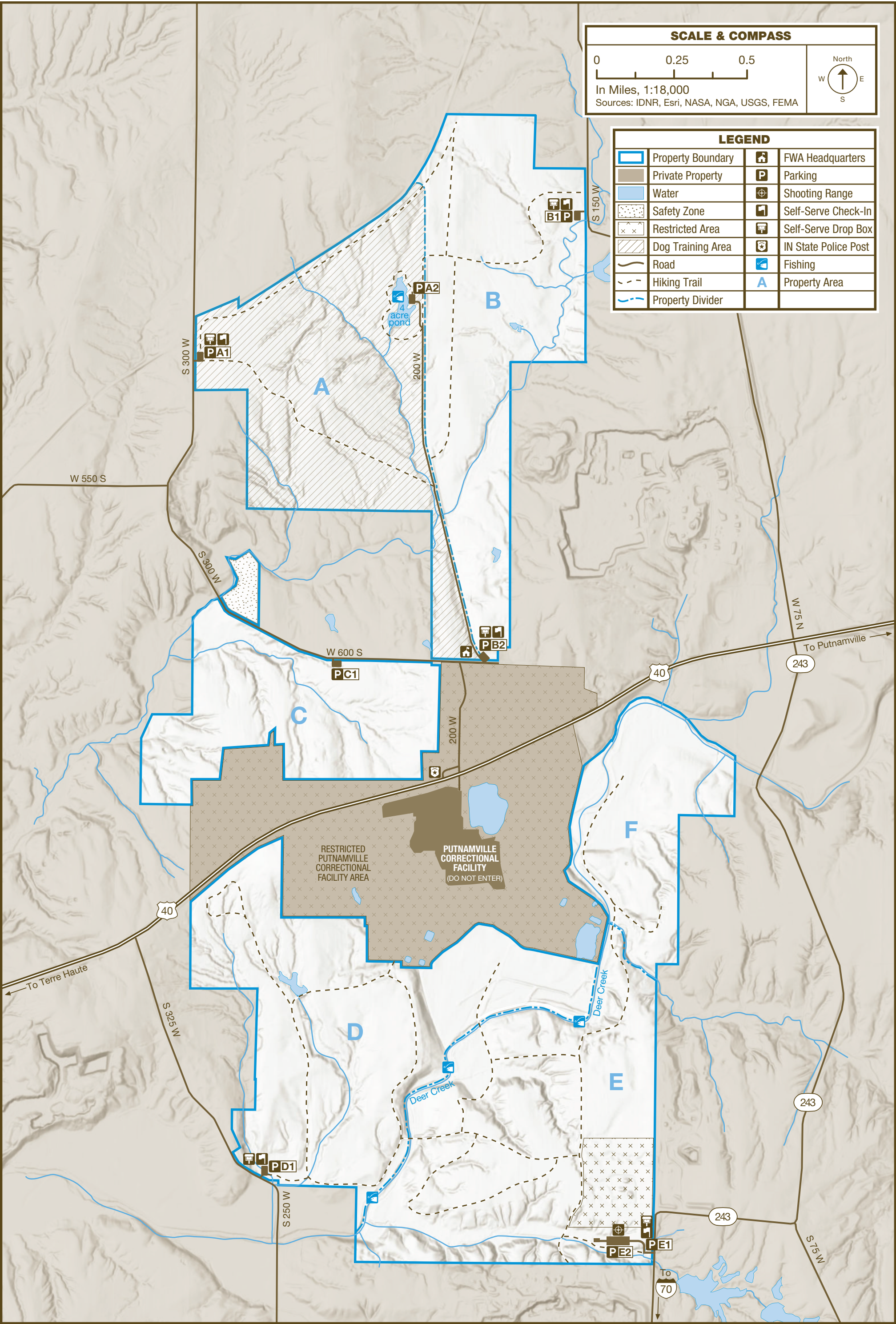


DEER CREEK FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

2001 W. County Rd. 600 S. | Greencastle, IN 46135 | 765-653-0453
2,175 Acres | Established 2010

DNR

© 08/2024



WELCOME TO DEER CREEK FISH & WILDLIFE AREA



OUR STORY

Deer Creek is the newest Fish & Wildlife Area. It has 2,175 acres of mature woods, interspersed with rolling agriculture, including a 4-acre pond.

Possession of the land for Deer Creek FWA began in 2010, with a transfer of 1,962 acres from the Putnamville Correctional Facility to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish & Wildlife. Deer Creek FWA comprises areas of rolling interspersed agriculture and mature oak-hickory dominated woods. A 4-acre pond on the north portion of Deer Creek offers fishing for bass, bluegill and catfish. Deer Creek winds through the south portion of the property and is associated with one lowhead dam, an iron bridge and a concrete creek crossing. DeWeese Branch crosses the north portion of the property.



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



ACCESSIBILITY: Hunting areas accessible to persons with disabilities are available. Contact the property for details.



BOATING: Only boats powered by paddle or electric trolling motors are allowed. There are no boat ramps.



FISHING: Primary species include catfish, crappie, bluegill, redear and largemouth bass. All state size and bag limits apply. Fishing license required.



DOG TRAINING: Dog training is allowed in the 'A' area on northern portion of property.



GATHERING: Gathering berries, mushrooms and nuts is allowed.



HIKING: Hiking is encouraged.



HUNTING: Deer, dove, quail, rabbit, squirrel, turkey, woodcock and waterfowl are available. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply. Hunting license and daily check-in/out is required. Some additional property-specific rules include:

- Dove hunting is allocated by preseason draw the first three days.
- Quail and rabbit hunting are only available on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.
- Spring Turkey hunting is allocated by preseason draw the first five days.
- Deer firearm season is allocated by preseason draw the first seven days.

For more information, please visit the website or contact the property.



SHOOTING RANGE: Open to the public for a fee. Hearing and eye protection are required. Visit the website for hours of operation.



TRAPPING: Trapping is available by draw. Contact the property for details.



WILDLIFE WATCHING: The upland and forested habitats, shallow impoundments and creeks attract a variety of song birds, hawks, turkey and deer.



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, horses or bicycles 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:
 - Hunting
 - Dog training
- Self check-in encouraged for the following activities:
 - Boating
 - Gathering
 - Fishing
 - Hiking
 - Wildlife watching

ONE-DAY ACCESS PERMIT:

- In addition to possessing an appropriate hunting license, each hunter must check in and obtain a daily hunt permit card before entering the field.
- Check-in sheets and daily hunt permit cards are located at all self-service check-in stations.
- Non-hunting users are encouraged to complete a one-day miscellaneous access permit.
- All permits should be returned to a self-service drop box at the end of each visit.

NOT PERMITTED:

- Open fires, camping or swimming
- Target shooting (outside of shooting range)
- Trespassing on Putnamville Correctional Facility or any privately owned adjacent lands



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

For a full list/map of all DNR properties, visit on.IN.gov/recguide or on.IN.gov/recfinder.

CAGLES MILL AND CATARACT FALLS SRA

boating, boat rentals, camping, fishing, ice fishing, hiking, historic features, hunting, interpretive services, playground, shelterhouses, swimming beach, swimming pool, water skiing, wildlife watching,

BIG WALNUT NATURE PRESERVE

hiking, plant identifying, wildlife watching



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



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



FOLLOW US



OUTDOOR INDIANA

Subscribe to Outdoor Indiana magazine today, Visit **OutdoorIndiana.org** or call 317-233-3046.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington Street, W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020. © 09/2024 Indiana Department of Natural Resources

DNR
Indiana Department
of Natural Resources

DEER CREEK FISH & WILDLIFE AREA



Deer Creek FWA
2001 W. CR 600 S.
Greencastle, IN 46135

(765) 653-0453

on.IN.gov/deercreekfwa

deercreekfwa@dnr.IN.gov

on.IN.gov/wildlife

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.