SUGAR RIDGE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

2310 E. State Road 364 | Winslow, IN 47598 | 812-789-2724
6,376 Acres | Established c.1980

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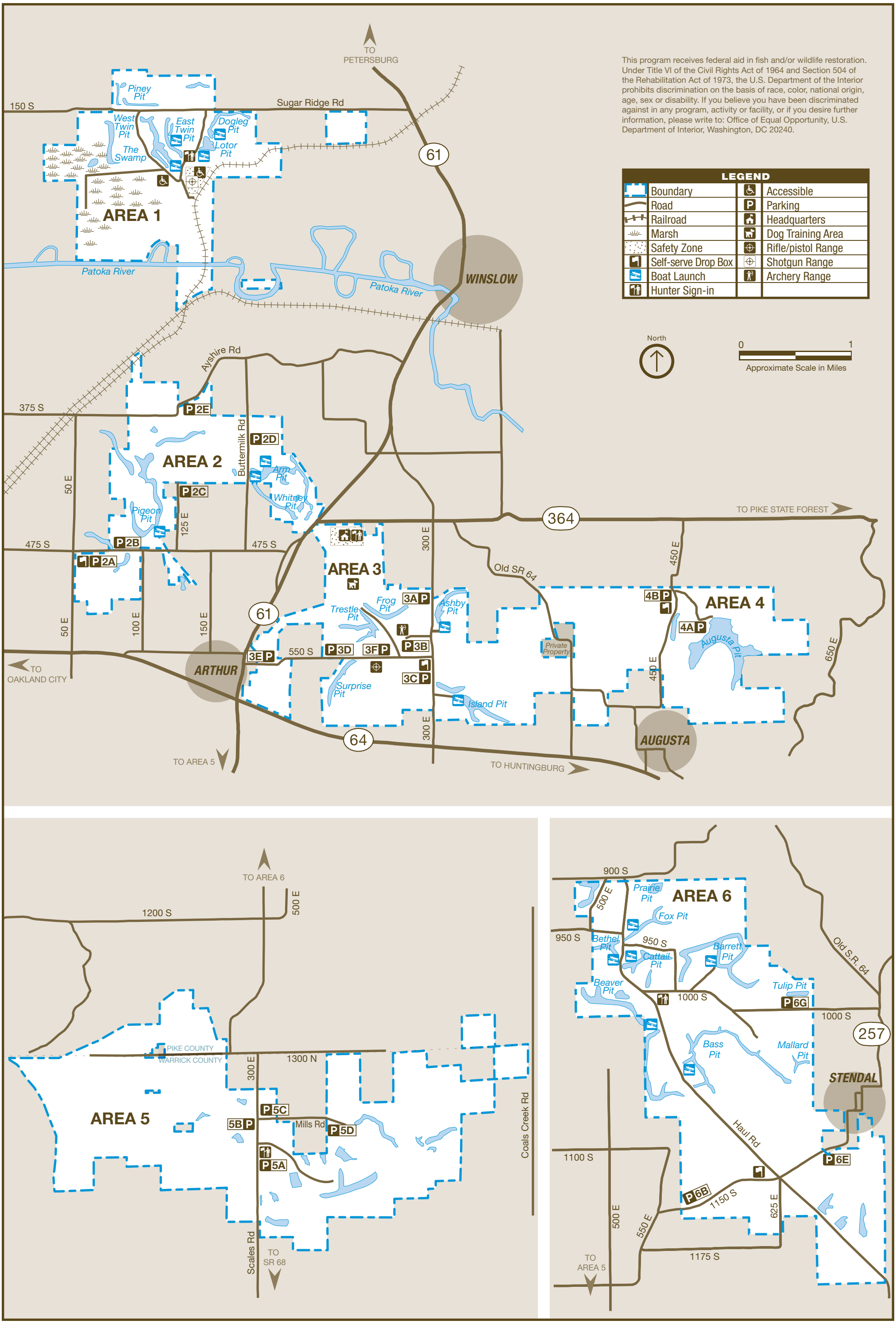

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LEGEND			
	Boundary		Accessible
	Road	P	Parking
	Railroad		Headquarters
	Marsh		Dog Training Area
	Safety Zone		Rifle/pistol Range
	Self-serve Drop Box		Shotgun Range
	Boat Launch		Archery Range
	Hunter Sign-in		

WELCOME TO SUGAR RIDGE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

OUR STORY

Sugar Ridge FWA provides quality hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching opportunities. The property is made up of six separate areas, totaling approximately 6,376 acres. The strip-mined land features many pits and lakes, along with rows of overburden from the mining operation. The land that has not been mined remains mostly rough and rolling.

A large part of Sugar Ridge FWA's land (Areas 1, 2 and 3) was once leased from Amax Coal Company. The leasing began in 1964 and continued until 1980 when most of the land was donated to the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Most revenues used in land acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of Sugar Ridge FWA are derived from the sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. Funds are also received from the federal Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs to aid fish and wildlife restoration. These funds are derived from taxes levied on sport hunting, shooting, and fishing equipment. Indiana hunters and anglers are proud to provide this property for the enjoyment of all people.

Fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife watching and birding, and using the shooting range are the most popular activities.

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

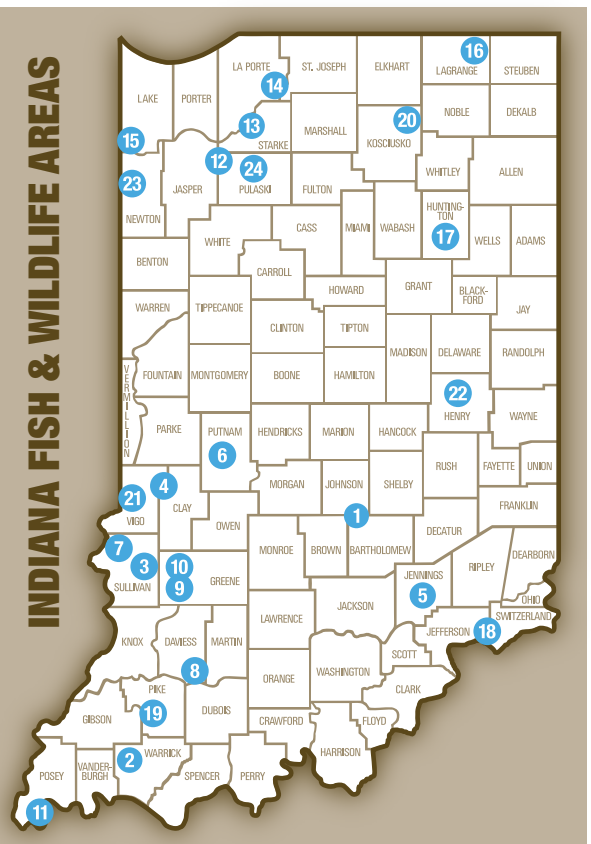
LICENSES

PURCHASE: on.IN.gov/inhuntfish

RECREATION

LOCATIONS: on.IN.gov/recfinder

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.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

BIKING: Allowed on all paved and gravel roads that are open to vehicles.

BOATING: Canoes, kayaks and paddle boards are allowed. Only boats with electric motors with a 12-volt max are allowed. A wearable personal flotation device (PFD) must be in possession while on the water.

BOAT LAUNCH: Available at most pits. Launch permit not required. Park in designated lots.

DOG TRAINING: Permitted in Area 3 only. Dogs must be leashed outside of dog training area unless in use by a registered hunter in pursuit of game.

FISHING: Bass, bluegill and other small gamefish are common. State fishing license required. All state size and bag limits apply. Bow and spear fishing is allowed.

GATHERING: Mushrooms, berries, and nuts may be gathered. A written permit is required to remove plants, animals, rocks, or fossils. During spring turkey season, only persons signed-in to hunt or fish area allowed on property before 1 p.m. ET. Call office for dates and questions.

HIKING: Mowed access lanes are available. A 0.3 accessible trail is located in Area 1.

HUNTING: Deer, quail, rabbit, squirrel, and wild turkey is common. Seasons and bag limits apply. See website for more regulations.

SHOOTING RANGE: Free. Accessible. Includes shotgun, rifle, and archery ranges. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. See website for operating hours.

TRAPPING: Only available through a drawing to held in early October. Call the property office for details.

WILDLIFE WATCHING: 6,376 acres of upland game habitat, wooded reclaimed mine areas and stripper pits attract a wide variety of songbirds, woodpeckers, hawks, and waterfowl. During hunting seasons it is recommended to stay in safety zones and wear orange or another bright color.

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

- Find more DNR properties at on.IN.gov/recfinder.

INTERLAKE OFF-ROAD STATE RECREATION AREA

Mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, wildlife watching, fishing, dog training, trapping, shelterhouses, boat launch, boating

PIKE STATE FOREST

Horseback riding, hiking, wildlife watching, picnic area, playgrounds, hunting, trapping, shelterhouses, camping

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

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ONLINE: on.IN.gov/DNR

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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 the following activities:
  - Dog training
  - Hunting (must have hunting license)
  - Night hunting (by permit only)

ONE-DAY ACCESS PERMIT

- All hunters, range users and dog runners 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.
- All other visitors are encouraged to obtain a miscellaneous one-day access permit before entering the field. The one-day access permit should be kept with you while visiting then completed and returned to a check-in station, drop box, or the office before leaving. 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 and swimming is prohibited. No removal of plants, animals, rocks or fossils.

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