

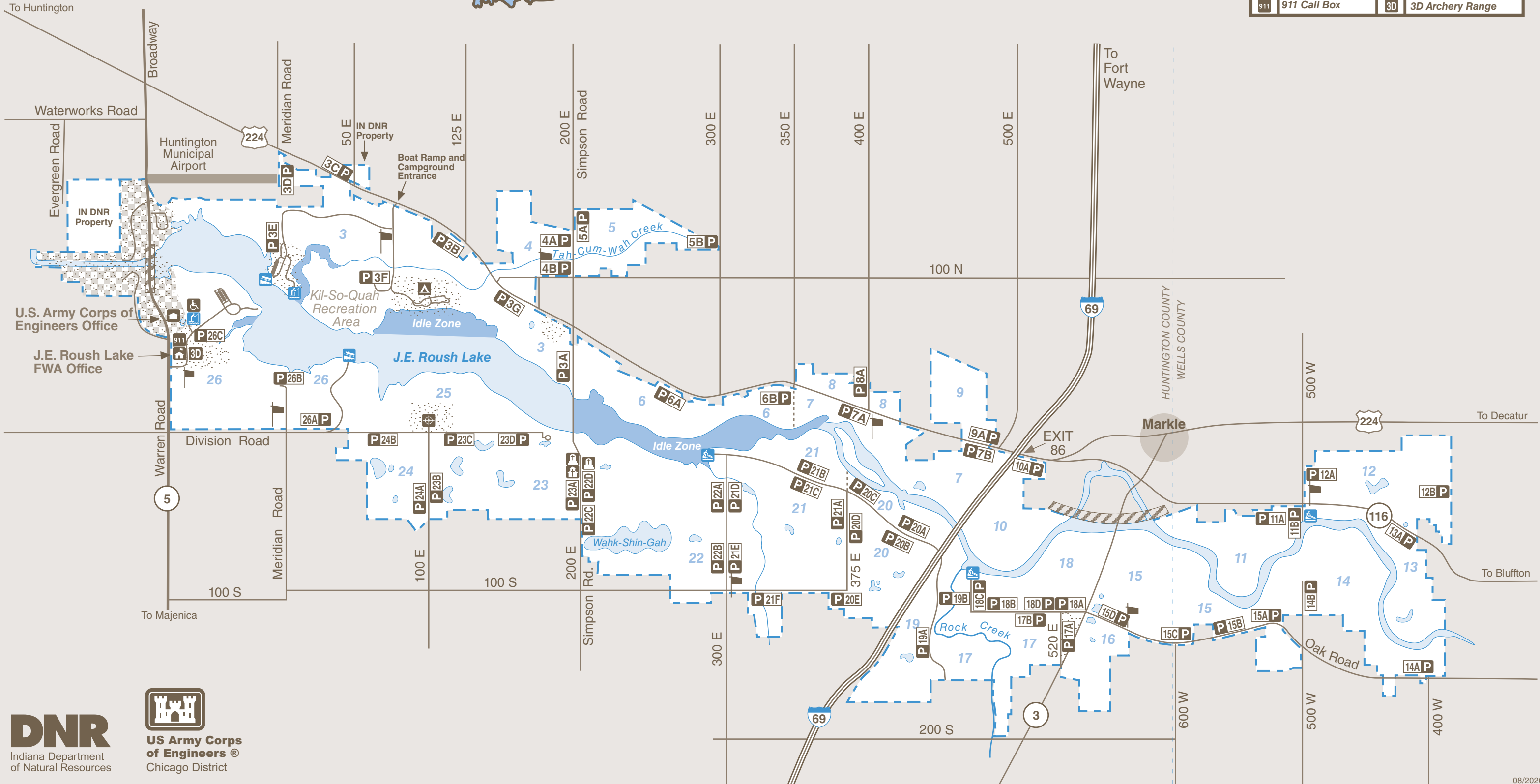
# J.E. ROUSH LAKE

## FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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LEGEND			
	Boundary		Accessible
	Road		Fishing Pier
	USACE Dam		Boat Launch
	Water		Camping
	Idle Zone		Shooting Range
	Safety Zone		J.E. Roush Lake FWA Office
	USACE Managed		Corps Office
	Parking		Church
	Hunter Self-Serv. Box		Cemetery
	Resource Mgmt. Unit		Car-Top Boat Launch
	911 Call Box		3D Archery Range



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Chicago District

Safety zones, refuges, waterfowl-resting and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs.

#### Posted Areas

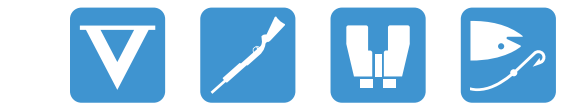
In addition to state fish & wildlife laws, this property is governed by posted regulations affecting the public use of lands and facilities owned, leased or licensed by the DNR.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The lake provides benefits to nearly 60,000 acres of agricultural lands as well as general recreation activities associated with hunting and fishing. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partners with Indiana Department of Natural Resources under a lease agreement. The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife operates and maintains the recreation facilities and wildlife areas at the lake. Roush Lake was operated by DNR Division of Reservoirs until 1998, and then by the DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs until 2010.

The property is a long narrow band along the Wabash River approximately 1.5 miles long, located in Huntington and Wells counties. The public access site (boat ramp) and campground are located off U.S. 224, two miles east of Huntington and six miles west of I-69. The main office is 2.5 miles southeast of Huntington, off S.R. 5. Hunting areas and fishing ponds are located throughout the property.

## HISTORY



Roush Lake was constructed in 1967 and is one of the three Upper Wabash Valley lakes. Roush Lake operates primarily as a unit with Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes to control floodwaters along the Wabash River Basin and secondarily with other lakes downstream in reduction of lower Wabash and Ohio River floods.

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517 N. Warren Road | Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 468-2165 | wildlife.IN.gov

**Hours of Operation:**  
Open: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Wednesday – Sunday  
Closed: Monday & Tuesday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day  
*Winter Hours for January & February:*  
Open: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
Closed: Monday – Thursday

**Shooting Ranges**  
Shooting ranges are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis during business hours of the range and only when certified range safety officers are on duty. Range fees will be charged. (\$4/day adults, \$2/day youth; trap and skeet range prices are \$5 per round.) Hours of operation vary between seasons.

- Hunters are required to sign in at one of the self-service boxes prior to entering the field. One-day hunting permit cards must be in the possession of the hunter at all times. Bagged game must be reported through the check-in station. Self-service drop boxes are located throughout the property for your convenience. No shooting of woodchucks (groundhogs) is allowed.
- Dog training is available in Area 22 only.
- Collecting Permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collection of everything except nuts, berries and mushrooms.

**Permits**  
In addition to a hunting and/or fishing license, the following permits are required for the following activities:

**Responsibility**  
The DNR will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from the use of these facilities.

**Violations**  
Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may be cause for forfeiture of your hunting, fishing or visiting privileges at J.E. Roush Lake FWA.

## DAM

Type: Concrete rolled earth-fill  
Maximum height: 91 feet  
Length: 6,500 feet  
Drainage area above dam: 707 square miles

## OPERATING LEVELS

	Elevation (Feet mean sea level)	Area (Acres)	Length (Miles)
Winter Pool	737	500	5
Summer Pool	749	900	7
Flood Pool	798	7,900	29

## FUNDING FOR FISH AND 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.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Division of Fish & Wildlife

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

CALL: (317) 232-4200

ONLINE: [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov)

### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

WRITE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
735 N. Warren Rd.  
Huntington, IN 46750

CALL: 260-356-8648

### Chicago District, Public Affairs Office

WRITE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
231 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500  
Chicago, IL 60604

CALL: 312-846-5330

Trapping is allocated by in-person drawing the first Saturday of October.

## TRAPPING

- Please respect private land owner's property
- Area 22 is designated for dog training.
- Special hunts include those for mourning dove and turkey, and put-take pheasant hunts.
- Daily check-in is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply.
- Hunting for furbearers, deer, rabbit, squirrel, waterfowl, dove, pheasant and wild turkey is common at J.E. Roush Lake FWA.

## HUNTING

- See Fishing Regulations for details, fishing.IN.gov
- On Rock Creek, smallmouth bass fishing is catch-and-release only.
- There is a 14-inch size limit for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.
- Shoreline fishing is available at boat ramp and around the main lake and impoundments.
- Motorized boats are allowed on Roush Lake only. Please use concrete boat ramp located off U.S. 224 at Kil-So-Quah Recreation Area. No swimming allowed at ramp. Non-motorized boats and electric motors are allowed on both Roush Lake and its impoundments. No ramps provided on impoundments.
- Primary species in the main lake include channel catfish, crappie, white bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and rough fish in the main lake. Walleye are below the dam in the river. Impoundment species include largemouth bass, bluegill and redear sunfish.
- J.E. Roush Lake FWA has 15 miles of river and 200 acres of impoundments open to fishing. No check-in is required for fishing.

## FISHING

Traffic on public roads through J.E. Roush Lake FWA is governed by state and county laws. All other roads are limited to foot traffic only.

## CAMPING

The campground has 41 electric sites and 20 primitive sites. All campsites have fire rings and picnic tables. Camping is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum stay is 14 days. Water fountains and pit toilets are available in the campground.

- Camping, picnicking, and open campfires are allowed in the campground only.
- Picnicking is allowed at the Kil-So-Quah boat ramp area.
- Unloaded firearms, unstrung bows and arrows, and air guns may be possessed, but not used in the camping and picnic areas.
- Swimming is not allowed.

## WILDLIFE WATCHING

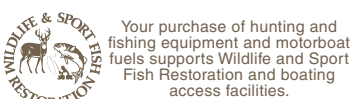
J.E. Roush Lake FWA is a long narrow property along the floodplain of the Wabash River. It provides excellent wildlife watching throughout the year and the spring is great for waterfowl.

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Wetland trapping is available through drawing only. Contact property staff for details.
- Dog training is allowed in Area 22 (see map).
- Additional hunting opportunities include youth hunts for deer, dove, turkey and waterfowl. Put-and-take pheasant hunting starts the Saturday before Thanksgiving, with sign-up online starting September 1.
- Hunting areas accessible to persons with disabilities are available. Ask for details at office.

## NEIGHBORING LAND

Salamonie Lake, managed by the DNR Parks & Reservoirs, is located within 15 miles. Phone (260) 468-2125.



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

**wildlife.IN.gov**

Online Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Licenses