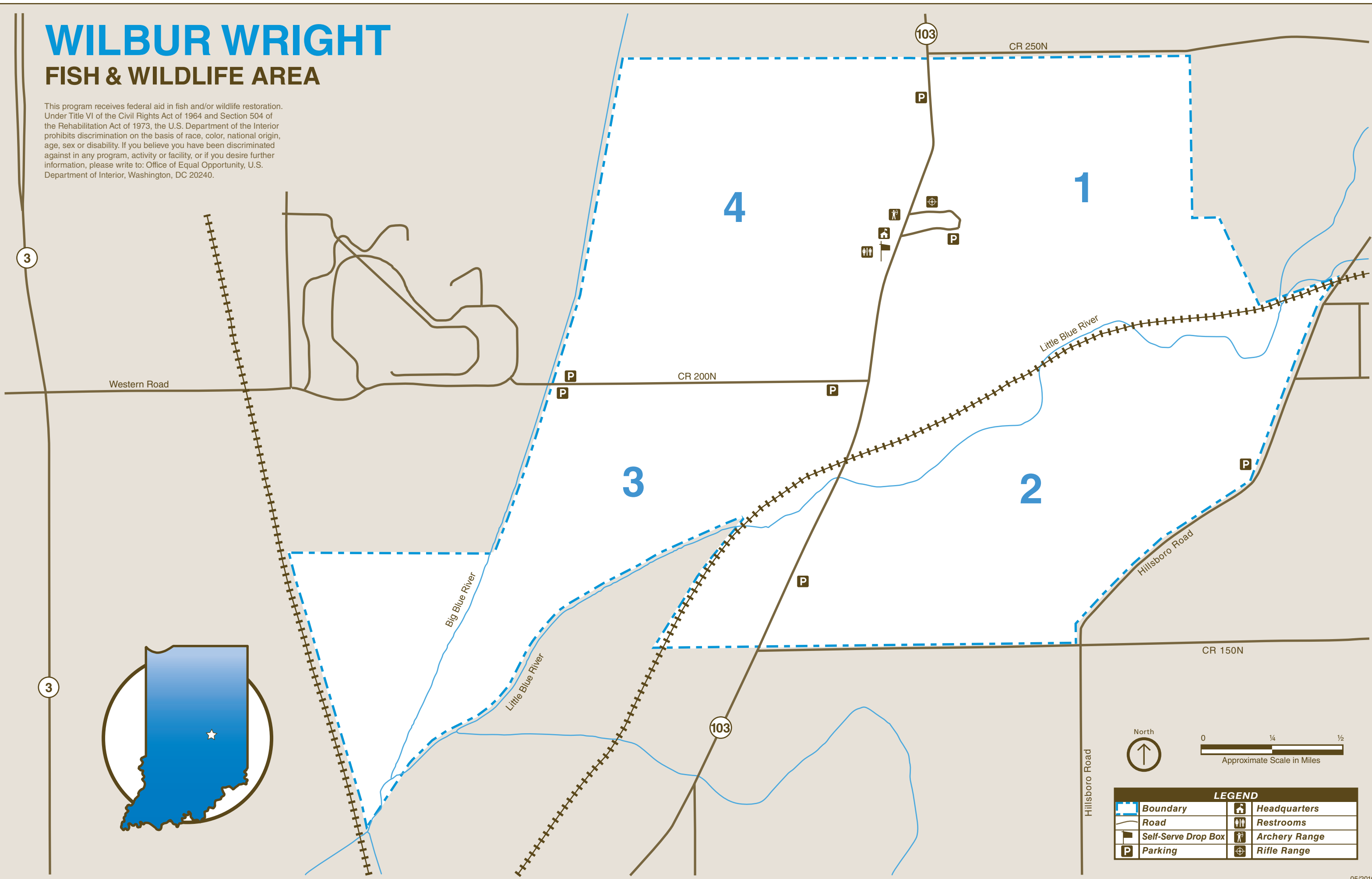


WILBUR WRIGHT FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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LEGEND			
	Boundary		Headquarters
	Road		Restrooms
	Self-Serve Drop Box		Archery Range
	Parking		Rifle Range

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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Wilbur Wright FWA was surplus state land transferred from the Indiana Department of Mental Health (New Castle State Hospital) to the Department of Natural Resources State Parks in 1972. The acreage was transferred to the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife in 1974, when wildlife management began. Trees and food plots were planted throughout the property. Most revenues used in land acquisition, development, operation and maintenance are derived from the sales of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Funds also are received from the federal Pittman-Robertson program to aid wildlife restoration. These funds are derived from taxes on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. Indiana hunters and fishermen are proud to provide this property for the enjoyment of all.

HISTORY AND FUNDING



successional habitat.

Wilbur Wright Fish and Wildlife Area provides quality hunting and fishing opportunities while maintaining 1,070 acres, including river valleys and associated uplands. The Big Blue River is the western boundary and dark, organic soil floodplain occupies approximately one third of the property. The remainder is adjacent uplands and the Little Blue River valley. The property has mature woods, fallow cropland, prairie grasses and forbs, and other areas of early- to mid-successional habitat.

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Parking is allowed in designated parking areas only.

Parking

- Ranges are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Ranges are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, open on Monday holidays.
- Target ranges are open to the public, first-come, first-served. All shooters must obey range rules and regulations.

Target Ranges

- No check-in or written permission is required for fishing. The minimum size limit is 14 inches for largemouth bass.
- Collecting permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collection of anything except nuts, berries and mushrooms.
- Dog training is available. Check-in at self-service check station is by daily permit cards. Dog trainers should follow the same check-in procedures as day hunters.
- Night and predator hunting is only permitted by daily permit cards obtained from the self-service check station. Night hunters should follow the same check-in procedures as day hunters.

- Permission to hunt during the day must be obtained from the office 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 checking stations. Self-service drop boxes are located on the properties for your convenience.
- In addition to hunting and/or fishing license, these permits are required:

Permits

The DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from use of these facilities.

Responsibility

Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may cause forfeiture of hunting, fishing or visiting privileges.

Violations

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

Posted Areas



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- Province Pond WCA is a 210-acre public property managed by Wilbur Wright FWA. It has a concrete boat ramp, and is ideal for bass, bluegill and catfish. This area also offers upland game, woodland and waterfowl hunting. It has a self-service check-in station on site and has mandatory check-in for hunting.
- Randolph County Wildlife Management Area is a 508-acre public property managed by Wilbur Wright FWA. It offers upland, woodland and waterfowl hunting. The area has a self-service check-in station on site and has mandatory check-in for hunting.
- Modoc Wildlife Management Area is a 167-acre public property managed by Wilbur Wright FWA. It offers upland and woodland hunting. It has

NEIGHBORING LAND

- 1,070 acres of upland, marsh, and wooded habitat areas attract more than 200 species to the property, which is an excellent year-round songbird viewing area.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

- Dog training areas are available.
- Deer, rabbit, quail, squirrel, dove, woodcock and waterfowl are common.
- Check-in is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply. See hunting regulations for details at wildlife.IN.gov.
- Only shoreline fishing is available at Wilbur Wright FWA. There also is carp and smallmouth bass fishing.
- Big Blue is stocked with rainbow trout once a year.
- Fishing is available on the Big Blue and Little Blue rivers that run through the property.

HUNTING

- No check-in is required.
- A boat ramp is available at nearby Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area.

FISHING

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.

Traffic

a self-service check-in station on site and has mandatory check-in for hunting.

- Summit Lake State Park is a 2,550-acre park with a large lake, beach, boat ramps, and 125 class A campsites.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- There is a small wetland near the Big Blue River. Wetland trapping is available through drawing on the first Saturday in October. Call office for details.
- A dog training area is provided.
- Hunting areas accessible to persons with disabilities are available. Ask at office for details.
- Gathering blackberries, raspberries, mushrooms and nuts is allowed.

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

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