West Kentucky WMA Information

Public Hunting Area Location

Regional Locator

WMA Overview

Location & Size: McCracken County, 6,560 acres
Contact (270) 488-3233
Elevation minimum 297 feet, maximum 451 feet.
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.chiefpaduke.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. For hunting there is mobility impaired access in designated areas to permit holders (Tract 3). Hunttable 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. Owned/leased by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. 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. For more online information about this public hunting area click here.

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. If you are viewing this as a PDF, clicking on the links below will direct your browser to our regulations and maps.

Guides and Publications

- Spring Turkey and Squirrel Guide
- Waterfowl Guide
- Fishing and Boating Guide
- Spring Turkey and Squirrel Guide
- Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide
- ADA Accessible Hunting Sites
- A Guide to Wildlife Management Areas in Kentucky

Maps and Geographic Information

- Game Zone – Seasons Maps
- Wildlife Management Areas/Public Hunting Areas
- Other KDFWR Maps
- A Guide to Public Hunting Areas in Kentucky
- Google Maps – Statewide Public Hunting Area Locations
- Google Earth Files for Public Hunting Areas, boating and fishing access locations
- GPS Files for Public Hunting Areas, boating and fishing access locations
- Interactive Hunting and Fishing Areas Mapper
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.