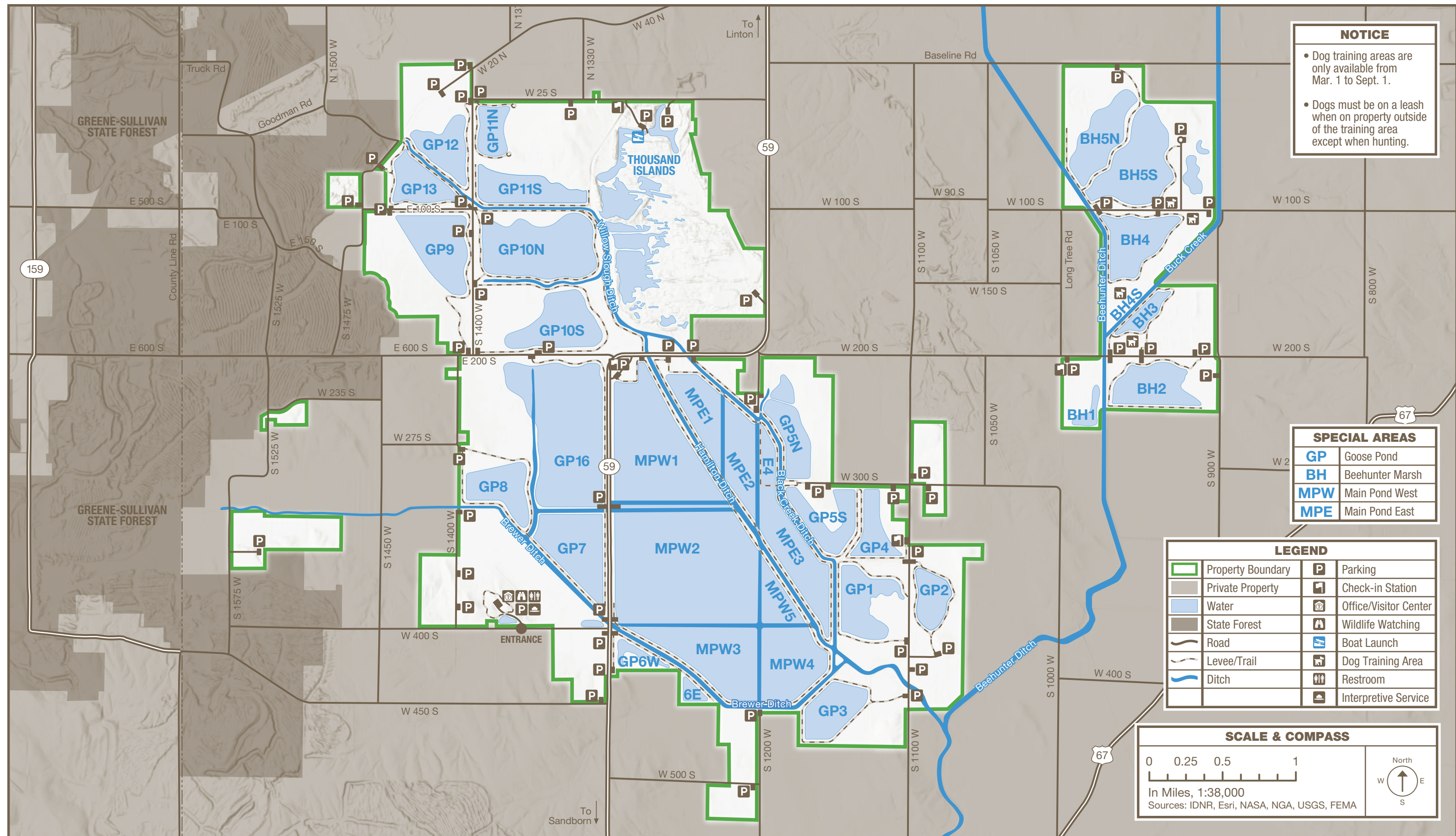


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9,098 Acres | Established 2005



OUR STORY

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting, wildlife viewing and trapping opportunities while maintaining 8,064 acres of prairie and marsh habitat.

Prior to the property being acquired by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the previous landowner entered into a permanent easement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This permanent easement was part of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and consisted of 7,200 acres. NRCS then assumed responsibility for the wetland restoration.

In October 2005, with the help of The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Indiana Department of Transportation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and many other organizations, IDNR purchased the 8,064-acre property including the 7,200 acres under permanent WRP easement, creating Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area.

With nearly 5,000 acres of shallow water wetlands, 1,300 acres of prairie and more than 30 miles of levees, Goose Pond FWA provides excellent trails and wildlife watching opportunities.

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.
-  **BIKING:** Allowed on all paved and gravel roads that are open to vehicle travel.
-  **BOAT LAUNCH:** Boats are limited to a maximum 12-volt electric motor. Boat launching from a trailer is allowed on Thousand Islands Lake only. Canoes, kayaks and other small watercraft that can be carried and slid into the water are permissible. A DNR Lake Permit is not required.
-  **DOG TRAINING:** Permitted in BH3, BH4, and BH4S from Mar. 1 to Sept. 1. Dogs must always be leashed when outside of the training area unless being used for hunting.
-  **FISHING:** Bass, bluegill and other small gamefish are common. State fishing license and check-in is required. Bow fishing is permitted. Select units may be closed at certain times. No fishing during waterfowl seasons. 14-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass. All other statewide size and bag limits apply.
-  **GATHERING:** Mushrooms, berries, and nuts only may be gathered.
-  **HIKING:** More than 30 miles of mowed path trails are available during different seasons. Inquire at the visitors center.
-  **HUNTING:** Accessible. Waterfowl, quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, turkey and deer are common. Check-in is required. Some hunts are by draw. Possession of lead shot while in the field is prohibited. Certain daily bag limits and shooting times at Goose Pond FWA are more restrictive than those allowed statewide. Check at the visitors center or a self-service booth for more details.
-  **INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE:** Interpretive displays and staff available year-round at the Visitors Center. Find program schedules at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or 260-636-2654.
-  **TRAPPING:** Available through a draw held on the first Saturday in October. Call property for more information.
-  **WILDLIFE WATCHING:** Accessible. More than 300 bird species have been documented at Goose Pond FWA. Check-in is required.

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 all activities, including:
 - Boating or canoeing
 - Gathering
 - Dog training
 - Fishing
 - Wildlife watching
 - Hiking
 - Hunting (must have hunting license)
 - Night hunting (by permit only)

ONE-DAY ACCESS PERMIT

- All property visitors 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. The permit card must be in possession of each visitor and recorded through established check-in procedures outlined at the self-service booths and check station. Check-in stations are located on the property for your convenience. 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: Camping , swimming and target shooting is prohibited.

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.

GREENE-SULLIVAN STATE FOREST

Horseback riding, hiking, wildlife watching, picnic areas, playgrounds, fishing, ice fishing, hunting, trapping, dog training area, shelterhouses, boat launch, camping

REDBIRD OFF-ROAD STATE RECREATION AREA


Off-roading, mnt. biking, hiking, wildlife watching, historic features, fishing, shelterhouses, boat launch

CARRY IN

CARRY OUT

TRASH

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 & Nature Preserves
402 W. Washington Street, W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204

CALL: 317-232-4200
ONLINE: on.IN.gov/DNR

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