

The property is a long narrow band along the Wabash River approximately 15 miles long, located in Huntington and Wells counties. The public access site (boat ramp) and campground are located off U.S. 224, two miles east of Huntington and six miles west of I-69. The main office is 2.5 miles southeast of Huntington, off S.R. 5. Hunting areas and fishing ponds are located throughout the property.

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.

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HISTORY

Roush Lake was constructed in 1967 and is one of the three Upper Wabash Valley lakes. Roush Lake operates primarily as a unit with Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes to control floodwaters along the Wabash River Basin and secondarily with other lakes downstream in reduction of lower Wabash and Ohio River floods.

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J.E. Roush Fish & Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting and fishing opportunities while maintaining 7,347 acres of land, a 900-acre lake and 350 acres of impoundments.

DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources

J.E. ROUSH

FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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- April through August 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
 - 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
 - Second Sunday in March through March 31, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
 - March 1 through second Sunday in March, vary between seasons.
- Shooting ranges are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis during business hours of the range and only when certified range safety officers are on duty. Range fees will be charged. (\$4/day adults, \$2/day youth; trap and skeet range prices are \$5 per round.) The range is closed on Mondays except for holidays. Hours of operation vary between seasons.

Shooting Ranges

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

Traffic

- Dog training is available in Area 22 only.
- Collecting Permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collection of everything except nuts, berries and mushrooms.
- Permission to hunt during the day on Roush Lake FWA must be obtained before entering the field. One-day hunting permit cards must be in the possession of the hunter at all times. Bagged game must be reported through the check-in station. Self-service drop boxes are located throughout the property for your convenience. No shooting of woodchucks (groundhogs) is allowed.

Permits

In addition to a hunting and/or fishing license, the following permits are required for the following activities:

The DNR 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 forfeiture of your hunting, fishing or visiting privileges at J.E. Roush FWA.

Violations

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

Posted Areas

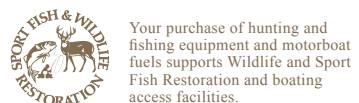
DAM
Type: Concrete rolled earth-fill
Maximum height: 91 feet
Length: 6,500 feet
Drainage area above dam: 707 square miles

	Elevation (Feet mean sea level)	Area (Acres)	Length (Miles)
Winter Pool	737	500	5
Summer Pool	749	900	7
Flood Pool	798	7,900	29

FUNDING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE
The 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 DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife sections also receive money through the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs 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 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
WRITE: DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
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Trapping is allocated by in-person drawing the first Saturday of October.

TRAPPING

- Please respect private land owner's property adjacent to our state land.
- Area 22 is designated for dog training.
- Special hunts include those for mourning dove and turkey, and put-take pheasant hunts.
- Daily check-in is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply.
- Common at J.E. Roush FWA.
- Hunting for furbearers, deer, rabbit, squirrel, waterfowl, dove, pheasant and wild turkey is common at J.E. Roush FWA.

HUNTING

- See Fishing Regulations for details, fishing.IN.gov
- On Rock Creek, smallmouth bass fishing is catch-and-release only.
- There is a 14-inch size limit for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.
- Shoreline fishing is available at boat ramp and around the main lake and impoundments.
- Impoundment species include largemouth bass, bluegill and redear sunfish.
- Motorized boats are allowed on Roush Lake only. Please use concrete boat ramp located off U.S. 224 at Kil-So-Quah Recreation Area. No swimming allowed at ramp. Non-motorized boats and electric motors are allowed on both Roush Lake and its impoundments. No ramps provided on and its impoundments.
- Primary species in the main lake include channel catfish, crappie, white bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and rough fish in the main lake. Walleye are below the dam in the river.
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- Roush Lake FWA has 15 miles of river and 200 acres of impoundments open to fishing.
- No check-in is required for fishing.
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FISHING

- After deer firearms season opens through February 28, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- November until deer firearms season opens, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
- September through October, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

CAMPING
The campground has 25 electric sites and 30 primitive sites. All campsites have fire rings and picnic tables. Camping is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum stay is 14 days. Water fountains and pit toilets are available in the campground.

- Camping, picnicking, and open campfires are allowed in the campground only.
- Picnicking is allowed at the Kil-So-Quah boat ramp area.
- Unloaded firearms, unstrung bows and arrows, and air guns may be possessed, but not used in the camping and picnic areas.
- Swimming is not allowed.

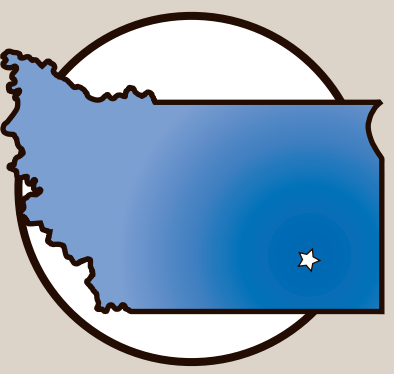
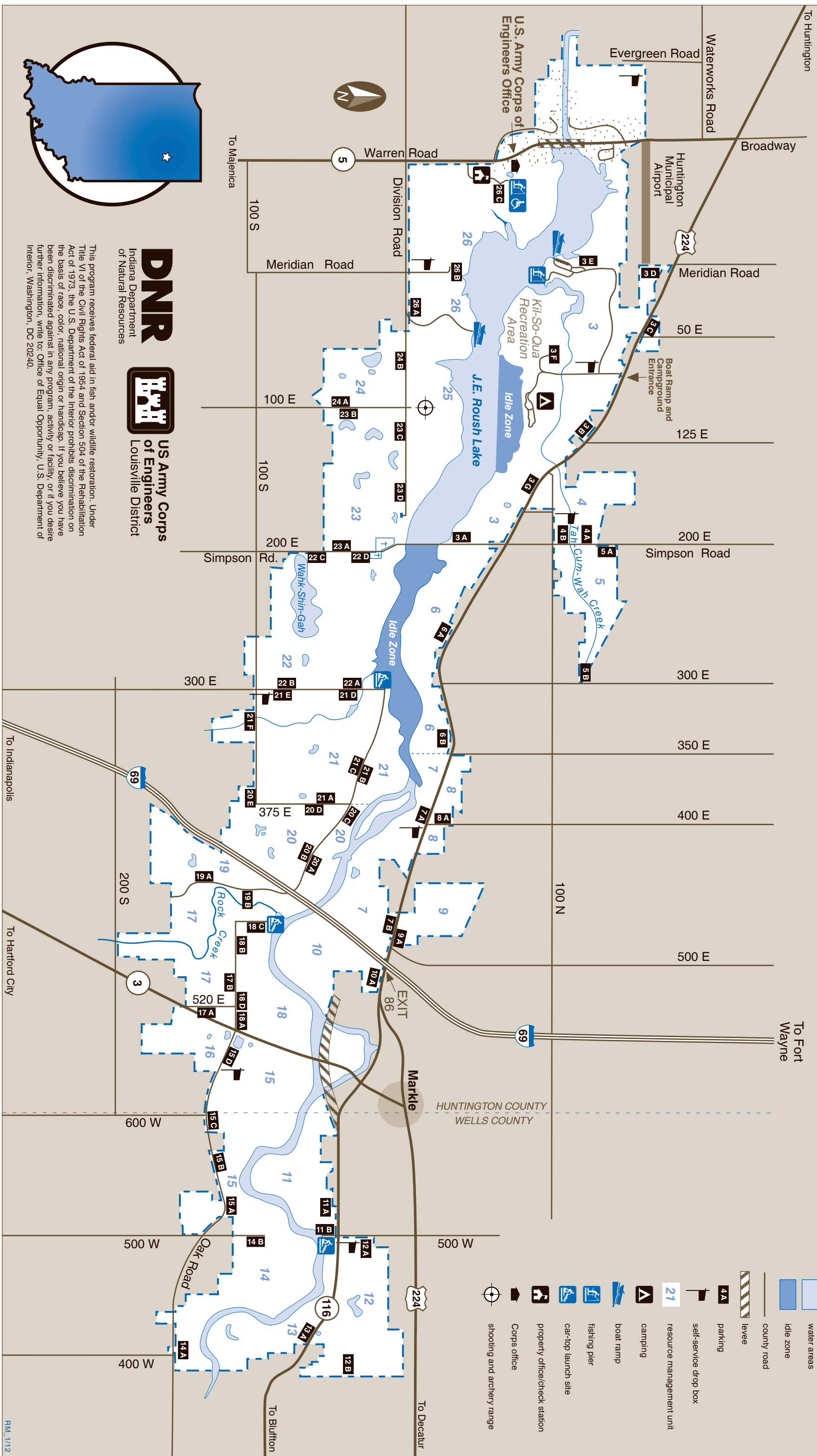
WILDLIFE WATCHING
J.E. Roush FWA is a long narrow property along the floodplain of the Wabash River. It provides excellent wildlife watching throughout the year and the spring is great for waterfowl.

- ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
- Wetland trapping is available through drawing only. Contact property staff for details.
 - Dog training is allowed in Area 22 (see map).
 - Additional hunting opportunities include youth hunts for deer, dove, turkey and waterfowl. Put-and-take pheasant hunting starts the Saturday before Thanksgiving, with sign-up online starting September 1.
 - Hunting areas accessible to persons with disabilities are available. Ask for details at office.

NEIGHBORING LAND
Salamonie Lake, managed by the DNR Parks & Reservoirs, is located within 15 miles. Phone (260) 468-2125.

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ONLINE HUNTING TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES

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