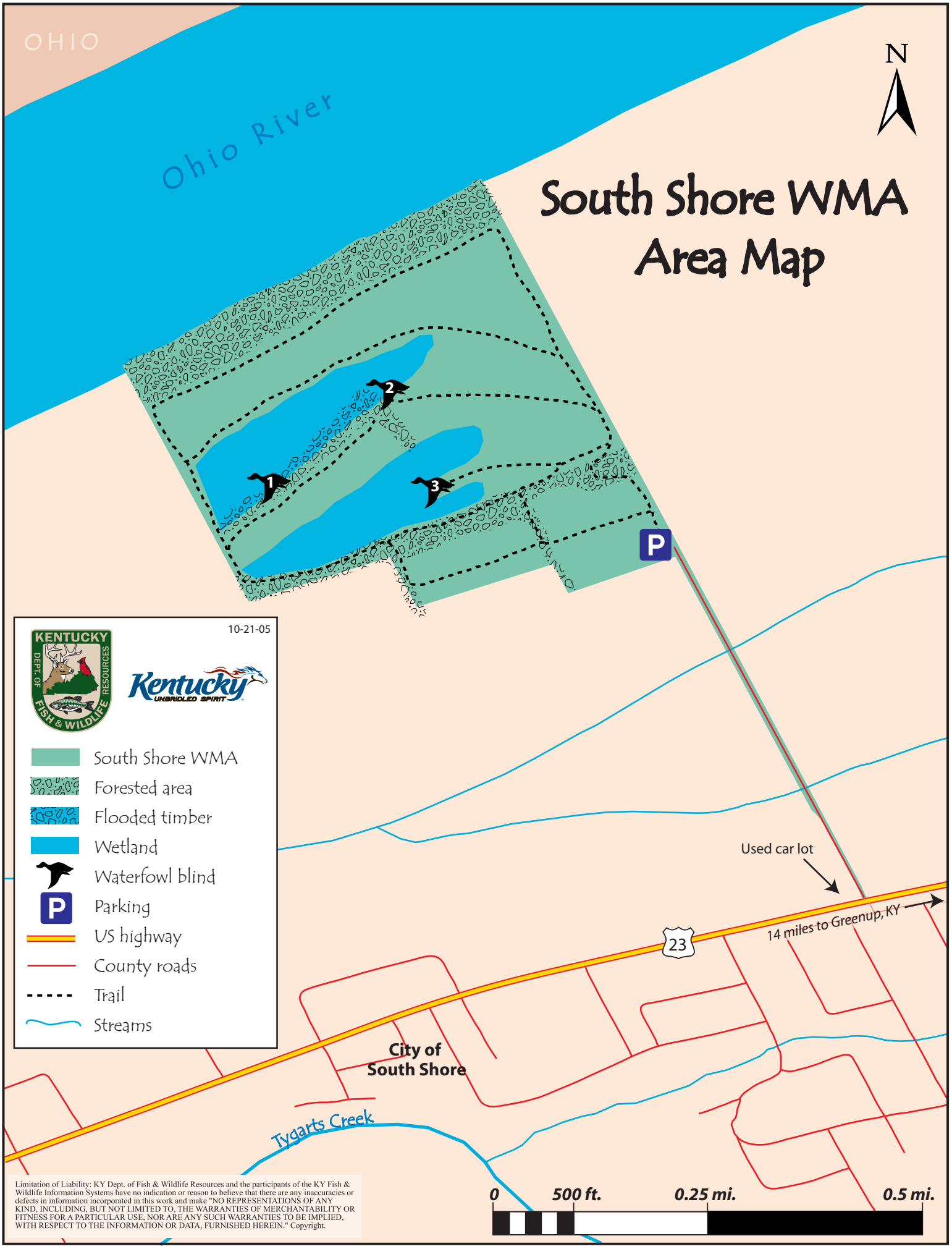
South Shore WMA Area Map



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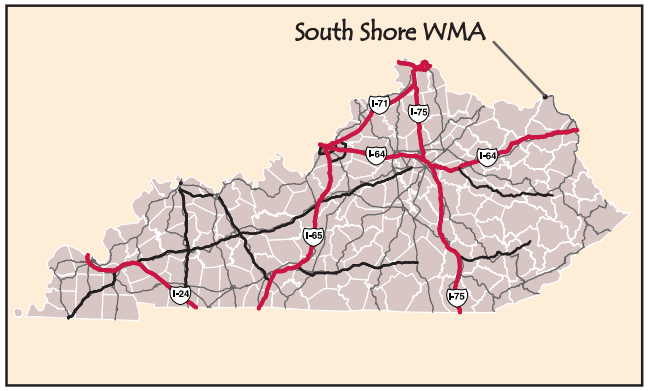
South Shore WMA General Information



Directions:

From Ashland - Take Rt. 23 north for approx. 26 miles. On the eastern edge of the city of South Shore, turn right onto the gravel road at the WMA sign. Proceed 0.4 miles to the WMA parking area.

From Maysville - Take Rt. 9 (AA Highway) east for approx. 35 miles to Quincy. At Quincy take Rt. 8 east for 11 miles to Rt. 23. Take Rt. 23 south for approx. 3 miles to the eastern edge of South Shore. Turn left at the WMA sign onto the gravel road. Proceed 0.4 miles on the gravel road to the WMA parking area.

South Shore WMA Information:

The South Shore Wildlife Management Area is located in Greenup Co., along the Ohio River on the eastern edge of the city of South Shore. Originally acquired by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet as a wetland mitigation site, the property was conveyed to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in 2003. The defining feature of the 95-acre WMA are two shallow, seasonal wetlands totaling about 20 acres. For their size, these wetlands typically draw very good numbers of waterfowl and other wetland birds fall through spring. Other portions of the area consist primarily of grassland and old field cover, with some limited agricultural plantings for wildlife. A brushy tree row bisects the center of the area, and wooded cover is also found on the corridor along the Ohio River.

South Shore WMA is closed to all hunting and trespassing November 15 through January 15 annually, except for quota waterfowl and dove hunting. Consult a current copy of the KY Waterfowl Hunting Guide on how to apply for the quota hunts. During other times of the year the WMA is open to hunting according to statewide regulations, except that centerfire rifles and handguns may not be used at any time for deer hunting. Besides waterfowl, deer and rabbits are the most commonly pursued game species on the area. Please note that the grain fields beside the gravel access road leading to the WMA parking area are private property and may not be hunted without permission from the landowner. The wetlands on the area provide an excellent opportunity for viewing and photographing wetland birds including sporadic visits from Bald Eagles. Late winter and spring hold the greatest promise for these purposes.

WMA Management Objectives:

The management objectives on South Shore WMA are:

1) to manage wildlife areas toward the creation, enhancement, and sustainability of permanent wildlife habitats and populations;
2) to manage areas for the preservation and enhancement of public outdoor recreational opportunities;
3) to restore wildlife species to their natural habitats;
4) to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife education;
5) to provide demonstrations of sound wildlife management practices.

General Guidelines:

All specific information on area use for hunting, fishing, and other activities can be found in one of the many guides published by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

1. Vehicles must remain on maintained roads.
2. Parking is limited to areas provided near gates and graveled areas.
3. Do not block gates or access roads.
4. Access beyond gates is by foot travel only.
5. ATV's, camping, open fires, and horseback riding are prohibited.
6. Access to the WMA across private land is by landowner permission only.
7. Please respect private property. Area boundaries are marked by signs and yellow paint.
8. Hunters shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a boat ramp, a residence, or occupied building. This applies whether or not the building is on the WMA.
9. Please refer to the current Kentucky Hunting and Trapping and Sport Fishing and Boating Guides for hunting, fishing and boating information.

Telephone Numbers

WMA Manager:
606-474-8535
KDFWR Information line:
1-800-858-1549
Telecheck:
1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)
Licenses/Quota hunt applications:
1-877-598-2401
To Report Wildlife Violations Only:
1-800-25A-LERT (1-800-252-5378)