

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting, wildlife viewing and trapping opportunities while maintaining 8,064 acres of prairie and marsh habitat.

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HISTORY

Prior to the property being acquired by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the previous landowner entered into a permanent easement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This permanent easement was part of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and consisted of 7,200 acres. NRCS then assumed responsibility for the wetland restoration.

In October 2005, with the help of The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Indiana Department of Transportation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and many other organizations, IDNR purchased the 8,064-acre property including the 7,200 acres under permanent WRP easement, creating Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

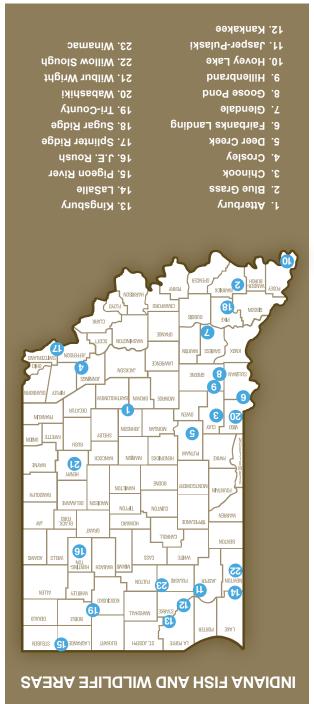
In addition to state fish and wildlife laws, this property is governed by posted regulations affecting the public use of lands and facilities owned, leased or licensed by the DNR.

Neighboring Land

- Greene-Sullivan State Forest offers hunting, fishing, camping and horseback riding opportunities.
- Redbird State Recreation Area offers Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) riding opportunities.
- Minnehaha Fish & Wildlife Area offers hunting, fishing, trapping and a shooting range.

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Posted Areas

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

Violations

Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may be cause for forfeiture of your hunting, fishing or visiting privileges at Goose Pond FWA.

Responsibility

The DNR 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 license, the following permits are required for the following activities:

- ALL property visitors on Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area are required to obtain a One Day Access Permit before entering the field. The One-Day Access Permit cards must be in possession of each visitor and recorded through established check-in procedures outlined at the self-service booths and check station. Self-service booths and drop boxes are located on the property for your convenience.
- Written permission from the Fish & Wildlife Area headquarters is required to enter any waterfowl resting area.
- There is a minimum size limit of 14 inches for largemouth bass in effect on all state-owned, operated or leased waters except for free flowing streams. Partial closures may exist on selected areas at various times of the year. All fishing is closed during waterfowl seasons.
- A DNR Lake Permit is NOT required on Goose Pond FWA.

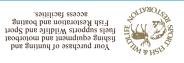
Camping/Swimming

Camping and swimming are prohibited at Goose Pond FWA.

Traffic

Traffic on public roads through Goose Pond FWA is governed by state and county laws. All other roads are limited to foot traffic only.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
WRITE: DUR Division of Fish & Wildlife

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife sections also receive money through the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Indiana receives approximately \$11 for every person that purchases a fishing license and \$22 for every person that purchases a hunting license. Currently, Indiana receives approximately \$8 million in federal reimbursement. This money is used to manage reimbursement. This money is used to manage fish and wildlife resources in Indiana. So, even if you don't hunt or fish, you can buy a combination license at \$25/year and Indiana will receive an additional \$33 in federal funds to be used for fish and wildlife conservation.

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.

FUNDING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE

 A Collection Permit is required for everything other than gathering of berries, mushrooms and nuts.

the first Saturday in October.

Trapping is available through a drawing held on

headquarters.

 Accessible hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities are available. Ask for details at the

· Some fishing is available in the wetland units.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Target Shooting

Target shooting is prohibited on Goose Pond FWA.

FISHING

- Fishing is allowed at Goose Pond FWA.
- Selected units may be closed to fishing and other activities at certain times throughout the year.
 Please obey all signs.
- No boat launching from a trailer is allowed.
 Canoes, kayaks and other small watercraft that can be carried and slid into the water are permissible.
- Boats are limited to a maximum 12-volt electric motor.
- There is a 14-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass. All other statewide size and bag limits apply.

HUNTING

- Waterfowl, quail, rabbit, dove and deer are common at Goose Pond FWA. There are also limited opportunities for squirrel and turkey hunting.
- Check-in is required for all hunting. Most hunting opportunities are allocated through drawings.
 Check at the headquarters for details on drawings.
- It is illegal to possess lead shot while in the field at Goose Pond FWA.
- Certain daily bag limits and shooting times at Goose Pond FWA are more restrictive than those allowed statewide. Check at the headquarters, the self-service booths or wildlife.IN.gov for more details.

TRAPPING

Call property for regulations.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

- With nearly 5,000 acres of shallow water wetlands, 1,300 acres of prairie and over 30 miles of levees, Goose Pond FWA provides excellent wildlife watching opportunities.
- More than 250 bird species have been documented at Goose Pond FWA.
- Check-in is required for all activities at Goose Pond FWA.