (Tupelo Swamp), the fishing pier at "Disabled Access Pond" is handicap assessable. Primitive camping is allowed on the WMA, but ONLY at the designated camping site.

For hunting there is mobility impaired access in designated areas to permit holders (Tract 3). Huntablc populations of deer, turkey, dove, squirrel, rabbits and quail exist on the area. Special regulations apply for deer, turkey and small game hunting. All vehicular traffic is prohibited on Tract 6 Feb. 1 - April 16.

Trails were put in with the assistance of a National Recreational Trails Fund grant and the Russ Chittenden Woodlands Fund provided funds for materials, signs, tree seedlings, and a large amount of volunteer labor.

Owned/leased by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

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 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.

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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**