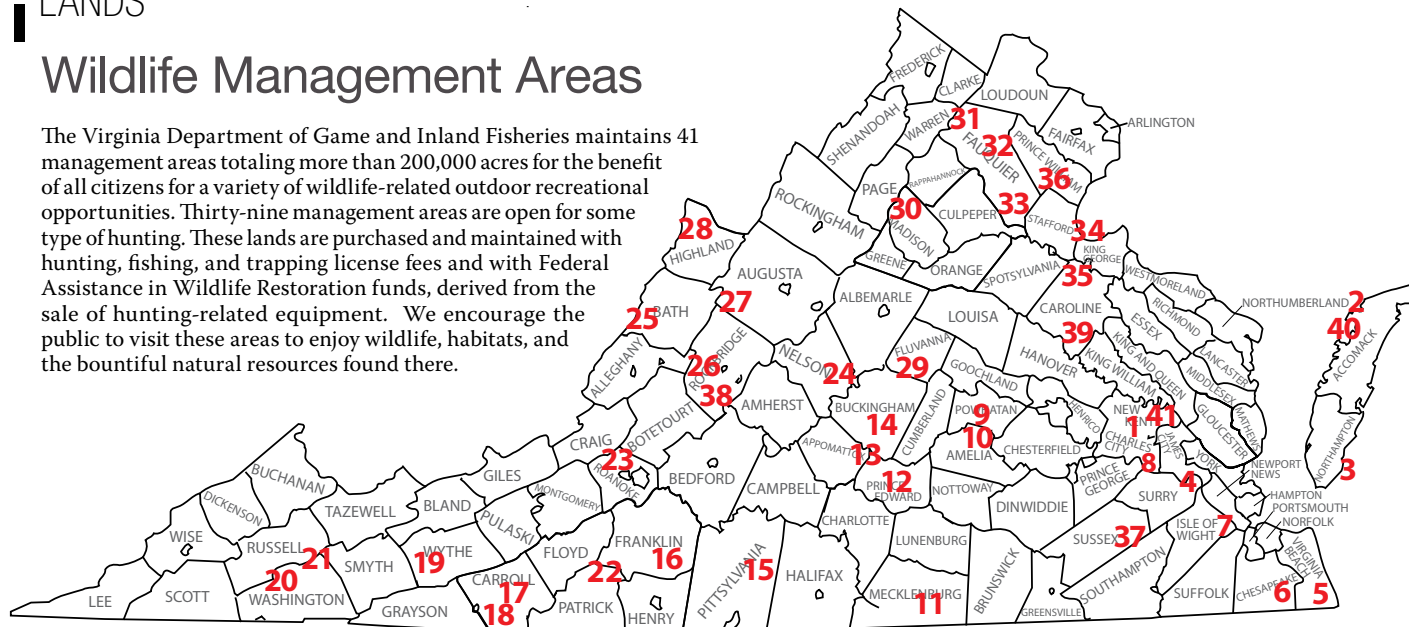


Wildlife Management Areas

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries maintains 41 management areas totaling more than 200,000 acres for the benefit of all citizens for a variety of wildlife-related outdoor recreational opportunities. Thirty-nine management areas are open for some type of hunting. These lands are purchased and maintained with hunting, fishing, and trapping license fees and with Federal Assistance in Wildlife Restoration funds, derived from the sale of hunting-related equipment. We encourage the public to visit these areas to enjoy wildlife, habitats, and the bountiful natural resources found there.



WMA	ACRES
1. *Game Farm Marsh WMA	530 acres
2. Saxis WMA	5,574 acres
3. *Mockhorn Island/GATR WMA	7,642 acres
4. */#Hog Island/Carlisle WMA	3,908 acres
5. */#Princess Anne WMA	1,546 acres
6. Cavalier/Dismal Swamp WMA	4,485 acres
7. Ragged Island WMA	1,537 acres
8. *Chickahominy WMA	5,218 acres
9. Powhatan WMA	4,463 acres
10. *Amelia WMA	2,217 acres
11. *Dick Cross WMA	1,400 acres
12. Briery Creek WMA	3,164 acres
13. *Featherfin WMA	2,800 acres
14. Horsepen WMA	2,910 acres
15. White Oak Mt. WMA	2,712 acres
16. Turkeycock Mt. WMA	2,678 acres
17. Crooked Creek WMA	1,796 acres
18. Stewarts Creek WMA	1,100 acres
19. Big Survey WMA	7,300 acres
20. Hidden Valley WMA	6,400 acres
21. Clinch Mt. WMA	25,477 acres
22. Fairystone WMA	5,321 acres
23. Havens WMA	7,190 acres

WMA	ACRES
24. James River WMA	1,213 acres
25. Gathright WMA	13,428 acres
26. Lake Robertson WMA	581 acres
27. Goshen/Little North Mt. WMA	33,697 acres
28. Highland WMA	14,283 acres
29. Hardware River WMA	1,034 acres
30. Rapidan WMA	10,327 acres
31. Thompson WMA	3,963 acres
32. **Weston WMA	265 acres
33. #C. F. Phelps WMA	4,540 acres
34. **Lands End WMA	450 acres
35. Pettigrew WMA	934 acres
36. *Merrimac Farm WMA	300 acres
37. Big Woods WMA	2,208 acres
38. Short Hills WMA	4,232 acres
39. Mattaponi WMA	2,542 acres
40. *Doe Creek WMA	637 acres
41. *Ware Creek WMA	2,600 acres

* Some or all hunting by quota drawing (see pages 62–66).

** Hunting is not allowed.

Managed hunt opportunities offered (see page 67–68).

Wildlife Management Area: General Rules and Regulations

These lands are held in trust by the Department to conserve habitat for wildlife. The goal of the Wildlife Management Area system is to: *Maintain and enhance habitats that support game and nongame wildlife while providing op-*

portunities to hunt, fish, trap, and view wildlife. Other uses of WMAs may be allowed by written authorization of the Director, as long as they do not interfere with the goals and uses of WMAs.

NOTE: Not all activities listed below are available on each WMA, check our website at www.dgif.virginia.gov/wma for specific WMA information.

Access

- Any person 17 years of age or older accessing a DGIF Wildlife Management Area or Fishing Lake must have in possession one of the

following valid Virginia licenses/permits: freshwater fishing license, hunting license, trapping license, boat registration, or DGIF Access Permit.

Camping/Fires

- Primitive camping is permitted for up to 21 consecutive days when occupants are engaged in authorized activities. No more than 3 camping units are permitted per site.
- Camping is prohibited on or within 100 yards of any boat ramp, fishing lake, or at other specific sites as posted.

- It is unlawful to leave a campfire unattended. From February 15 to April 30 campfires are allowed only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight.

Disabled Hunter Access

- Trails are open to manual and power wheelchairs and personal mobility assistive scooters (for indoor/outdoor use) designed primarily to assist people with disabilities. Individuals are encouraged to use caution when selecting trails, as many were designed for foot traffic only. Terrain may make them unsuitable for personal mobility devices.
- Electric vehicles up to 54 inches in width are permitted only on designated trails.

Dogs

- It is lawful to chase with dogs or train dogs on Department-owned lands only during authorized hunting, chase, or training seasons that specifically permit these activities.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times outside of open hunting, chase, or training seasons.

Firearms

- It is unlawful to have in possession or in a vehicle a bow, crossbow, or any firearm that is not unloaded and cased or dismantled:
 - » While on Department-owned lands west of the Blue Ridge except when it is lawful to take bear, deer, grouse, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, turkey, or waterfowl.
 - » While on Department-owned lands east of the Blue Ridge except when it is lawful to take bear, deer, grouse, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, turkey, waterfowl, or migratory game birds.
 - » Except when possessing a permit issued by the Department.
 - » Except when possessing a handgun and a valid concealed carry permit issued by a Circuit Court.
- It is unlawful to possess or transport a loaded gun in or on any vehicle at any time on a WMA.
- Target shooting is permitted only on designated ranges.

Fishing, Boating, & Swimming

- Refer to the current Virginia Freshwater Fishing Regulations digest and posted signs for special fishing rules which apply to this WMA.
- It is unlawful to use boats propelled by a gasoline motor, sail, or mechanically operated recreational paddle wheel unless otherwise posted.
- Swimming is prohibited unless otherwise posted. Anglers, hunters, and trappers actively engaged in fishing, hunting, or trapping may make in public waters.
- Only rod and reel angling is permitted. All other methods of take (trotlines, juglines, limblines, etc.) are prohibited.

General

- Activities involving groups of more than 12 persons require written authorization from the Department.

- Display or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public is prohibited.
- Commercial activities are prohibited except by written authorization from the Department.

Horseback/Bicycle Riding & Hiking

- Horseback and bicycle riding only on roads and trails designated for these uses. No riding in cultivated or planted fields, or on eroded areas.
- Hiking is welcome.
- Riders, cyclists, and hikers should be mindful of all open hunting and trapping seasons. Please avoid engaging in these activities when they may interfere with hunters, anglers, and wildlife watchers.
- A blaze colored hat or clothing is recommended for non-hunters during hunting seasons.

Hunting & Trapping

- Refer to the current Hunting & Trapping in Virginia guide and posted signs for special hunting or trapping rules which apply to the wildlife management areas.

Resource & Property Damage

- It is unlawful to construct or occupy any permanent structure (including a permanently-affixed tree stand) except by Department permit.
- It is unlawful to cut, mutilate, destroy, or remove vegetation or to remove other minerals, artifacts or other property from this area. Metal detecting/artifact hunting is prohibited.

- Berry picking and gathering of mushrooms or other fruits is allowed.
- It is unlawful to damage, deface, or remove any building, gate, fence, sign or other property.
- No posting of unauthorized signs, notices, and flyers anywhere on the WMA.

Special Antler Rules

- It shall be unlawful to kill an antlered deer on Featherfin Wildlife Management Area or on the special Fairystone Quality Deer Management Area unless the deer has at least four antler points, 1 inch or longer, on either the right or left antler.

Vehicles

- Motor vehicles are prohibited behind barricades or gates designed to prevent entry or within areas otherwise posted to prohibit motor vehicles.
- Operation of ATVs and other unlicensed motor vehicles is prohibited.
- Cross-country motor vehicle travel is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles, campers, and trailers may be parked on Department-owned lands only when the owners/responsible party are engaged in authorized activities.

For more information on the Department's Wildlife Management Area System: www.dgif.virginia.gov/wma.

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