

Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may be cause for forfeiture of your hunting, fishing or visiting privileges at Deer Creek FWA.

Violations

Safety zones, refuges, waterfowl resting and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs.

Posted Areas

The Putnamville Correctional Facility adjoins Deer Creek FWA. Trespassing on Putnamville Correctional Facility will not be tolerated by the Department of Corrections.

Neighboring Land

In addition to state fish and wildlife laws, this property is governed by posted regulations affecting the public use of lands and facilities owned, leased or licensed by the DNR. The property will be open to public access only on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, there is no public access.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Possession of the land for Deer Creek FWA began in 2010, with a transfer of 1,990 acres from the Putnamville Correctional Facility to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer Creek FWA comprises areas of rolling interspersed agriculture and mature oak-hickory dominated woods. A 4-acre pond on the north portion of Deer Creek offers fishing for bass, bluegill and catfish. Deer Creek winds through the south portion of the property and is associated with one lowhead dam, an iron bridge and a concrete creek crossing. A smaller unnamed creek crosses the north portion of the property.

HISTORY



Deer Creek is the newest Fish and Wildlife Area. It has 1,990 acres of mature woods, interspersed with rolling agriculture, including a 4-acre pond.

DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources

DEER CREEK FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

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- Only electric trolling motors are allowed.
- No boat ramps are located on Deer Creek FWA.
- Primary species include catfish, crappie, bluegill, redear and largemouth bass.
- No check-in is required for fishing.

Deer Creek FWA provides fishing in a pond on the north portion of the property and in Deer Creek, which runs through the southern portion of the property.

FISHING

Target shooting is prohibited on Deer Creek FWA.

Target Shooting

Traffic on public roads through Deer Creek FWA is governed by state and county laws. All other roads are limited to foot traffic only.

Traffic

Camping and swimming are prohibited at Deer Creek FWA.

Camping/Swimming

Collecting permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collection of anything except nuts, berries and mushrooms.

- Permission to hunt on Deer Creek FWA must be obtained before entering the field. Daily hunt permit cards must be in possession of the hunter and recorded through established self-service procedures outlined at the check station. Self-service drop boxes are located on the property for your convenience.
- Collecting permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collection of anything except nuts, berries and mushrooms.

Responsibility

The DNR will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from the use of these facilities.

Permits

In addition to a hunting and/or fishing license, the following permits are required for the following activities:

- Hunting areas and fishing areas accessible to persons with disabilities are available. Ask for details.
- Gathering blackberries, raspberries, mushrooms and nuts is allowed.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The 1,990 acres of upland and forested habitat, shallow impoundments and Deer Creek attract songbirds, woodpeckers, red-tailed hawks, turkeys and deer.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Trapping is allocated by in-person drawing first Saturday of October.

TRAPPING

- Non-toxic shot is required for all upland game and waterfowl hunting.
- Night hunting is prohibited.
- Snipe, rail, coot and crow hunting are prohibited. Check website for details.
- Dove: Allocated by preseason computer draw. Waterfowl: Self-service check-in. Details.
- Deer: Allocated by preseason computer draw. Tree stands are allowed. Check website for details.
- Spring Turkey: Allocated by preseason computer draw. Check website for details.
- Quail and Rabbit: Saturdays only, allocated by preseason computer draw. Check website for details.
- Woodcock and Squirrel: Self-service sign-in and checkout at self-service check station.
- Deer, quail, rabbit, squirrel, dove, woodcock, waterfowl and wild turkey are available at Deer Creek FWA.

HUNTING

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- WRITE: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
402 W. Washington Street, W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204
- CALL: (317) 232-4200
- ONLINE: dnr.IN.gov



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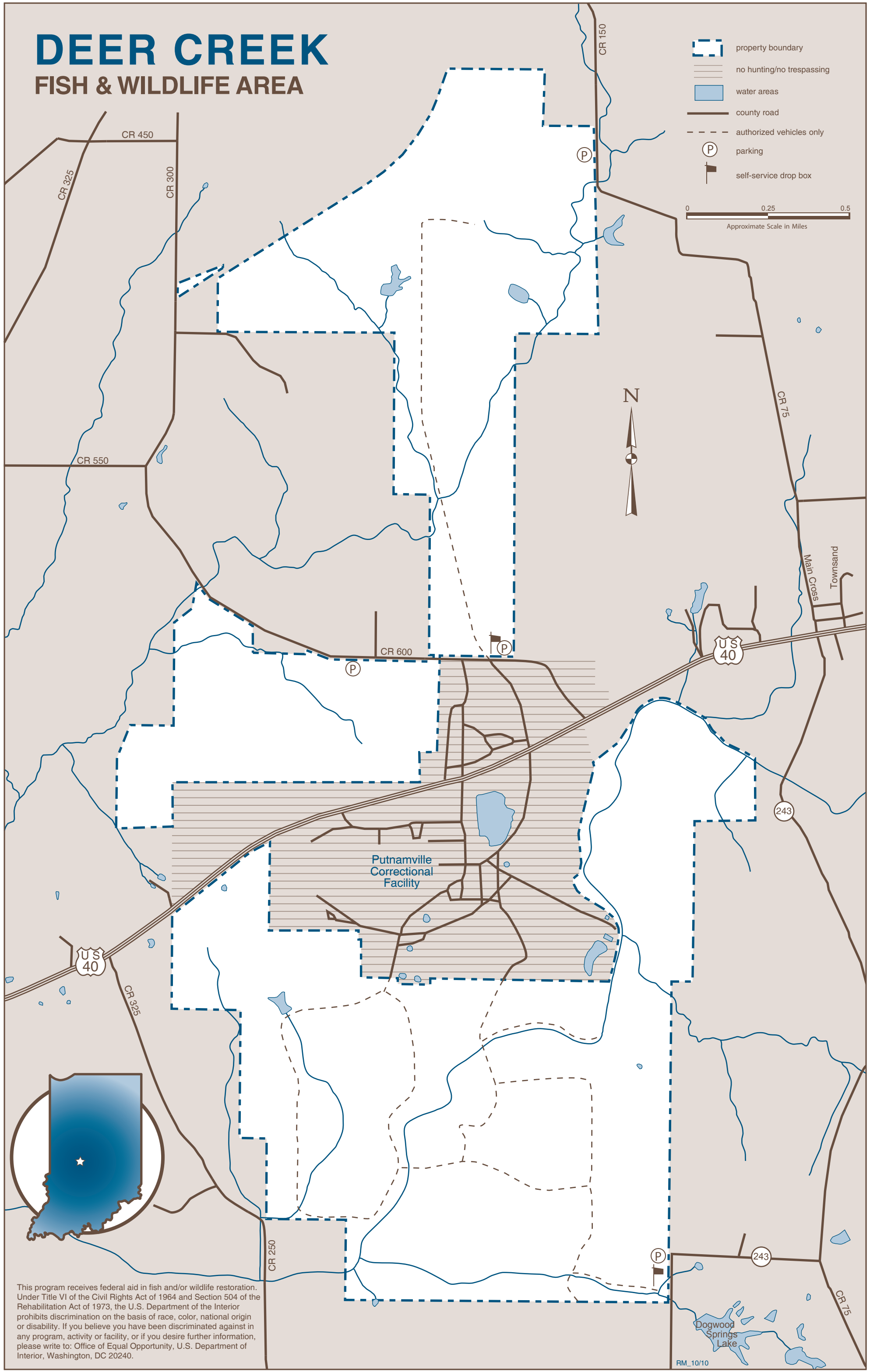
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DEER CREEK FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

-  property boundary
-  no hunting/no trespassing
-  water areas
-  county road
-  authorized vehicles only
-  parking
-  self-service drop box

0 0.25 0.5
Approximate Scale in Miles



Putnamville
Correctional
Facility

Dogwood
Springs
Lake



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