

Lake Shelbyville Illinois

*A beautiful place
to spend the day.*



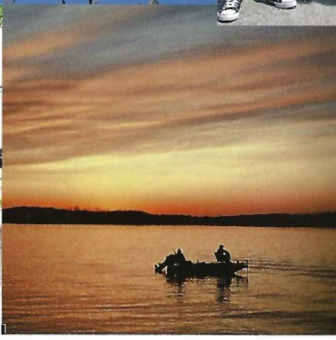
**US Army Corps
of Engineers**®

St. Louis District

Come Explore and Enjoy Lake Shelbyville



During your visit, be sure to stop by the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center. This recently constructed, green-engineered building offers something for everyone to enjoy. Get a glimpse of the recreation opportunities through the spectacular views of the lake from the grand lobby. History and engineering buffs can explore the exhibit hall to discover how the dam was built or take a step back into time to learn more about the area's early inhabitants. Wildlife enthusiasts can observe the live fish, snakes and turtles that can be found around Lake Shelbyville. Kids can meet Bobber the Water Safety Dog and people of all ages can try on a lifejacket or crawl through a log. Find the adventurer in you and explore the many opportunities available at Lake Shelbyville.





Lake

Storage, acre-feet

Flood control pool 474,000
Normal pool 210,000

Water area, acres

Flood control, top 25,300
Normal pool, top 11,100

Elevation, feet NGVD*

Flood control pool, top 626.5
Normal pool, top 599.7

Length, miles (approximate)

Flood control pool 30
Normal pool 20

Maximum width, miles (approximate)

Flood control pool 1.5
Normal pool 1

Shoreline, miles (approximate)

Normal pool 172

Dam

Type - earth embankment

Height above stream bed..... 110 feet

Crest Elevation, NGVD* 643 feet

Overall Length..... 3,025 feet

*NGVD (National Geodetic Vertical Datum)

Purposes and Benefits

- Flood Control for the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers
- Recreation
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation
- Water Supply and Water Quality Control
- Navigation of the Mississippi and Lower Kaskaskia River

RECREATION

Lake Shelbyville is owned and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains and operates a total of eleven recreation areas surrounding Lake Shelbyville, which include five campgrounds, three public beaches, eight primary boat ramps, and six high water boat ramps. Other facilities within these recreation areas include picnic sites, group picnic shelters, fish cleaning stations, trails, and playgrounds.

A portion of the land is licensed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for two state parks and two wildlife management areas. Private concessionaires lease land for marinas that are located on Lake Shelbyville.

BOATING

SIGHT-SEEING

CAMPING

SPECIAL EVENTS

SWIMMING

PLAYGROUNDS

PICNICKING

TOURS OF THE DAM

Trails: Hiking, biking, horseback riding, and snowmobile trails are available at Lake Shelbyville. The trails range from a half-mile nature trail to a 16.5 mile snowmobile trail.

Fishing: Lake Shelbyville offers a multitude of fishing opportunities for anglers of all ages. Species include catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, muskie, walleye, white bass, and bluegill. For anglers without access to a boat, sixteen farm ponds are available. The ponds range in size from 1/4 acre to 27 acres and most are easily accessible by walking to them.

Accessible Facilities & Opportunities: Many facilities and opportunities are available for people with disabilities ranging from campsites to a special controlled deer hunt.

Hunting: Hunting for waterfowl, forest, and upland game is popular. Hunting is prohibited in developed recreation areas, with the exception of special controlled hunts. A large number of hunter fisherman parking lots have been developed to provide access to project lands. Vehicles should be confined to the developed parking lots because off-road operation of motor vehicles is prohibited. All project boundaries are well marked with signs for your convenience.

Visit the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center to learn more about what the lake and the area have to offer.

Lake Shelbyville Is Your Lake - Protect It - Share It - Enjoy It!

Website: <http://corpslakes.us/Shelbyville>

Lake History

Lake Shelbyville was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938 and modified by the Flood Control Act of 1958.

May 4, 1963: Groundbreaking Ceremony

May 4, 1966: Construction of the dam started.

May 1968: Dam was 57% completed.

November 1968: First tainter gate on the dam was hung, weighing 27 tons.

January 1969: Dam was 82% complete and the entire project including recreation areas was 76% complete.

June 24, 1969: Kaskaskia River was diverted from its original channel through the dam spillway section. At 9:20 a.m. bulldozers pushed the last section of dirt to close the original channel and divert the river.

Workers toasted the event with champagne.

August 1, 1970: At 3:40 p.m, gates on the dam were officially lowered.

August 28, 1970: It became official - the lake was to be named "Lake Shelbyville."

September 12, 1970: Lake Shelbyville was

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Wear Your Life Jacket

Learn To Swim Well

Boat Sober

Never Dive Into Water Head First

Watch Your Children

Know Your Limits

Be Aware of Boater's Hypnosis

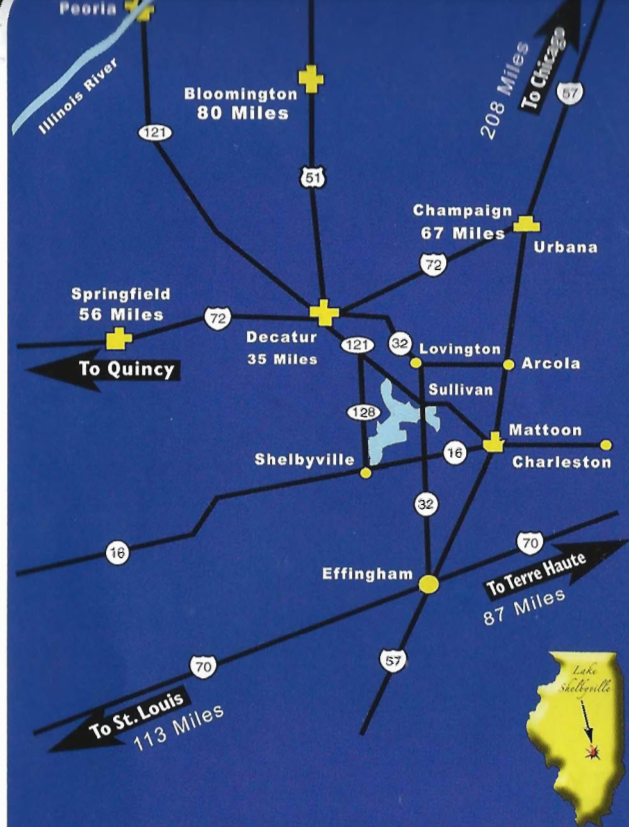
Swim With A Buddy

Know Before You Go

Be Aware Of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Take A Boating Safety Course

Boat With Consideration For Others



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Shelby County Sheriff Department	217-774-3941
Moultrie County Sheriff Department	217-728-4386
Shelbyville Fire Department	217-774-2121
Sullivan Fire Department	217-728-4341
Shelby Memorial Hospital	217-774-3961

Lake Information Recording
217-774-2020

Lake Shelbyville Project Office
RR4, Box128B
Shelbyville, IL 62565
217-774-3951

Email: lakeshelbyville@usace.army.mil
Website: <http://corpsslakes.us/Shelbyville>

Findlay Marina	217-756-8595
Lithia Springs Marina	217-774-4121
Sullivan Marina and Campground	217-728-7338
Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area	217-665-3112
Eagle Creek State Park	217-756-8260
Wolf Creek State Park	217-459-2831

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WILBORN CREEK RECREATION AREA
Overnight & Day Use

LONE POINT RECREATION AREA
Overnight & Day Use

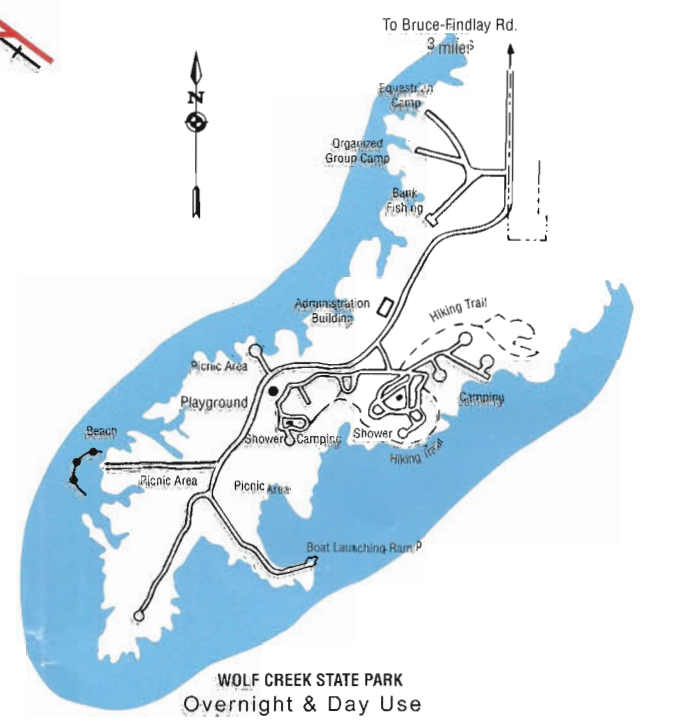
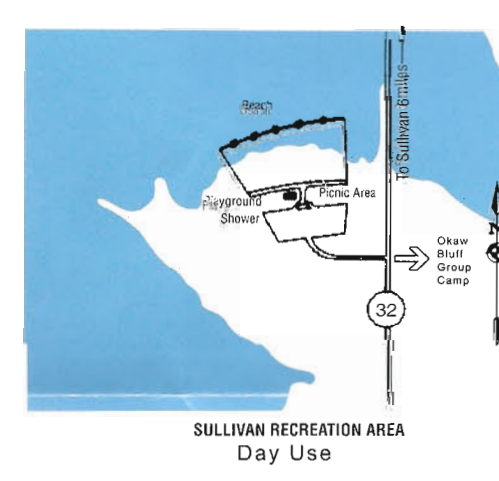
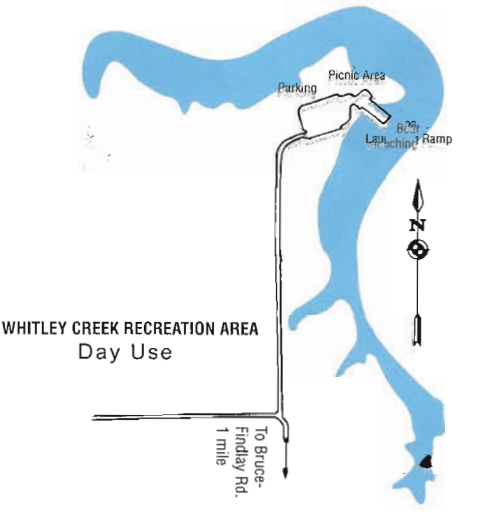
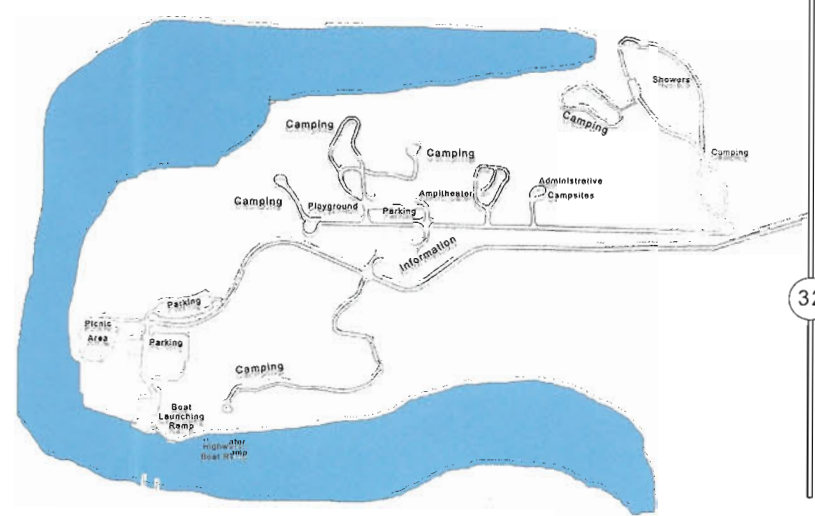
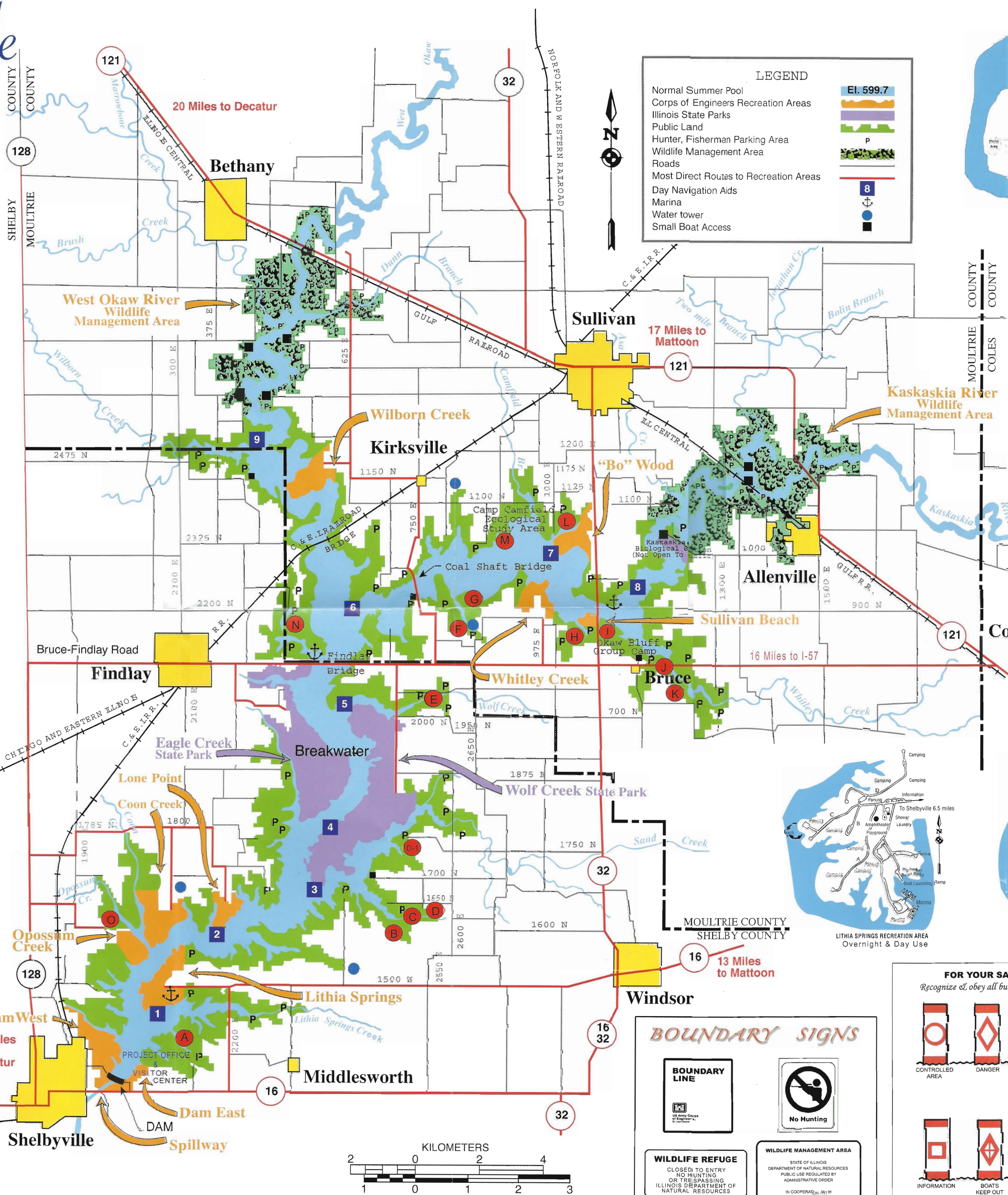
COON CREEK RECREATION AREA
Overnight Use

OPOSSUM CREEK RECREATION AREA
Overnight & Day Use

EAGLE CREEK STATE PARK
Overnight & Day Use

LITHIA SPRINGS RECREATION AREA
Overnight & Day Use

DAM EAST, WEST AND SPILLWAY RECREATION AREAS
Day Use



LEGEND

- Normal Summer Pool
- Corps of Engineers Recreation Areas
- Illinois State Parks
- Public Land
- Hunter, Fisherman Parking Area
- Wildlife Management Area
- Roads
- Most Direct Routes to Recreation Areas
- Day Navigation Aids
- Marina
- Water tower
- Small Boat Access

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● PONDS

A) Hunter
B) South Shield
C) Stone
D) North Shield
E) Wolf
F) Beaver Lake
G) Mary's Pond
H) Woods Lake
I) Hidden
J) Bruce
K) Bragg
L) McClure
M) Lowe
N) Findlay
O) Opossum

BOUNDARY SIGNS

BOUNDARY LINE

WILDLIFE REFUGE
CLOSED TO ENTRY
NO HUNTING
OR TRESPASSING
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC USE REGULATED BY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
IN COOPERATION WITH
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

No Hunting

FOR YOUR SAFETY
Recognize & obey all buoys & markers

CONTROLLED AREA

DANGER

DIVER BELOW

INFORMATION

BOATS KEEP OUT

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