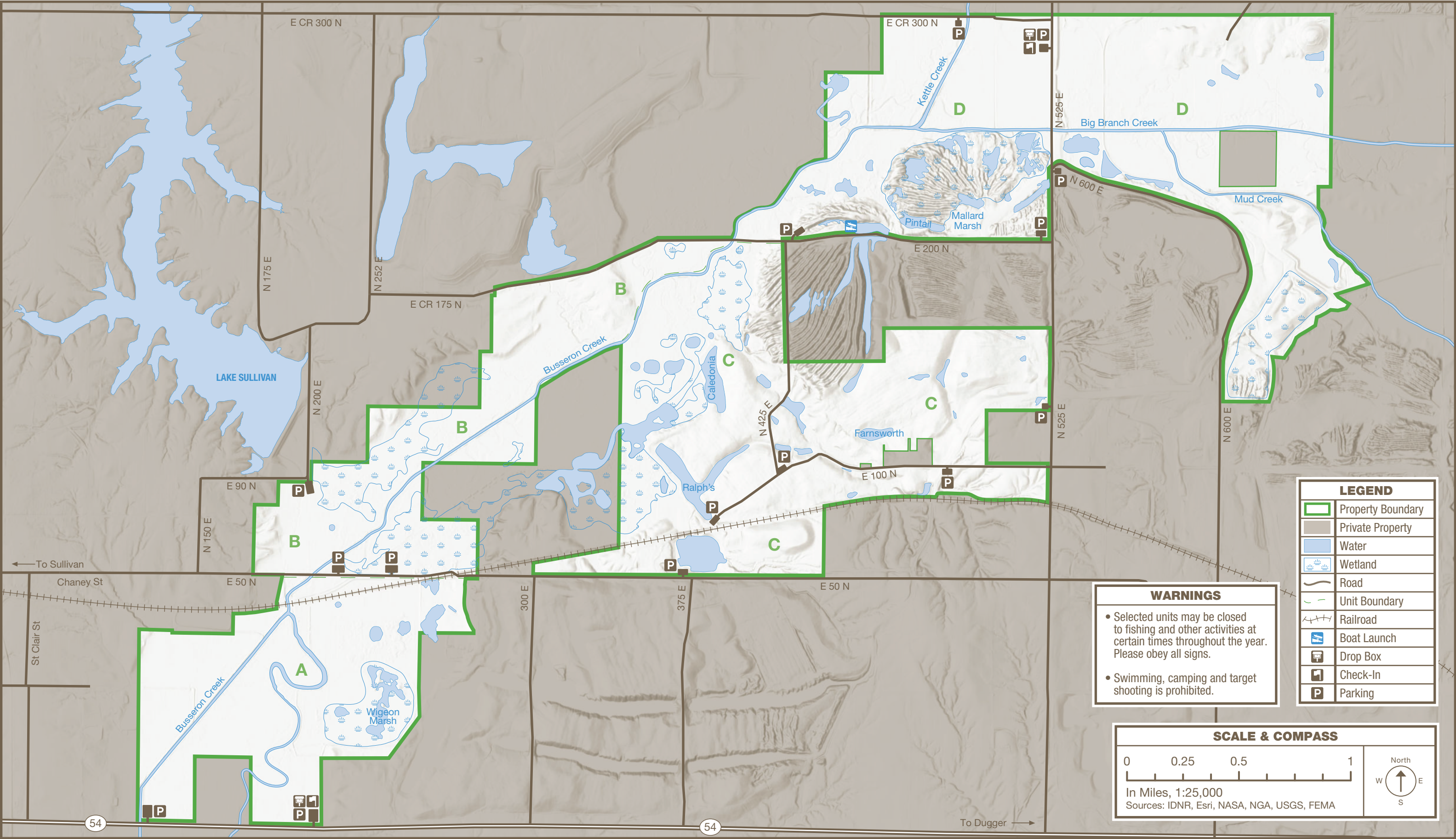


BUSSERON CREEK FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

Managed by Goose Pond FWA | County Roads 300 N & 525 E | Sullivan, IN 47882 | 812-512-9185
3,950 Acres | Established 2024



OUR STORY

Busseron Creek Fish & Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting, wildlife watching, and trapping opportunities while maintaining 3,950 acres of upland habitats, bottomland forests, and marshland.

Busseron Creek FWA was acquired in 2024 with the help of the Conservation Fund, Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscapes program, Peabody Mining, and many other partners. Before being acquired, the property primarily consisted of reclaimed surface mine ground in Sullivan County.

Busseron Creek FWA comprises a portion of the former Minnehaha Fish & Wildlife Area, which closed in 2016 after 30 years.

HELPFUL LINKS

Stay up to date on hunting and fishing information.

HUNTING

WHERE: on.IN.gov/where2hunt
LEARN: on.IN.gov/learn2hunt
GUIDE: on.IN.gov/huntingguide

FISHING

WHERE: on.IN.gov/where2fish
LEARN: on.IN.gov/learn2fish
GUIDE: on.IN.gov/fishingguide

LICENSES

PURCHASE: on.IN.gov/inhuntfish

RECREATION

LOCATIONS: on.IN.gov/recfinder

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.
- BOATING:** Boats are limited to a maximum 12-volt electric motor. A DNR Lake Permit is not required.
- BOAT LAUNCH:** Available on north end of property on Pintail pond.
- FISHING:** Bass, bluegill and other small gamefish are common. A state fishing license is required. Size and bag limits apply.
 - 14-inch min. size limit on largemouth bass.
 - All fishing closed during waterfowl season.
- GATHERING:** Berries, mushrooms and nuts may be gathered.
- HUNTING:** Turkey, deer, rabbit, squirrel, and waterfowl are common. Hunting license and one-day access permit is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply.
 - Limited quail opportunities. Ask for details.
 - The first five days of spring turkey season is selected by computer draw. Must check-in at Goose Pond FWA to participate.
 - Fall turkey hunting allowed every day during fall turkey season and legal hunting hours.
 - Rabbit, quail, and dove hunting allowed Weds. and Sat. during legal hunting hours.
- TRAPPING:** Trapping is available. Check-in required at a self-service station. Ask for details.
- WILDLIFE WATCHING:** Deer, wild turkey, a wide variety of birds is common.

RULES & REGULATIONS

In 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. No motorized vehicles or horses are permitted beyond county roads.

COLLECTION PERMIT: Collection permits are required from the property manager or DNR to collect anything except nuts, berries, and mushrooms.

CHECK-IN STATION

- You must self check-in for the following activities:
 - Boating or canoeing
 - Gathering
 - Wildlife watching
 - Fishing
 - Hunting (must have hunting license)
 - Night hunting (by permit only)

ONE-DAY ACCESS PERMIT

- All hunters are required to sign in at a self-service check-in station and obtain a one-day access permit before entering the field. The one-day permit card must be in possession of the hunter at all times and be completed and returned to a check-in station or drop box.
- 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.

NOT PERMITTED: Swimming, camping and target shooting is prohibited. No removal of plants, animals, rocks or fossils.

INDIANA FISH & WILDLIFE AREAS

1. Atterbury

2. Blue Grass

3. Busseron Creek

4. Chinook

5. Crosley

6. Deer Creek

7. Fairbanks Landing

8. Glendale

9. Goose Pond

10. Hillenbrand

11. Hovey Lake

12. Jasper-Pulaski

13. Kankakee

14. Kingsbury

15. LaSalle

16. Pigeon River

17. J.E. Roush Lake

18. Splinter Ridge

19. Sugar Ridge

20. Tri-County

21. Wabashiki

22. Wilbur Wright

23. Willow Slough

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

- Find more DNR properties at on.IN.gov/recfinder.

REDBIRD OFF-ROAD STATE RECREATION AREA

Mnt. biking, hiking, wildlife watching, exceptional birding, historic features, fishing, shelter house, picnicking, boat launch, off-roading

GREENE-SULLIVAN STATE FOREST

bridle trails, hiking, wildlife watching, exceptional birding, picnicking, playgrounds, fishing, ice fishing, hunting, trapping, dog training area, shelter house, boat launch, camping

CARRY IN

CARRY OUT

Please carry out all trash you produce to help keep the property clean and beautiful for all to enjoy!

WILDLIFE & SPORT FISH RESTORATION

Your purchase of hunting and fishing equipment and motorboat fuels supports Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration and boating access facilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WRITE: Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
402 W. Washington Street, W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204

CALL: 317-232-4200

ONLINE: on.IN.gov/DNR

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:

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