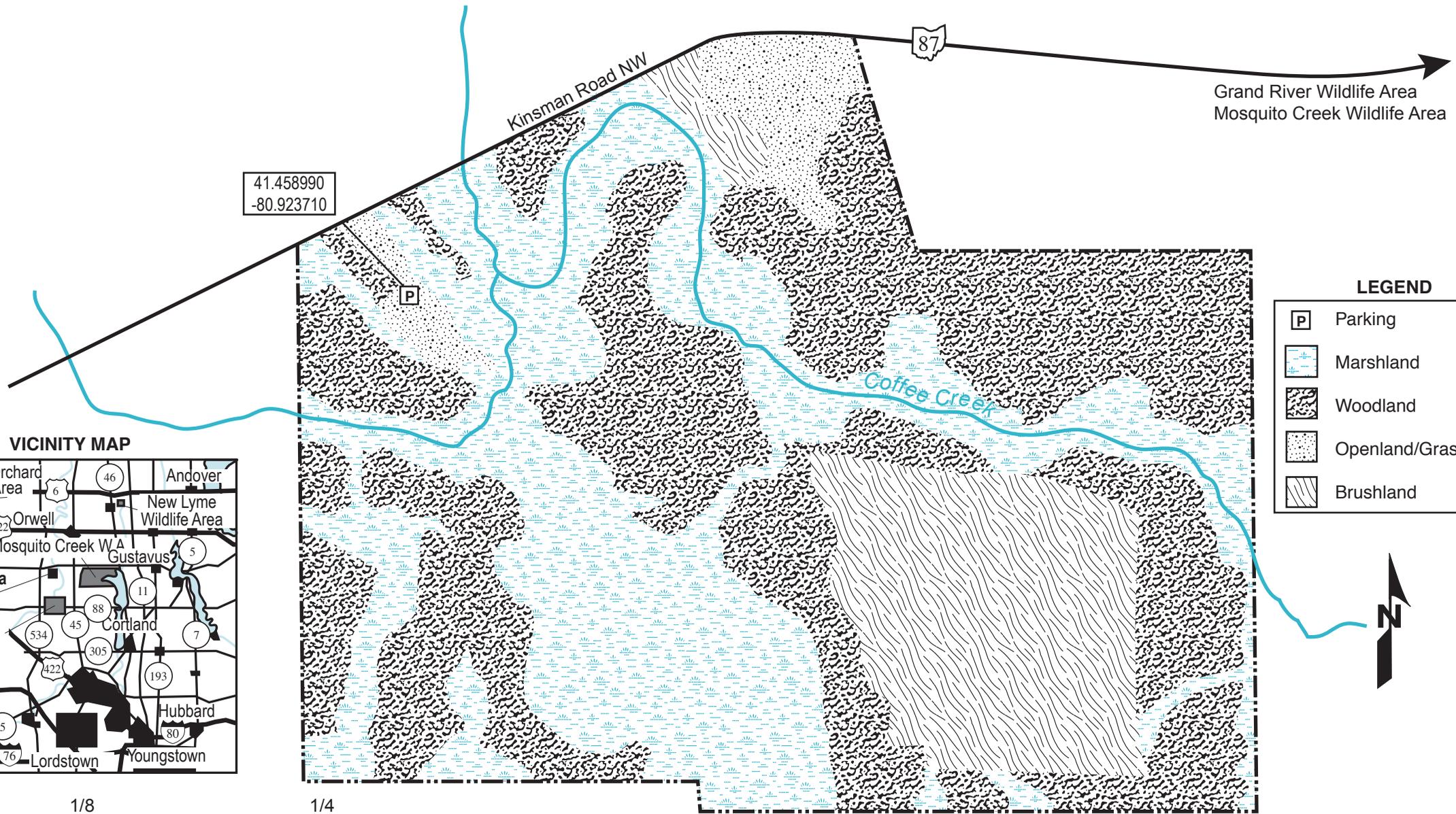




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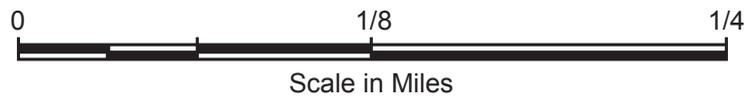
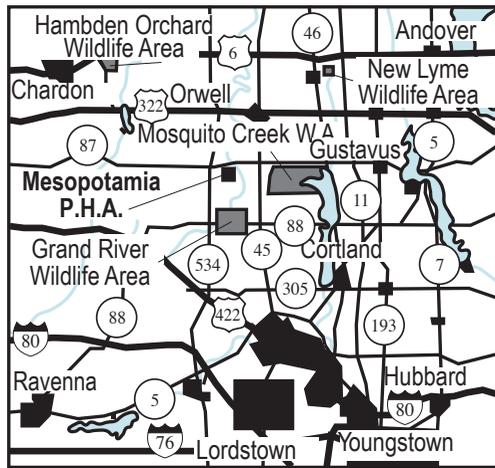
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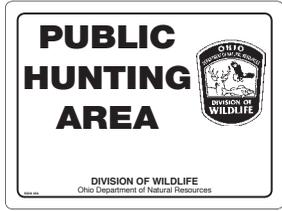


LEGEND

- Parking
- Marshland
- Woodland
- Openland/Grassland
- Brushland

VICINITY MAP





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DISTANCE FROM MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS

12 miles from Burton
19 miles from Warren
20 miles from Cortland
40 miles from Youngstown
43 miles from Ashtabula
60 miles from Cleveland

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

This 99-acre public hunting area lies in northwestern Trumbull County. Access is provided from State Route 87 in Mesopotamia Township.

The Mesopotamia Public Hunting Area features thick woodlands, sprawling marshes, scrubland, and a collection of winding tributaries and wide, slow-moving streams. The property is located along State Route 87 in rural Mesopotamia Township. The entire area is located within a 100-year floodplain and nearly half of the property has been designated as part of Ohio's protected wetland inventory. Streams and creeks bisect the property and eventually flow to Grand River and Lake Erie.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The property was given to Trumbull County MetroParks in late 2007 from the Trumbull County Commissioners after securing the land through the county's Planning Commission. The land was purchased by the county with assistance from the Clean Ohio Fund in order to protect and preserve its critical wetland and floodplain areas, as the existence of such wetlands serves to minimize flooding. The property had been split from an existing home presently bordering the northeast end of the area. The most significant portion of land accessible from State Route 87 rests along the northeastern end of the area, where a flat and open field opens toward one of the many tributaries in the area. There is an access road along the property's western end to service existing gas wells located less than 300 feet from the road. Just beyond the gas wells is a small clearing that opens to a view of Coffee Creek and its tributaries.

With little elevation change, the area is prone to seasonal flooding. As with the nearby Grand River Wildlife Area, a variety of wildlife is present on the property. With its many streams and marshlands, the area also hosts an ample supply of amphibians and other aquatic animals and plants. In warmer months, swarms of biting insects are common.

WILDLIFE

Principle game species are waterfowl and white-tailed deer.

HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING

The most sought after species for hunting are waterfowl, white-tailed deer, and the trapping of furbearers. The best hunting for rabbit is along the brushy field edges and woodland borders. Raccoon hunting is good throughout the area. It is illegal to sit, stand, or otherwise be in contact with oil or gas production or transmission wells, pumps, tanks, pipes, and other equipment.

PUBLIC USE FACILITIES

Parking is located off of State Route 87 in Mesopotamia Township, just west of Combs Road.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Grand River Wildlife Area, 6686 SR 534, W. Farmington, Ohio 44491; telephone (330) 889-3280 or at the Wildlife District Three Office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319; telephone (330) 644-2293.

TURN IN A POACHER

Ohio's TIP (Turn In a Poacher) program helps 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.