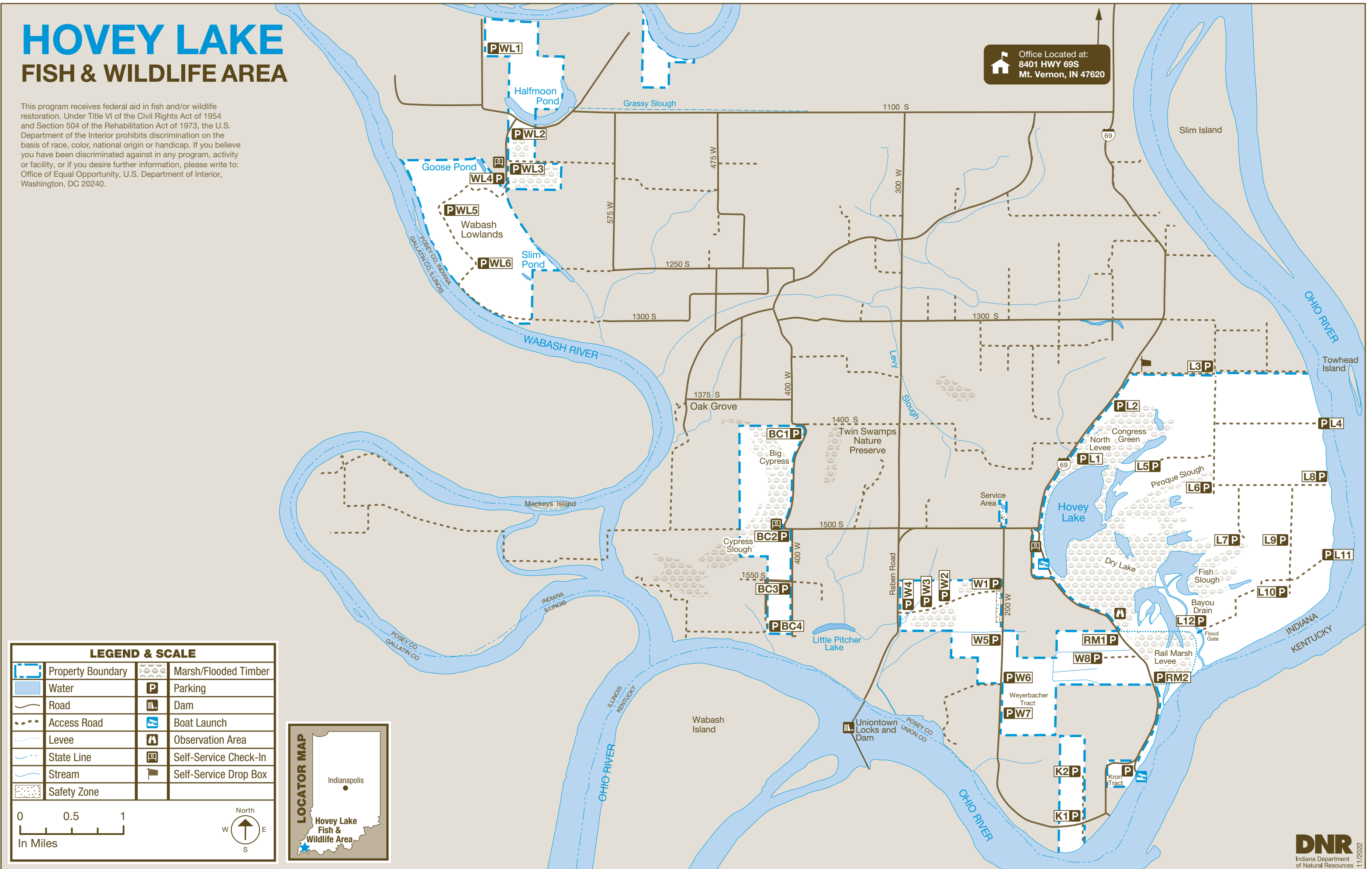


HOVEY LAKE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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LEGEND & SCALE			
	Property Boundary		Marsh/Flooded Timber
	Water		Parking
	Road		Dam
	Access Road		Boat Launch
	Levee		Observation Area
	State Line		Self-Service Check-In
	Stream		Self-Service Drop Box
	Safety Zone		

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Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area is a unique natural area nestled in the Ohio River and Wabash River floodplains in extreme southwest Indiana. Hovey Lake FWA covers approximately 7,404 acres and features a 1,400 acre oxbow lake, other smaller sloughs, marshes and extensive bottomland hardwood forests. Hovey Lake is dedicated to providing and maintaining quality hunting, fishing and wildlife watching opportunities.



HISTORY

The land presently called Hovey Lake FWA has a long history. It was ceded to the state in treaties of 1803 and 1809 and designated as swampland. The land was then granted to the Wabash and Erie Canal Company. During the 1880's it became the property of Charles J. Hovey. The Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife began acquiring this property in 1939. Additional lands were acquired at other times through purchase or lease from the Army Corp of Engineers.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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.

POSTED AREAS

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

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

VIOLATIONS

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

RESPONSIBILITY

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.

PERMITS

In addition to a hunting and/or fishing licenses, one of the following permits will be required.

- Permission to hunt during the day on Hovey Lake FWA 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 at various sites on the property for your convenience.

CAMPING/SWIMMING

Camping and swimming are prohibited.

TRAFFIC

Traffic on public roads through the area is governed by state and county laws. Traffic use of area roads is limited to those shown on the property map. All other service roads and trails are restricted to walking, except by authorized vehicles.

- No horses permitted beyond county roads.
- Parking in designated lots only.

HUNTING

- The most common game species include waterfowl, deer, turkey and squirrel, however all the major game species are found on Hovey Lake FWA.
- Hovey Lake FWA uses a combination of restricted areas, restricted hunter numbers, daily drawings, preseason drawings and self-service permit check-in to control hunting efforts. Check with the property for current regulations.
- Flooding often limits hunting opportunities. Check with the property for current water conditions.

FISHING

- Boat fishing allowed, with a 10 mph limit enforced.
- There are two boat ramps located on the property: one at the south end of the lake and one on the Ohio River.
- No check-in required for fishing.
- All state size and bag limits apply.
- Lake closed to fishing and boating during fall and winter. Check with property for current year's dates.

TRAPPING

Wetland trapping is allowed through a special drawing at the Hovey Lake FWA office. Drawing date is the first Saturday in October. Call the office for details.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

More than 7,400 acres of upland habitat, marshes, sloughs and woods attract a wide variety of song birds, raptors and waterfowl.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Wetland trapping is available on a drawing basis. There are several units open to trapping. Check with property for current hunting season information.
- A bird watching observation area is available.
- Mushrooms, berries and nuts may be gathered, however a written permit is required to remove plants, animals, rocks and fossils.

NEIGHBORING LAND

- Twin Swamps Nature Preserve, near Cypress Slough, provides a hiking trail and parking area.
- Harmonie State Park, located 25 miles north on the Wabash River, offers hiking and biking trails, camping, cabins and swimming.



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