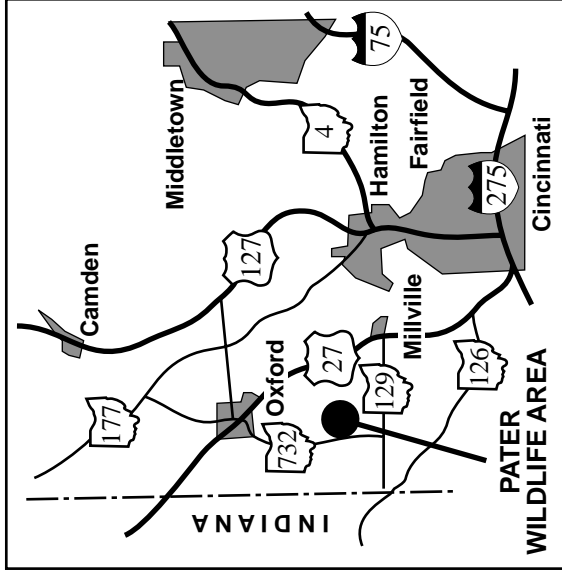




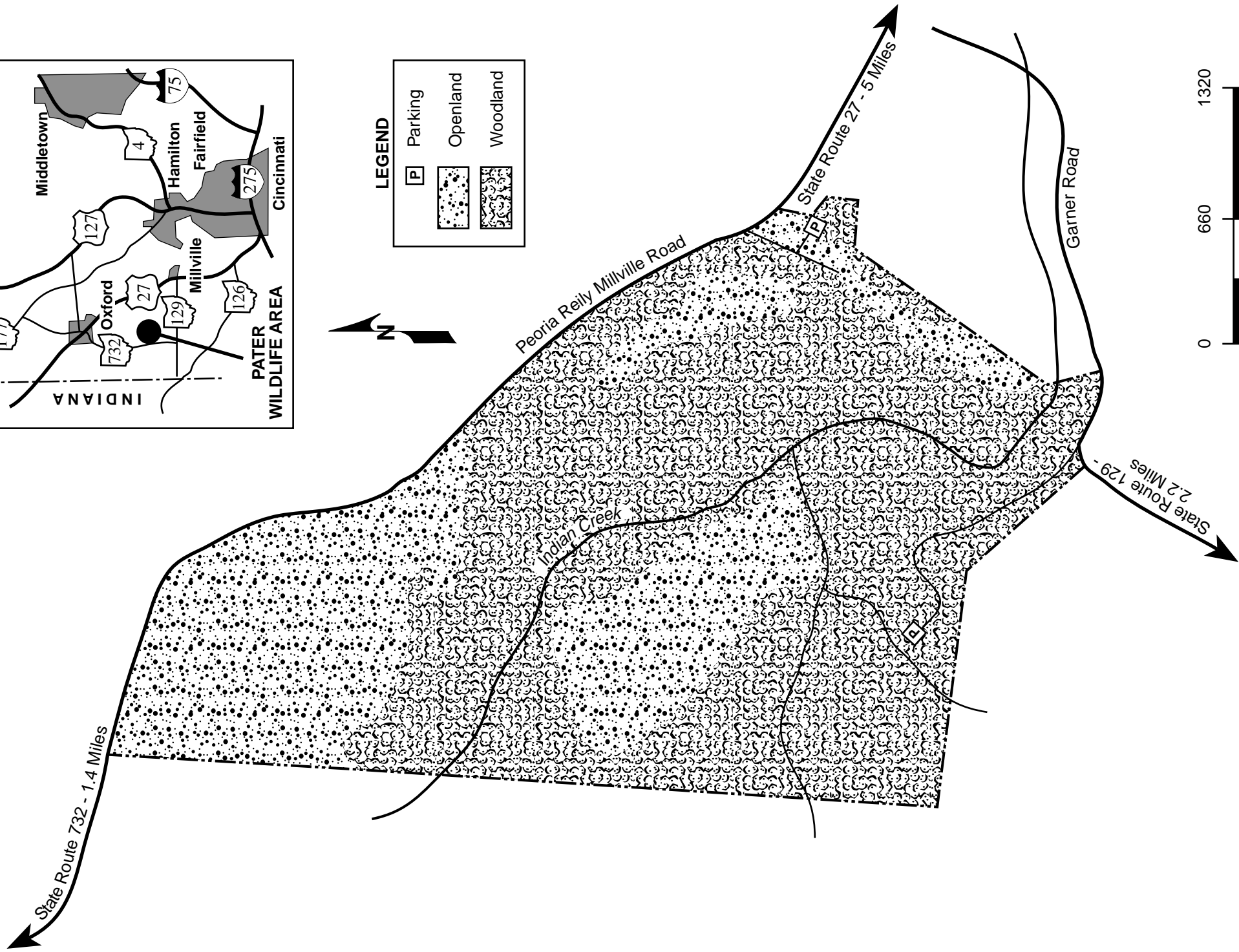
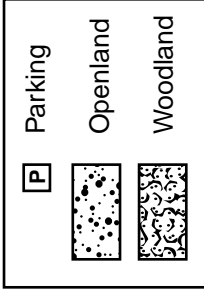
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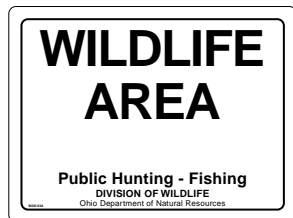
VICINITY MAP



LEGEND



Scale in Feet



PATER WILDLIFE AREA

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DISTANCE FROM MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS

26 miles from Cincinnati

24 miles from Middletown

9 miles from Hamilton

6 miles from Oxford

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Pater Wildlife Area is located in southwest Ohio, six miles south of Oxford near the village of Reily. Approximately two-thirds of the area is in woods, mostly along Indian Creek, which runs through the middle of the area. The remainder of the area is openland consisting of cropland and meadow fields.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Purchasing of land for this wildlife area began in 1948. Management work has included the planting of conifers, protection and improvement of existing woodlands, and maintenance of open fields.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Smallmouth bass, rock bass, sunfish, carp, and suckers are the principal fish species in Indian Creek. Cottontail rabbit, bobwhite quail, fox squirrel, mourning dove, whitetail deer, woodchuck, raccoon, red and gray foxes, muskrat, mink, skunk, and opossum are the major game and fur species. Wood ducks and an occasional mallard can be found along Indian Creek. A variety of songbirds can be found on the area year-round and many more use the area in the spring and fall during migration.

HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING

The most frequently hunted species at Pater Wildlife Area are the fox squirrels, whitetail deer, and cottontail rabbits. The wooded hillsides and areas along Indian Creek are the best areas to find fox squirrels and whitetail deer. Brushy edges along the open fields are usually the best areas to hunt for cottontail rabbit. Raccoons and woodchucks are widely distributed and hunting is usually good. Trapping for muskrat and mink along the streams can be productive. The best fishing in Indian Creek is in the deeper pockets of the stream for smallmouth bass and rock bass.

PUBLIC USE FACILITIES

Two parking lots and interior roads provide easy access to the area for hunters and anglers alike.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Area Manager, Rush Run Wildlife Area, 1989 Northern Road, Somerville, Ohio 45064; telephone (513)726-6795, or from the Wildlife District Five Office, 1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, Ohio 45385; telephone (937)372-9261.

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.