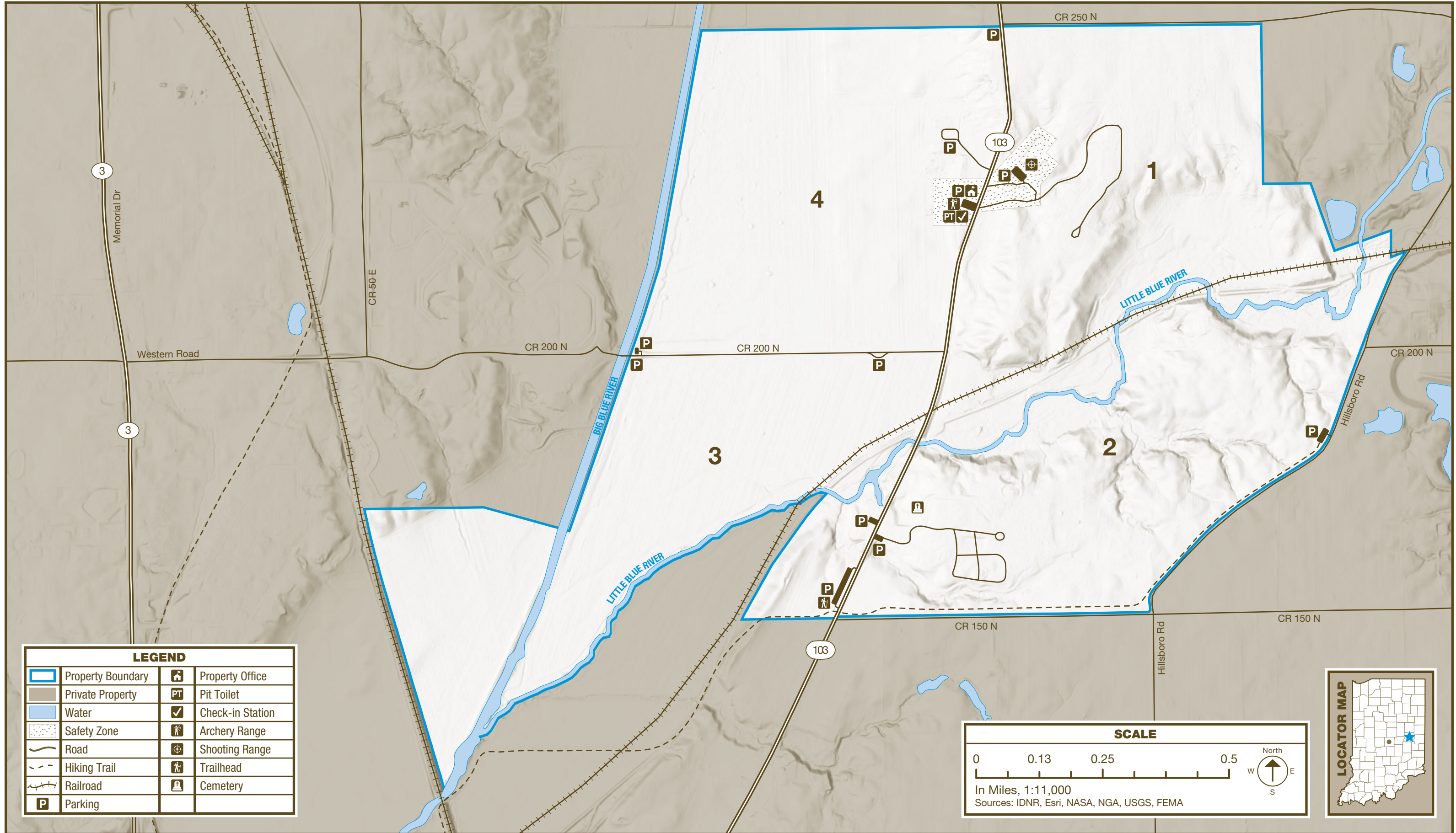


WILBUR WRIGHT FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

2239 N. State Rd 103 | New Castle, IN 47362 | 260-468-2165
 1,070 Acres | Established 1974



WELCOME TO WILBUR WRIGHT FISH & WILDLIFE AREA



HIKING TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Wilbur Wright Fish & Wildlife Area provides quality hunting and fishing opportunities while maintaining 1,070 acres, including river valleys and associated uplands. The Big Blue River is the western boundary and dark, organic soil floodplain occupies approximately one third of the property. The remainder is adjacent uplands and the Little Blue River valley. The property has mature woods, fallow cropland, prairie grasses and forbs, and other areas of early- to mid-successional habitat.

HISTORY AND FUNDING

Wilbur Wright FWA was surplus state land transferred from the Indiana Department of Mental Health (New Castle State Hospital) to the Department of Natural Resources State Parks in 1972. The acreage was transferred to the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in 1974, when wildlife management began. Trees and food plots were planted throughout the property. Most revenues used in land acquisition, development, operation and maintenance are derived from the sales of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Funds also are received from the federal Pittman-Robertson program to aid wildlife restoration. These funds are derived from taxes on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. Indiana hunters and fishermen are proud to provide this property for the enjoyment of all.



OUR STORY

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Wilbur Wright Trail	3 miles	Moderate

• For safety, please stay on marked trails.



ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

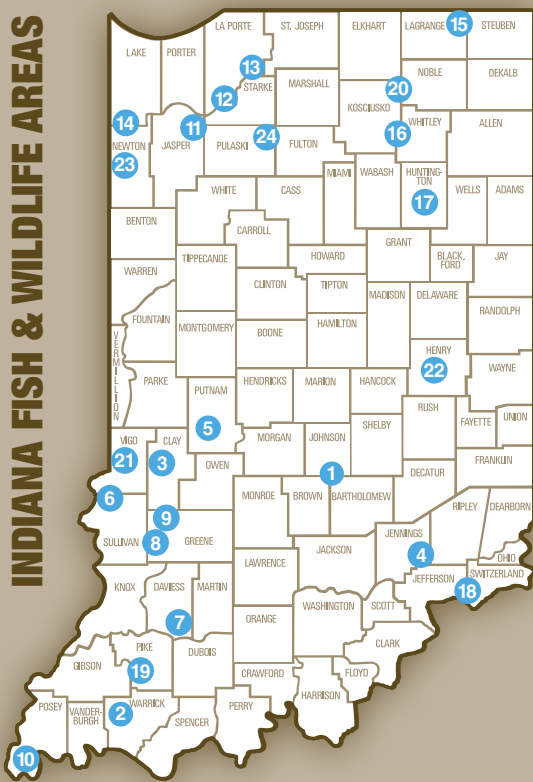
- **ACCESSIBILITY:** Accessible hunting areas are available. Ask at office for details.
- **ARCHERY RANGE:** Archery range is located behind the office and is open daily, sunrise to sunset.
- **DOG TRAINING:** Dog training is allowed on the property except in safety zones. You must first sign in at the check-in station.
- **FISHING:** Shoreline fishing is available on the Big Blue and Little Blue rivers that run through the property. Big Blue is stocked with rainbow trout once a year. There also is carp and smallmouth bass fishing. No check-in is required.
- **HIKING:** The Wilbur Wright trail runs along the south side of the property for about 1.2 miles.
- **HUNTING:** Deer, rabbit, quail, squirrel, dove, turkey, woodcock and waterfowl are common. Check-in is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply. See hunting regulations for details at dnr.gov/wildlife.
- **PARKING:** Parking is allowed in designated parking areas only.
- **SHOOTING RANGE:** Open to the public, first-come, first served. All shooters must obey range rules and regulations. Hearing and eye protection is required.
- **RANGE HOURS:**
 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET (Wed.-Sun.)
 - Closed Monday, Tuesday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's
 - Winter hours (Jan.-Feb.): 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- **WILDLIFE WATCHING:** 1,070 acres of upland, marsh, and wooded habitat areas attract more than 200 species to the property, which is excellent for year-round songbird viewing.
- **Wetland trapping** is available through drawing on the first Saturday in October. Call office for details.
- **Gathering** blackberries, raspberries, mushrooms and nuts is allowed.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- **ADDITION TO STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE LAWS,** this property is governed by posted regulations affecting the public use of lands and facilities owned, leased or licensed by the DNR.
- **POSTED AREAS:** Safety zones and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs. PLEASE READ AND OBEY ALL SIGNS.
- **VIOLATIONS:** Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may cause forfeiture of hunting, fishing or visiting privileges.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from use of these facilities.
- **TRAFFIC:** Traffic on public roads through the area is governed by state and county laws. Service roads and trails are restricted to walking except by authorized vehicles.
- **COLLECTION PERMIT:** Collection permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collection of anything except nuts, berries, and mushrooms.
- **CHECK-IN STATION**
 - You must do self check-in for the following activities. The check-in box is located at the property office.
 - Hunting (must also have hunting license)
 - Dog training
 - Night and predator hunting
 - Check-in is not required for fishing. The minimum size limit is 14 inches for largemouth bass.
- **ONE-DAY ACCESS PERMIT**
 - All hunters, range users and dog runners are required to sign in and obtain a one-day access permit before entering the field. The one-day permit card must be completed and returned to a check-in station, drop box or property office.
 - All other visitors are encouraged to obtain a miscellaneous one-day access permit before entering the field. The one-day access permit should be kept with you while visiting then completed and returned to a check-in station, drop box, or the office before leaving. Your information helps us identify ways to improve Indiana's FWAs. We appreciate you taking the extra time to fill out the permit. Your feedback and comments are valuable to us.

INDIANA FISH & WILDLIFE AREAS



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| 1. Atterbury | 13. Kingsbury |
| 2. Blue Grass | 14. LaSalle |
| 3. Chinook | 15. Pigeon River |
| 4. Crosley | 16. Pisgah Marsh |
| 5. Deer Creek | 17. J.E. Roush Lake |
| 6. Fairbanks Landing | 18. Splinter Ridge |
| 7. Glendale | 19. Sugar Ridge |
| 8. Goose Pond | 20. Tri-County |
| 9. Hillenbrand | 21. Wabashiki |
| 10. Hovey Lake | 22. Wilbur Wright |
| 11. Jasper-Pulaski | 23. Willow Slough |
| 12. Kankakee | 24. Winamac |

FUNDING FOR FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife sells hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. All revenue is used for managing fish and wildlife resources in Indiana. No license money goes into the state general fund.

The Division also receives money from the federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs (sometimes referred to as Dingell-Johnson and Pittman-Robertson funds). The funds are derived from excise taxes levied on sporting arms and ammunition, bows and arrows, fishing equipment and motor boat fuel. The funds are then returned to state fish and wildlife agencies using a formula that in part is based on the number of fishing and hunting license buyers.



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more info and a full list/map of all DNR properties.

- **Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area**
Province Pond WCA is a 210-acre public property managed by Wilbur Wright FWA. It has a concrete boat ramp, and is ideal for bass, bluegill and catfish. This area also offers upland game, woodland and waterfowl hunting. It has a self-service check-in station on site and has mandatory check-in for hunting; no check-in is required for fishing.
- **Randolph Co. Wildlife Management Area**
Randolph County WMA is a 508-acre public property managed by Wilbur Wright FWA. It offers upland, woodland and waterfowl hunting. The area has a self-service check-in station on site and has mandatory check-in for hunting.
- **Modoc Wildlife Management Area**
Modoc WMA is a 167-acre public property managed by Wilbur Wright FWA. It offers upland and woodland hunting. It has a self-service check-in station on site and has mandatory check-in for hunting.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

WRITE: DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
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CALL: 317-232-4200
ONLINE: dnr.IN.gov



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