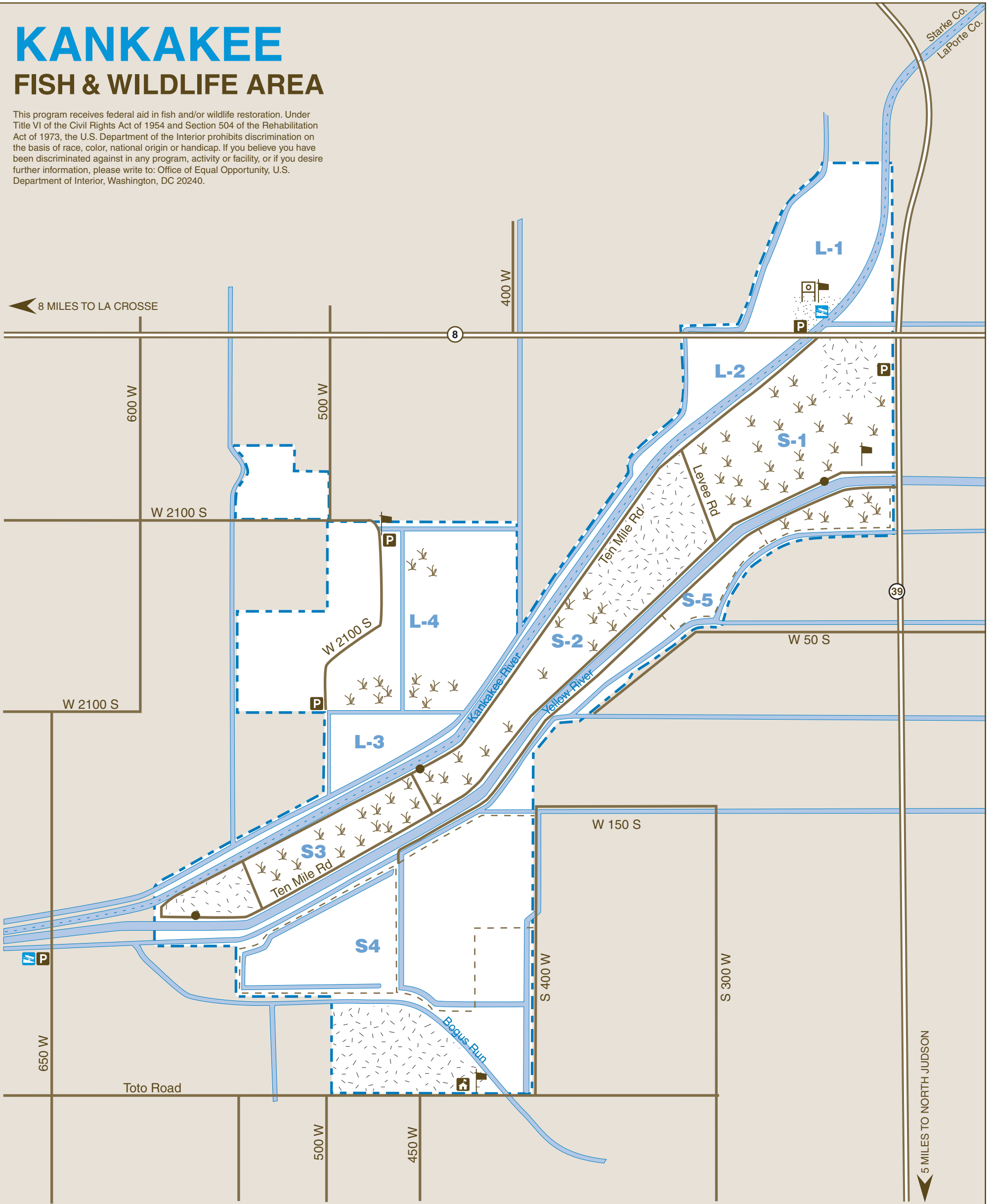


KANKAKEE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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LEGEND			
	Boundary		Boat Launch
	Road		Parking
	Authorized Road		Headquarters
	County Line		Spillway
	Marsh		Self-Service Drop Box
	Safety Zone		Info/Self-Serve Check-In
	Waterfowl Rest Area		



Safety zones, refuges, waterfowl resting and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs. PLEASE READ AND OBEY ALL SIGNS.

Posted Areas

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 Department of Natural Resources.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Most revenues used in land acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area are derived from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Funds are also received from the federal Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration programs. These funds are derived from taxes levied on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. Indiana hunters, fishermen and trappers are proud to provide this property for wildlife conservation and the benefit of all.

added in 2010. In 1927, the state purchased 2,312 acres of the remaining marsh for a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, housing as many as 400 men. The area later became established as a game preserve, and during the 50s, waterfowl management was undertaken by the state. In the 1980s and the 90s, 1,783 acres were added to the property. An additional 104 acres were

The entire FWA is situated in what was the Grand Kankakee Marsh, which once covered hundreds of thousands of acres. Most of the marsh was drained in the late 1800s for agricultural use.

HISTORY AND FUNDING



Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting and fishing opportunities while maintaining 4,199 acres, which includes open water, marshes, riparian timber, periodically flooded crop fields and 11 miles of river.

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KANKAKEE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA



4,199 acres of riparian woodlands, wetlands, marsh and farm land attract deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, hawks, owls, osprey, bald eagles and a wide variety of neo-tropical species. The Grand Kankakee Marsh was once known worldwide for its waterfowl. Stories are told of skies blackened by the wings of countless numbers of ducks and geese.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

- Deer, quail, rabbit, dove, woodcock, waterfowl and wild turkey are present at Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area.
- Daily check-in is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply.
- Daily drawings will be held during waterfowl season.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed only from designated blinds, pits and units.

HUNTING

- Bank fishing is allowed except where posted otherwise.
- Two boat ramps are provided; one on S.R. 8 at the Kankakee River bridge and the second at the town of English Lake at the confluence of the Kankakee and Yellow rivers.
- There is a 14-inch minimum size limit for largemouth bass for all Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area waters, except within the Kankakee and Yellow rivers, where the size limit is 12 inches. All other size and bag limits apply.
- Motor restrictions: A maximum of 24-volt electric motors are allowed in the fish and wildlife area. Outboard motors are permitted on rivers only.
- Primary species include bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, northern pike, redear and walleye.
- No check-in is required for fishing. Fishing areas are restricted during waterfowl season. Ask at headquarters for details.
- Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area provides over 45 miles of available water in rivers and ditches.

FISHING

NEIGHBORING LAND

Five wetland conservation areas are administered through this property. Ask for information at Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area headquarters.

- Turkey Foot Wetland Conservation Area (153 acres)
- Round Lake Wetland Conservation Area (134 acres)
- Koontz Lake Wetland Conservation Area (58 acres)
- Bittern Bog Wetland Conservation Area (74 acres)
- Dick Blythe Wetland Conservation Area (202 acres)

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

WRITE: DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
402 W. Washington Street, W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204
CALL: (317) 232-4200
ONLINE: dnr.IN.gov



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

Traffic on public roads through the area is governed by state and county laws. Traffic over service roads and trails, except by authorized vehicles, is restricted to walking.

Please be courteous to neighboring landowners. Look for property boundary and safety zone signs. Stay at least 500 feet inside boundaries. Do not trespass on private property.

Traffic

Collecting Permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collecting of anything except nuts, berries and mushrooms.

A launching permit is NOT required on Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area.

No check-in or written permission is required for fishing. Fishing areas are restricted during waterfowl season. Please ask for details in headquarters.

Permit from the fish and wildlife headquarters is required to enter the waterfowl resting areas.

Permission to hunt during the day on Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area must be obtained before entering the field. Daily hunt permit cards must be in possession of the hunter and recorded through established self-service procedures outlined at the check station. Self-service drop boxes are located on the property for your convenience.

Night and predator hunting is only permitted by daily permit cards from the property manager.

Permits

The Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from the use of these facilities.

Responsibility

Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may be cause for forfeiting your hunting, fishing, or visiting privileges on this FWA.

Violations

INDIANA FISH AND WILDLIFE AREAS

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

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