

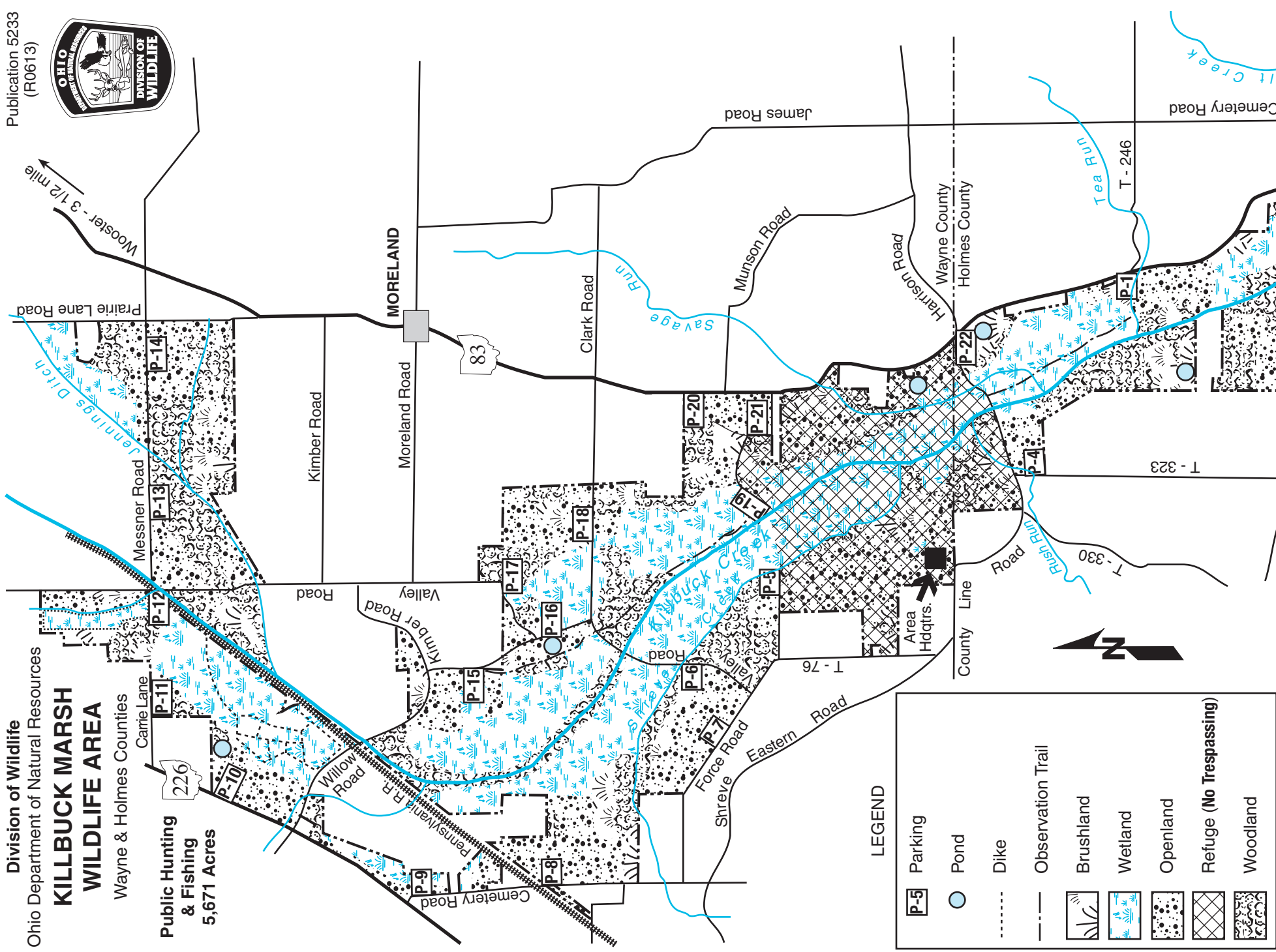
KILLBUCK MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

Wayne & Holmes Counties

Public Hunting
& Fishing
& 5,671 Acres



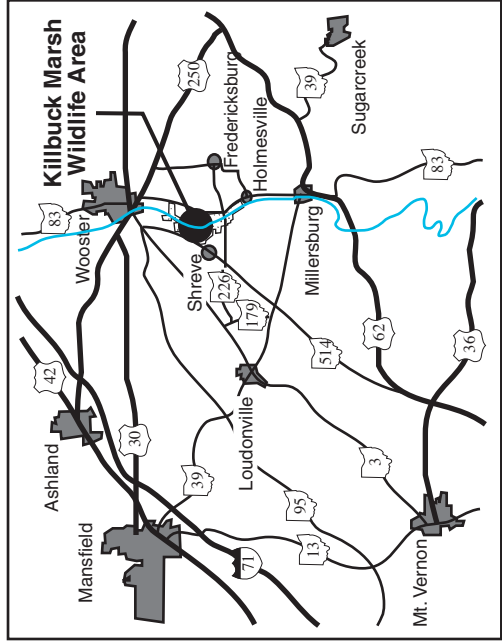
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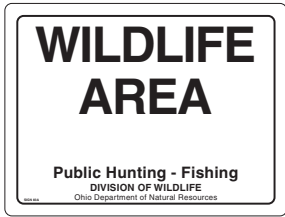


LEGEND

- Parking
- Pond
- Dike
- Observation Trail
- Brushland
- Wetland
- Openland
- Refuge (No Trespassing)
- Woodland

VICINITY MAP





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DISTANCE FROM MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS

- 80 miles from Columbus
- 55 miles from Cleveland
- 35 miles from Akron
- 35 miles from Mansfield

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

This 5,671-acre wildlife area is situated in northeastern Ohio in portions of Wayne and Holmes counties. The area extends north from Holmesville to three miles south of Wooster, and lies between State Route 83 on the east and State Route 226 on the west.

The area is in a shallow, U-shaped glacial outwash valley. The elevation varies from 840 feet at the floor of Killbuck Creek near Holmesville to nearly 1,000 feet on hillsides parallel to the valley floor. About 56 percent of the acquisition unit consists of marsh and swamp that is flooded during some portion of the year. This complex is Ohio's largest remaining marshland outside of the Lake Erie region.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Purchase of land for Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area began in 1969. Additional land is being acquired as funds become available. The wildlife management plan provides for maintenance and protection of the existing woodlands, establishment of regular crop rotations, improvement of open fields for wildlife nesting by controlled burning and selective spraying, and establishment of food patches for general wildlife use. Permanent wildlife cover has been provided by planting thousands of trees and shrubs. Wright's Marsh, a 350-acre diked wetland off SR 226, was restored in partnership with Ducks Unlimited. Dikes and water control structures are being developed to increase and improve the wetland habitat on the area.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Killbuck Creek, which flows through the area, supports good populations of northern pike, carp, suckers, and bullheads. Most panfish species are found in abundance in area ponds.

Wood duck, muskrat, cottontail rabbit, and raccoon are the principal game and furbearer species. Deer, woodchuck, fox squirrel, and most of Ohio's other furbearers are common. Beaver have become fairly numerous; they have created excellent habitat for many furbearers, waterfowl, fish, frogs, and turtles. The river otter, a state endangered species, was released on the wildlife area in January 1991 and the trumpeter swan, a state and federal endangered species, was released here in August 1997.

A great variety of nesting and migrant birds utilize the area. Of particular interest is the spring migration of waterfowl and songbirds. Prothonotary warblers and barn owls use artificial nesting structures, as do the wood ducks, Canada geese, screech-owls, kestrels, and bluebirds. Among the rare and unusual birds which have been observed are the peregrine falcon, black rail, cattle egret, and Eurasian wigeon. Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area is one of the few locations in Ohio where the sandhill crane nests and rears its young as does the bald eagle.

The eastern massasauga, a small wetland rattlesnake, is occasionally found on the area.

HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING

Waterfowl hunting is very popular at this site. The most common species on the area are the wood duck and Canada goose, followed by the blue-winged teal and mallard. Upland game species are well distributed throughout the wildlife area because of the uniform distribution of crop fields, shrubby coverts, grasslands, and woods. Raccoon hunting is

productive throughout the area, especially along swamp edges. Furbearers, especially muskrats, provide many hours of recreational opportunity for trappers.

Killbuck Creek offers good fishing for northern pike, carp, suckers, and bullheads. Several ponds offer fair to good fishing for most panfish species. Frog and turtle hunting are popular activities in the marshy portions of the area.

PUBLIC USE FACILITIES

County and township roads provide good access to most of the wildlife area. Small parking lots are scattered throughout.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Area Manager, Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area, 1691 Centerville Road, Shreve, Ohio 44676, telephone (330)567-3390; or from Wildlife District Three Office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319, telephone (330)644-2293. Please visit our website at www.wildohio.com

TURN IN A POACHER

Ohio's TIP, "Turn In a Poacher," program is helping to curtail poaching throughout the state. TIP is designed to involve the public in reporting wildlife violations. Citizens who observe wildlife violations should call the TIP toll-free hotline, 1-800-POACHER.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION TRAIL

A walking-only trail for wildlife observation follows the abandoned B&O Railroad, through the center of the area. The trail is four miles long, and passes through a large variety of habitats. Funding for the trail comes from Ohio's Endangered Species and Wildlife Diversity income tax checkoff.

GPS Coordinates

Area Headquarters 40.6693 -81.9689					
Lot Number	Coordinates		Lot Number	Coordinates	
P-1	40.6528	-81.9404	P-12	40.7334	-81.9734
P-2	40.6309	-81.9423	P-13	40.7335	-81.9643
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P-7	40.6883	-81.9914	P-18	40.6975	-81.9666
P-8	40.7006	-82.0049	P-19	40.6853	-81.9622
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