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# NEW JERSEY'S WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

This Centennial Edition of the Guide to Wildlife Management Areas is <u>ninth</u> in an updated series of guides published by the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy's Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife Published in the fall of 1992, it includes new additions to the existing Wildlife Management Area System now totaling more than 209,000 acres. For easy reference, revised information about specific areas, facilities, types of outdoor recreation available on each, and rules about the use of these public lands has been provided.

This year, the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife is proud to promote the 100th anniversary of fish and wildlife conservation in the State of New Jersey Since 1892, the division has been securing a future for fish and wildlife resources in the Garden State

More than 800 wildlife species call New Jersey home. Each of these species has certain needs which must be fulfilled in order to adapt and prosper in a particular environment. For them, living space or habitat is critical for survival. It serves as the main artery, providing each animal with the proper types and amount of food, water and shelter needed to exist.

In order to support such a variety of wildlife populations, an equal variety of habitats must be available. From mature mountain forests of the northwest to precious wetland areas along the coast, our state has a rich diversity of living space unequaled anywhere in the country.

Black bears depend on the northern forests to provide fruits, nuts and berries, the tall, mature trees offer perfect cover for this normally elusive and shy animal Endangered eagles find the open, coastal wetlands of Delaware Bay in southwestern New Jersey for fishing and raising chicks. Trout are comfortable catching flies and other insects in the cold, clear waters of north central New Jersey and recently restored striped bass populations find the shelter and food they need satisfactory in the Delaware Bay.

Resident and visiting wildlife enthusiasts statewide are richly rewarded with the tremendous variety of wildlife and habitat found here. The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife is committed to securing as much of this open space for public use as possible, so that all individuals may share and enjoy the natural resources unique to New Jersey.

The Wildlife Management Area System is a network of areas secured through license and stamp fees collected from hunters and anglers, invaluable funding assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy's Green Acres Program and the generous donations of private individuals and conservation groups. As a result, these areas provide the recreationist with some of the best fishing, crabbing, hawk watching, hunting, outdoor photography, dog training, hiking, wildlife observation, outdoor educational day trips, and bow, rifle and shotgun ranges found anywhere. These public lands are maintained and operated with money provided from hunting and fishing license sales along with Federal Aid to Wildlife Funds and special taxes placed on sporting equipment.

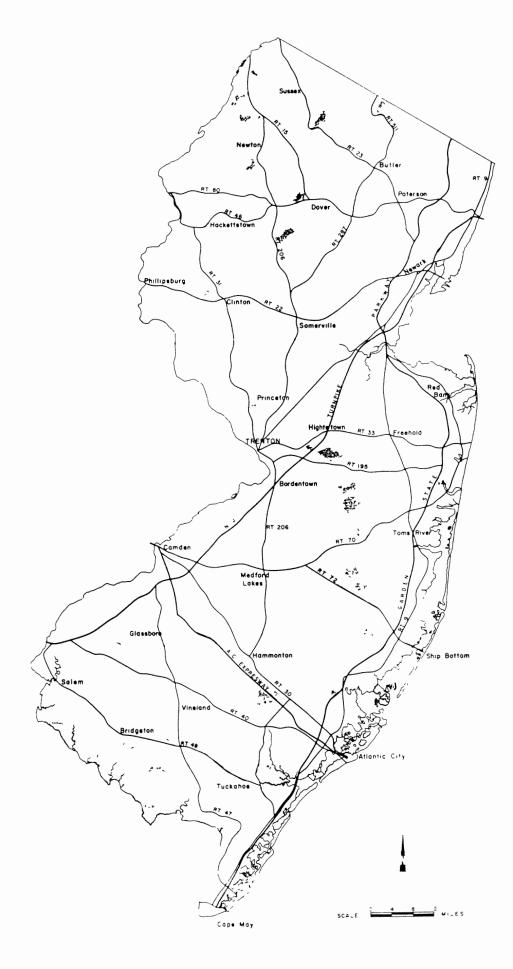
Indeed, we should be grateful for our public lands. They provide essential habitat and outstanding recreational opportunities for New Jerseyans statewide. Please take time to consider how valuable this public environment really is and support the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, Green Acres Program and those activities which promote the acquisition of new lands. In addition, enjoy and respect New Jersey's wildlife management areas by observing good outdoor manners. The above will help us preserve open spaces and their use for future generations of people who will enjoy our state's wildlife.

I hope that this publication will help you to better enjoy the outdoor resources of our state Enjoy Very truly yours,

Cole Gibbs, Chairman New Jersey Fish and Game Council

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# Wildlife Management Area Regulations

Section 23.7-9 provides that regulations for use of these areas may be prescribed by the Division, and under penalties as prescribed (not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00). In accordance therewith, the following regulations are established and shall be enforced.

### 1 CUTTING OR DAMAGING VEGETATION

Cutting or damaging in any manner any trees or other vegetation is prohibited

### 2 ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

No person shall operate any motor vehicle on any established roads under the control of the Division unless the motor vehicle is properly registered and is displaying the proper registration plates

All motor vehicles are restricted to established public roads or to designated parking areas

No person shall operate snowmobile trail bikes or off-road motor vehicles on these areas at any time

### 3 DRUGS OR MARIJUANA

No person or persons shall use or possess any controlled, dangerous, or harmful drug or substance of any kind, or possess or use marijuana at any time

### **4 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

No person or persons shall consume or have in possession any intoxicating beverage or any beverage containing alcohol while in any land or water area under the control of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife

### 5 RESTRICTED AREAS AND HOURS

No unauthorized person or persons shall enter in any land or water areas controlled by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife between the hours of 9 pm and 5 am, unless such person is actually engaged in lawful hunting or fishing activity and no person shall enter any area designated by the Division as 'restricted' without first obtaining written permission from the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife

### 6 OUTS DARD MOTORS

Only electric motors are permitted on freshwater areas with the exception of Union Lake where an outboard motor not exceeding 10 hp may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are permitted.

### 7. HORSEBACK RIDING

No person shall ride a horse on any land or water area controlled by the Division without first procuring a proper and valid permit. The riding of horses on or over any food area, dams, fireline, or field which has been cultivated or planted shall be unlawful at all times.

#### 8 SWIFTMING

Swimming and bathing are prohibited on all areas under the control of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife No wading is permitted except for the purpose of hunting, trapping or fishing

### 9. CAMPING

Camping is prohibited on all Division controlled areas

### 10. PICNICKING

Picnicking is prohibited on all Division controlled areas

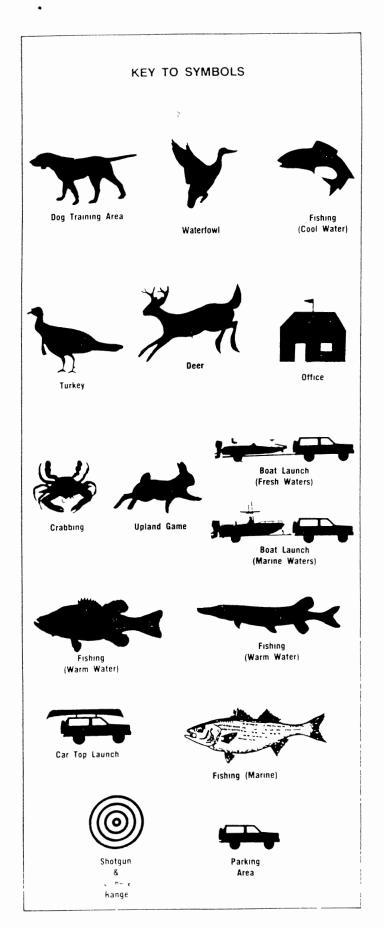
#### 11. TARGET PRACTICE

No target practice of any kind is permitted except on designated areas that provide archery, shotgun and rifle ranges

### 12 DUMPING

The dumping or discarding of refuse of any kind is prohibited

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Office of Wildlife	
Education	609-292-9450
Endangered and Nongame	
Species Program	609-292-9400

### DIVISION FIELD OFFICES

### NORTHERN REGION

#### Covers

Bergen, Essex Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic Somerset Sussex and Warren counties

### Law Enforcement

Hedge Haven Office 908-735-8240
RR 1 Box 383 Rt 173 West, Hampton 08827
Hunter Education Office 908-735-7088

### CENTRAL REGION

### Covers

Burlington, Mercer Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Union counties

### Law Enforcement

Assunpink Wildlife Management

Area (WMA)

609-259-2120

RD 3 Robbinsville 08691

Hunter Education Office 609-259-3346

### SOUTHERN REGION

### Covers

Atlantic Camden Cape May, Cumberland Gloucester and Salem counties

### Law Enforcement

Winslow WMA 609-629-0555

220 New Brooklyn/Blue Anchor Road,

Sicklerville 08081

Hunter Education Office 609-629-0552

**DEPE Action Line** 609-292-7172

(For Emergency Only, during non-business hours)

### **Absecon Wildlife Management Area**

The Absecon tract in Atlantic County comprises 3,688 acres acquired under the Green Acres Program and with federal aid funds

Absecon is almost entirely salt marsh and is primar . managed for waterfowl. The marshes are heavily utilized by waterfowl during the fall and winter months, and many shorebirds nest in the area.

### WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunting is excellent on the marshes. Black duck, snow geese and bufflehead are the most abundance species but Canada geese, widgeon, and teal are also found. The salt marshes are excellent nesting areas for clapper rail

### **FISHING**

Saltwater fishing and crabbing are excellent in all the coastal bays and creeks Species present are stripers, weakfish, fluke, flounder, white perch and bluefish. This is an excellent clamming area and a license is required.

### RECREATION

This tract is an excellent area for bird watching, especially waterfowl and shore birds

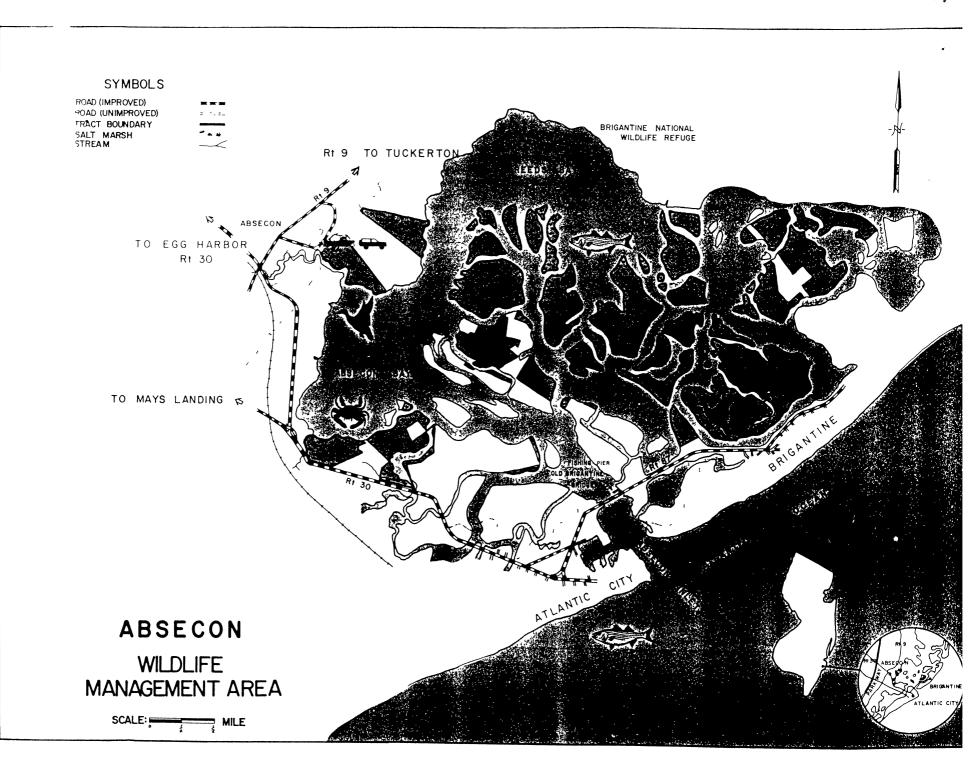
During the migration season, thousands of sandpipers, knots, dowitches, curlews, willets, plovers, turnstones, and yellowlegs feed and rest in this area

Also present are gulls, terns, skimmers, American bitterns, egrets and herons. Yellow rail, black rail, Virginia rail, coot, grebes, loons and an occasional bald eagle migrate through this area

Many vacationers enjoy boating and water skiing in the area. Some launching ramps and a few boat liveries are available. A public boat ramp was built in cooperation with the City of Absecon.

Private launching ramps are available providing access to the bay and water areas. Also, the northern half of the old Brigantine Bridge located north of the Absecon inlet is open to the public as a fishing pier.

The intercoastal waterway flows through this tract



# Amwell Lake Wildlife Management Area

The Amwell Lake Wildlife Management Area in Hunterdon County is located off Route 31 east of Linvale. This wildlife management area can be reached from Trenton or Pennington by driving north on Route 31 to the Harbourton turn-off; then proceeding about a quarter of a mile to access road on right Approaching from the north on Route 31, the access road is on the left about one quarter of a mile before the Harbourton turn-off

The picturesque lake is surrounded by rolling farmland at the foot of the Sourland Mountains in southern Hunterdon County

### **FISHING**

Amwell Lake is stocked with trout Largemouth bass fishing is excellent and channel catfish up to 16 pounds have been caught here.

Other species present are bluegill sunfish, pump-kinseed sunfish, white catfish, channel catfish, brown bullhead, golden shiner and killifish Rainbow, and brown trout are stocked during the season.

Small boats are permitted, and because of the small size of the lake, only electric motors are allowed

Parking for about 50 cars is available. There is access to the lake for cartop launching, but no ramp is available for trailered boats.

The entire perimeter of the lake is state owned and open to shore fishing. However, access to portions of the shoreline is difficult because of marshy conditions

TO TRENTON

## Assunpink Wildlife Management Area

This tract was acquired under the State Green Acres Program and present ly comprises over 5600 acres of fields hedgerows and woods

#### FISHING/WATERFOWL

Stone Tavern Lake, Rising Sun Lake and Lake Assunpink are the products of the joint efforts of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and the New Jersey Green Acres Program. These lakes were built to provide flood protection for the Assunpink Creek drainage, fish and wildlife habitat and recreation.

### LAKE ASSUNPINK

This is the largest lake (225 acres) on the Assunpink WMA Largemouth bass and channel catfish are abundant. These species were first stocked here in 1974 and 1976 respectively. Hybrid striped bass are also stocked and hybrids in excess of 5 lbs are not uncommon. Angling opportunities for chain pickerel and black crappie are excellent. Parking and launching facilities for both cartop and trailered boats are available at the access site off the Clarksburg-Robbinsville. Road. Only electric motors are permitted. Shoreline fishing is possible along most of the lake's shoreline.

During the fall the lake is a popular rest stop for Canada geese and several species of ducks. This makes it popular with duck hunters

#### STONE TAVERN LAKE

The fisheries management program is directed toward largemouth bass as the major game species. Bass and bluegill were originally stocked in 1971. Channel catfish are stocked often. Parking and launching facilities for both car top and trailered boats are available at two sites, one at the extreme eastern end of the lake and the other on the lake's south shore off of Each Branch Road. Only electric motors are permitted. The majority of the lake shoreline is accessible to bank fishermen.

During the fall the lake is a popular nesting spot for migratory waterfowl which makes it popular with duck hunters

### RISING SUN LAKE

The fisheries management program is based on largemouth bass as the major game species. Largemouth bass and bluegill were originally introduced in 1971. Channel catfish are stocked frequently. Parking and launching facilities for both cartop and trailered boats are available at the lake's primary access site off the Roosevelt-Clarksburg Road. Only electric motors are permitted. The majority of the impoundment's shoreline is easily accessible to bank fishermen.

During the fall the lake is a popular resting spot for migratory waterfowl

The Assunpink WMA is the state's main field trial area. Here bird dogs are judged on their pointing and retrieving. Field trials are primarily conducted during the spring and fall.

The Assunpink Wildlife Management Area is located in western Monmouth and eastern Mercer Counties. Access can be gained via Routes 524, 571 and 539 and Exit 11 off Rt. 195.

#### SPECIES

Largemouth bass are abundant Population checks have found large numbers of bass in the two to three pound class Reproduction has not been sufficient to maintain numbers on bass in some years. In these cases stocking of yearling bass are made Both bluegill and pumpkinseed sunfish are present, with the bluegill being the more numerous.

Brown bullhead are present, but not taken in great numbers in Stone Tavern Lake, Rising Sun Lake has abundant bullhead with excellent size

Chain pickerel are present, especially in Lake Assunpink where they reach up to 18-20 inches. Channel catfish have been stocked in all three lakes and are readily taken by fishermen. Individuals over 12 lbs. are occasionally caught.

Other species present are creek chubsucker, banded killifish and golden shiner, in Lake Assunpink alewife and the white bass—striped bass hybrid were introduced

### **UPLAND GAME**

Principal native species of upland game are quail and rabbits. Squir-rels, woodcock and grouse are also present. The Division's stocking program insures a supply of pheasants and quail during the hunting season. Management consists of food and cover plantings, mowing and hedgerow cutting.

#### DEER

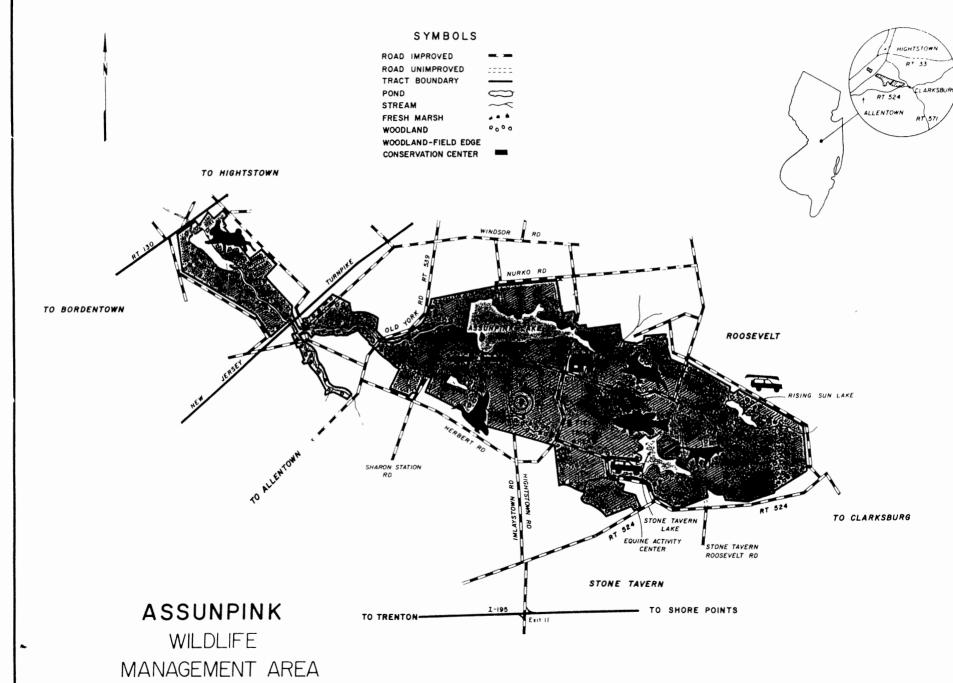
This tract supports a substantial deer herd offering excellent hunting for both the bow and shotgun enthusiast

### **BIRDWATCHING AND RECREATION**

The Assunpink Wildlife Management Area is one of the best birdwatching areas in central New Jersey. The fields in the spring and summer are particularly good for grassland species, including the grasshopper sparrow and vesper sparrow. Several species of raptors, both owls and hawks can be seen throughout the area Northern harriers are particularly common during the fall and winter months.

A portion of this Wildlife Management Area has been turned over to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for an Equine Activity Center which will make available to the people of New Jersey a variety of horse activities such as shows, trail riding, polo, rodeos, hunt races, and programs for the handicapped

A new facility at Assunpink, the Conservation Center, is used by sportsmen's and other groups. The Center seats 50 people and has kitchen and restroom facilities.



# **Baldwin Lake Wildlife Management Area**

The Baldwin Lake Wildlife Management Area is located just north of Pennington and east of Route 31 From Trenton, proceed north on Route 31 to Pennington, turn onto the county road toward Mt Rose, and Baldwin Lake is about one quarter of a mile north of the intersection at Mt Rose Road

This 18-acre lake is surrounded by picturesque farmland, and its close proximity to the Trenton area provides fishing opportunity to a large number of people

### **FISHING**

When proper access is available the lake will be restricted to small cartop boats—with electric motors only. The entire shoreline is owned by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and shoreline fishing is permitted. Acreage of the management area including the lake is about 37 acres. The pond supports a bass and sunfish population which provides a popular fishery to the angling public.

### Bear Swamp Wildlife Management Area

The Bear Swamp Wildlife Management Area is located in western Sussex County one mile west of Branchville. The tract covers portions of Hampton and Frankford townships. The area is bordered by county routes 521, 633, and 630. The Bear Swamp WMA is 2000 acres in size and provides opportunities for upland game, turkey and deer hunting, and limited opportunities for fishing. Additional acquisition is anticipated in the future to enlarge the tract.

### **OFFICE**

The Bear Swamp is administered out of the Whittingham office in Fredon, New Jersey.

### **PARKING**

Licensed hunters and fishermen are requested to use the designated parking areas. Parking areas are located on the south, west and east sides of the tract. Some limited road side parking is also available.

### RECREATION

Opportunities exist for birdwatching, hiking, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking

### UPLAND GAME

Grouse and squirrel are the primary upland game species on the area. Where they occur good populations exist

### **DEER**

The area is natural deer range and a substantial herd is found on the tract. Bow and gun hunters consider the area excellent for deer hunting

### WILD TURKEY

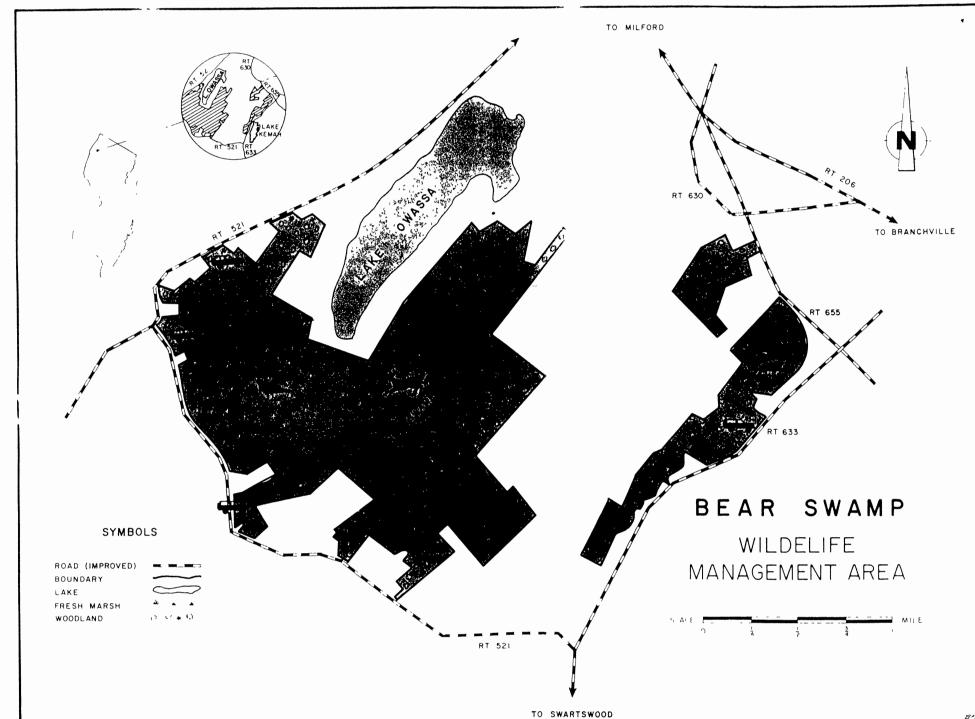
The area contains wild turkey habitat and is heavily utilized by turkey hunters during the spring season

### WATERFOWL

Limited opportunities exist for the hunting of waterfowl Good duck hunting can be found on the few open water areas on the tract

### **FISHING**

Limited fishing opportunities exist on the few ponds on the area. The species present are largemouth bass, pickerel, and sunfish



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# Beaver Swamp Wildlife Management Area

The Beaver Swamp Area in Cape May County is interlaced with swamps, dense forest, creeks and small ponds. Situated at the head of Sluice Creek between South Dennis and Swainton, it is approximately 2,800 acres and is accessible from Routes 585, 83, and 9

Acquisition began in 1964, under the State Green Acres Program The restoration of Clint Mill Pond has enhanced the area and provides excellent waterfowl habitat

### **UPLAND GAME**

Squirrel, quail, cottontail rabbit, woodcock and grouse hunting are available

### WILD TURKEY

Turkeys have been released in the area and a growing population is available for spring turkey hunting.

### DEER

The area supports a deer herd and hunting is available for bow and shotgun hunters

### **FISHING**

Fishing is fair for white perch and pickerel

### WATERFOWL

Wood duck, teal, black duck and mallard are found on the Beaver Swamp Tract

# Berkshire Valley Wildlife Management Area

The Berkshire Valley tract, located northwest of Dover in Morris County, is one of the better upland game areas in this section of the State

The tract was purchased in 1940, with money from hunting and fishing license fees. Six hundred and eighty acres of a total of 1,830 acres have been purchased through the Green Acres Program and assigned to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. The area is a mix of woodland and fields. It is managed for upland game, deer, waterfowl and fishing.

### **OFFICE**

The tract is administered through the Black River tract office located on North Road, Rt 513, Chester, N.J.

### **PARKING**

Licensed hunters, fishermen and wildlife observers are welcome to use the area. Off the road parking is permitted in most areas. Sportsmen are asked not to park in fields or cultivated areas.

### **UPLAND GAME**

The principal native species are cottontail rabbits, squirrel and grouse. Pheasants are stocked by the division during the fall small game season.

### WILD TURKEY

Portions of the tract provide suitable turkey habitat, and wild turkeys may be hunted during the spring

### DEER

Deer populations are stable Bow and shotgun hunters are successful.

### WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunting is limited to the early portion of the season, with wood duck, mallard and black duck being the principal species Occasionally a Canada goose is harvested in the area

### **FISHING**

Fishing opportunities are good. The Rockaway River flows through a portion of the tract, and trout are stocked at regular intervals throughout the season.

# Edward G. Bevan Wildlife Management Area

This tract, located south of Millville and bisected by county Rt 555, is one of the largest areas owned and managed by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife

Acquisition began in 1932, and the area now totals over 12,000 acres of woodlands and fields

With the exception of 336 acres purchased through the Green Acres Program and assigned to the division, the remainder of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees

The area today is managed primarily for upland game by planting of annual food patches, cover crops, and cooperative farming

### DOG TRAINING

An area is available for the training of hunting dogs

### **HUNTER EDUCATION**

The Division maintains areas here for archery and shotgun training. A newly-opened rifle range is also available.

### **OFFICE**

The office is located on Mauricetown Road between Millville and Mauricetown

### **UPLAND GAME**

There is excellent rabbit and quail hunting in the woods and fields. In addition, some ruffed grouse are found in the woodlands. The division's stocking program also provides in-season pheasant releases for additional hunting recreation, along with supplemental quail stocking.

### WILD TURKEY

Turkeys have been released into the area and a growing population is available for spring turkey hunting

### **DEER**

A growing deer herd offers the bow and gun enthusiasts ample hunting opportunities

### WATERFOWL

Hunting of wood ducks, mallards, teal, and black ducks is available on the streams found within the area

### **FISHING**

Shaw's Mill Pond, located in the southwest corner of the tract, is one of the best largemouth bass waters in the area Shaw's Mill Pond is also stocked with trout each spring. The few streams meandering through the tract provide fishing for pickerel and catfish.

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## **Black River Wildlife Management Area**

Since 1964, the Green Acres Program has acquired 3,057 acres and turned this area over to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife for administration.

The area is managed primarily for upland game species by planting of annual food patches and hedgerows.

A hunter training range for clay bird and archery shooters as well as a dog training area are located here and open to licensed sportsmen

### **OFFICE**

The headquarters complex is located on North Road, Route 513, two miles northeast of Chester

### **PARKING**

Parking is permitted in designated areas; roadside parking is prohibited by Chester Township. Four parking areas are now available, with additional areas planned.

### **UPLAND GAME**

Numerous management activities, including hedgerow planting, annual and perennial plantings, are aimed toward the production of upland game species. Cottontail rabbit,

ruffed grouse, gray squirrel and woodcock are common. The native pheasant population is supplemented with substantial numbers of birds liberated during the open season.

### **DEER**

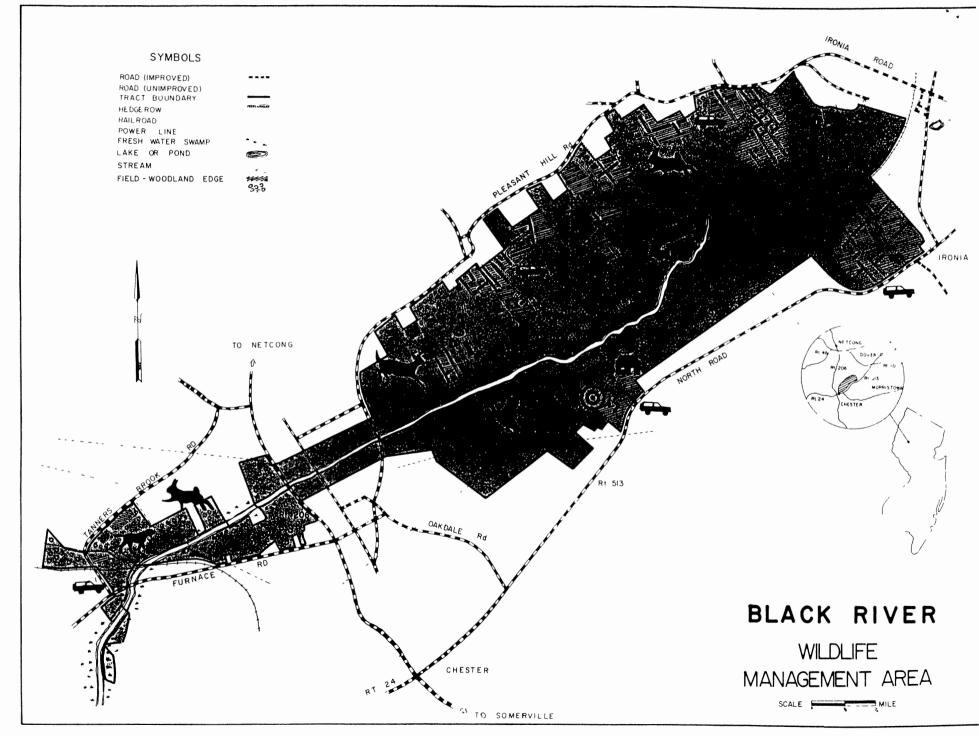
Deer hunting opportunities are excellent. Bow hunters find the area well adapted to their sport, as harvest records indicate. Shotgun hunters also harvest good bucks.

### WATERFOWL

Limited waterfowl hunting is available during the early portion of the season. Wood duck is the principal species available, followed by black and mallard. Some good pass and jump shooting can be found along the six-mile section of the Black River which flows through the tract

### **FISHING**

Fishing opportunities are limited, with some bass and panfish found in the small ponds interspersed throughout the area Trout are stocked in the Black River, approximately two miles south of the tract's southwestern boundary. Access to the river within the tract is difficult



# **Butterfly Bogs Wildlife Management Area**

The Butterfly Bogs Tract, located in Jackson Township, Ocean County on Butterfly Road, off Route 527 near Holmansville, comprises 103 acres Most of the upland is composed of pitch pine and scrub oak

The tract is managed for upland game and deer It also contains three lakes which provide good fishing opportunities

### **UPLAND GAME**

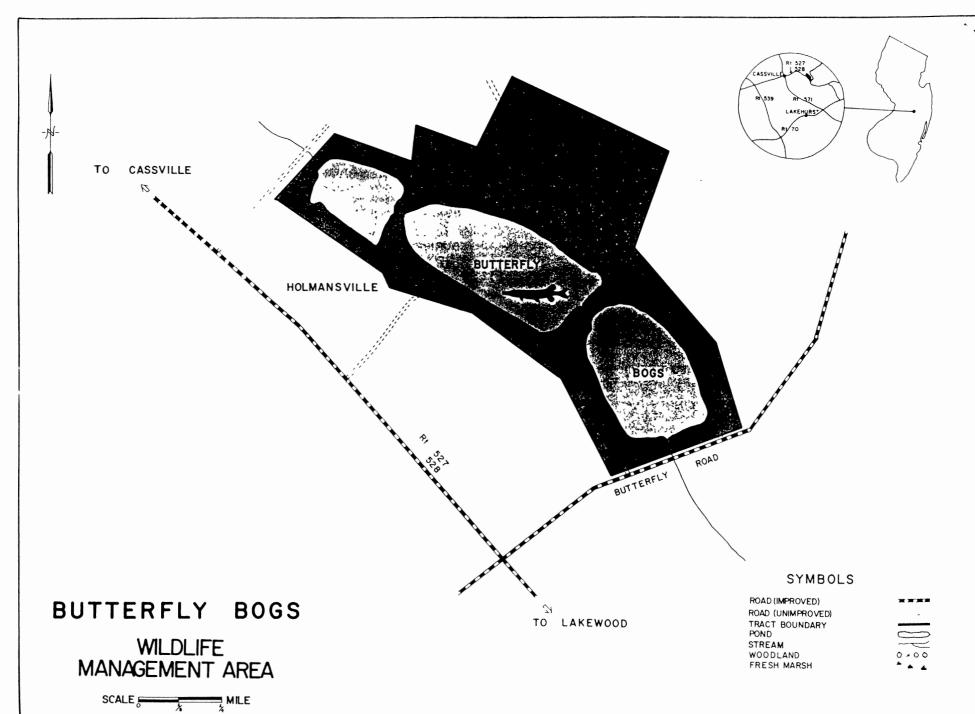
Principal native species are cottontail rabbits, squirrels, grouse, and quail The area has both red and gray foxes

### **DEER**

This tract supports a small deer herd offering hunting for both the bow and shotgun enthusiast

### **FISHING**

The three lakes provide good pickerel and catfish fishing



### Cape May Wetlands Wildlife Management Area

The Cape May (coastal wetlands) tract comprising over 11,332 acres is located in Cape May County. The bulk of this tract is bounded by Ocean Drive and the Garden State Parkway, east-west; Cape May Harbor (Ocean Drive) in the south and Roosevelt Blvd. in the north. One small parcel is located north of Roosevelt Blvd. on Peck Bay.

Five bay and sound areas, Corson Sound, Ludlam Bay, Jenkins Sound, Richardson Sound and Jarvis Sound are included in this tract, but the Corson Inlet area is administered by the Division of Parks and Forests. The intercoastal waterway flows through the entire length of the tract

Access to the area is facilitated by a ramp at Corson Inlet and another at Strathmere Both of these are free Private marinas are located at the intersection of the intercoastal waterway and Roosevelt Blvd.

2,538 acres of this area were purchased through the Waterfowl Stamp Program, approximately 876 acres were purchased by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife with license money from the sportsmen, and more than 5,609 acres were acquired under the Green Acres Program

This coastal wetland area is almost all salt marsh, less than 100 acres is upland-field habitat. The marshes are heavily utilized by waterfowl during the fall and winter months, and numerous shore birds nest in the area.

### WATERFOWL

This is primarily a waterfowl tract and hunting of waterfowl is good on the salt marshes. Black duck, brant and bufflehead are the primary species but Canada geese, widgeon and teal are also present. This area is an important black duck wintering area. Clapper rail hunting is also very good in this area. The salt marshes are excellent nesting areas for clapper rail.

### **FISHING**

Saltwater fishing and crabbing are excellent in all the coastal bays and estuaries. Species present are stripers, weakfish, fluke, flounder, white perch and bluefish Clamming is also excellent in this area but a license is required

### **UPLAND GAME**

Limited hunting because of the small size of the upland area and the relative inaccessibility of the area. The species are squirrel, quail and rabbit

### **TRAPPING**

Muskrats are scarce but some do frequent the fresh water sections along the upland edge, but a trapping license is required. Otters can be seen infrequently in the area

### RECREATION

This salt marsh tract is an excellent area for birdwatching. There is an abundance of birds of all species here. During the migration season thousands of sandpipers, knots, dowitchers, curlews, willets, plovers, turnstones and yellow-legs feed and rest in the area.

Also present are gulls, terns, skinners, American bitterns, egrets and herons, yellow rail, black rail, Virginia rail, coot, grebes, loons and an occasional bald eagle migrate through this area. There are peregrine falcon nesting towers here.

At the inlet, tens of thousands of scoters, old squaws, and red-throated loons congregate during the winter months

The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife welcomes all to enjoy the boating. Several of the nearby municipalities have launching facilities, and several boat liveries are available.

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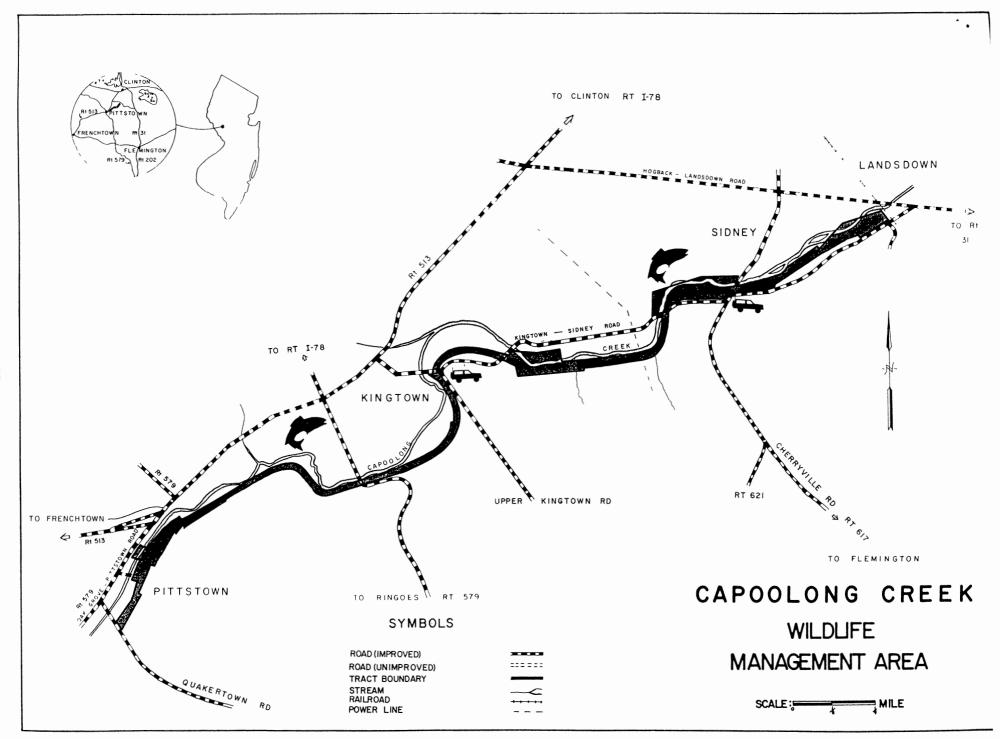
## Capoolong Creek Wildlife Management Area

This tract consists of sixty-one acres in Hunterdon County purchased with Green Acres funds in 1974. The site of this wildlife management area is the Pittstown-Landsdown abandoned Lehigh Valley railroad right-of-way. Access to this area is provided by Rt. 579 at Pittstown; also, Hogback-Landsdown Road from Landsdown.

Automobiles can be parked in two areas along Kingtown-Sidney Road, or at the old railroad station at Pittstown

### **FISHING**

The Capoolong Creek is stocked with brook, brown and rainbow trout and these fish provide the bulk of the fishery. However, the stream is of such high quality that it will support trout year-round and the natural reproduction of brown trout does occur here. Smallmouth bass, rock bass and sunfish are also present.



### Cedarville Ponds Wildlife Management Area

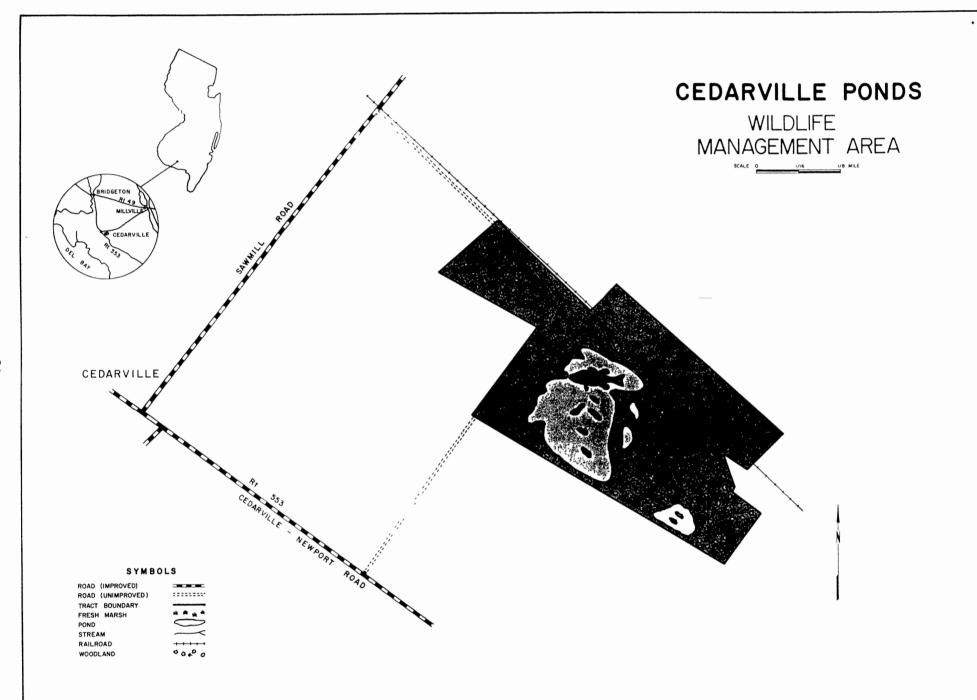
The Cedarville Pond Wildlife Management Area comprising 42 acres in Cumberland County is located at Cedarville near the intersection of Route 553 and Sawmill Road

Traveling south on Route 553 from Bridgeton, access to the tract is provided by a road off Route 553 about one-half mile past the intersection of Route 553 and Sawmill Road. Another access road is located on Sawmill Road about one-half mile north of the intersection. This access road runs parallel to a railroad track into the area.

The tract was purchased under the Green Acres Program in 1968

### **FISHING**

Fishing is permitted around the perimeter of the pond. Species present are largemouth bass, chain pickerel, bluegill, and brown bullhead.



### Clarks Pond Wildlife Management Area

The Clarks Pond Wildlife Management Area in Cumberland County comprising 78 acres, was purchased in 1962 with money paid by sportsmen for hunting and fishing licenses.

This tract is located south of Bridgeton and just above the town of Fairton. Route 553 runs along the northern flank of the three ponds that make up this wildlife management area Access to this area is provided by a road off of Route 553 or any of the other four roads that run through and around the tract

### **FISHING**

Fishing opportunities vary with the species in all ponds.

Species present and status of fishery in each pond are listed below

Pond between Burlington Road and Southeast Avenue (depth 12 ft)

Largemouth bass-fair

Chain pickerel-good

Blueall-aood

Pumpkinseed-fair

Yellow bullhead-good

Brown bullhead-poor

Yellow perch-good

Pond between Southeast Avenue and the railroad bridge (depth 5 ft.).

Largemouth bass-good

Chain pickerel-good

Bluegill-fair

Pumpkinseed-fair

Yellow bullhead-fair

Brown bullhead-poor

Pond between railroad bridge and Route 553 (depth 8 ft.)

Largemouth bass-fair

Chain pickerel—fair

Bluegill-good

Pumpkinseed-good

Yellow bullhead-poor

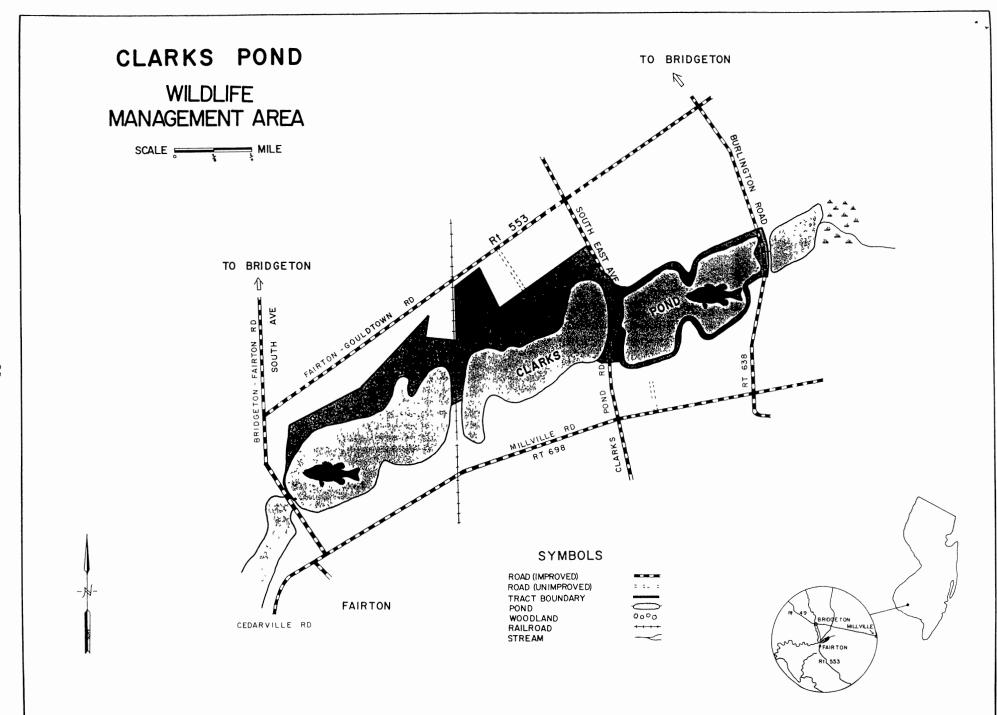
Brown bullhead-good

Yellow perch—fair

Carp—fair

Cartop boats and electric motors are permitted on all three ponds but the pond between Southeast Avenue and the railroad bridge is very shallow with a maximum depth of five feet.

Bank fishing is limited to approximately 50% of the shore area of the two ponds located west of Southeast Avenue The pond alongside Burlington Road has very limited bank fishing and no parking area



# **Clinton Wildlife Management Area**

The Clinton Tract, located on Van Syckel's Road north of Clinton, is one of the best known and most heavily used of all wildlife management areas

This area contains 1,475 acres of field, woodland, and the large Spruce Run Reservoir.

With the exception of 623 acres purchased through the Green Acres Program, the remainder of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees.

### **OFFICE**

The office for Maintenance, Wildlife Control, and Pathology is located on the south side of Van Syckel's Road

The Northern District office for Research, Law Enforcement, Hunter Education, and Nongame is located at RD #1 Box 383, Route 173 West, Hampton, N.J. 08827. For phone numbers refer to page 5. A hunter training range and dog training area are maintained on the tract for use by licensed sportsmen. Clay bird shooting, archery and rifle ranges are also available to licensed hunters

### **PARKING**

Parking is permitted in designated areas only No Parking on Van Syckel's Road

### WATERFOWL

The adjacent Spruce Run Reservoir offers good waterfowl hunting opportunities The principal species are mallard, black duck, canvasback, scaup, ringneck, and geese

### **FISHING**

The Spruce Run Reservoir provides excellent fishing opportunities for numerous species of fish. The principal game species are largemouth bass, northern pike, hybrid striped bass, and brook, brown, and rainbow trout Boats are permitted.

### DEER

This area is located in prime deer range and because of its topography and abundant food supply, it is an important wintering area for a large deer herd

### **UPLAND GAME**

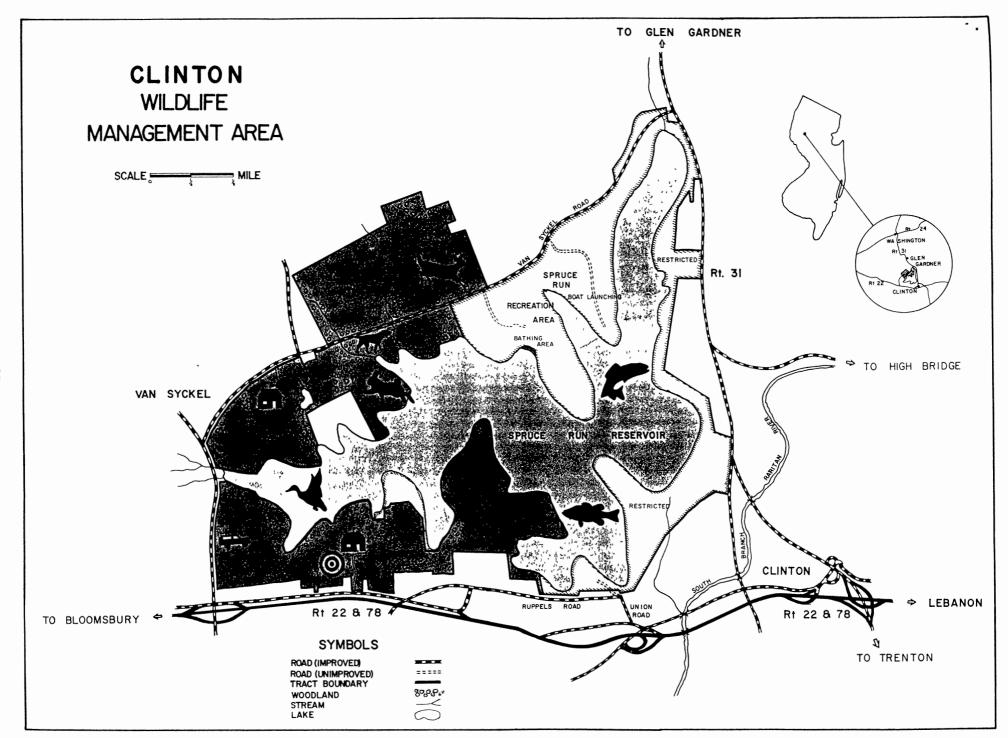
The area is managed under a continuous farm-land habitat improvement program. The principal native species are pheasant, cottontail rabbits, squirrel and grouse Additional pheasants are stocked annually.

### RECREATION

This management area contains the Spruce Run Recreational Area which is available for bathing, picnicking, and boating

Motor boats on Spruce Run are limited to a maximum of 10 horsepower, and all watercraft must be operated so as not to produce a visible wake

Maximum length of any boat, including sailboats, is 25 feet. A limited number of seasonal boat storage spaces are available from April 1 through October 31 Boat storage applications are accepted starting the first weekend in March



## Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area

The Colliers Mills Area, located in Ocean County southeast of the intersection of Route 539 and Route 529 is comprised of 12,250 acres. Most of the upland is pitch pine and scrub oak. The lowland is white cedar swamp.

Purchase of this tract began in 1941 and is managed for upland game, deer and waterfowl. With the exception of 2,519 acres, the area was acquired with monies from hunting and fishing licenses

The area contains 210 acres of fields managed for wildlife. In addition, there are six impoundments and 250 acres of wetlands managed for waterfowl.

The shotgun and archery training area is open to licensed hunters. A rifle range is also available.

#### **OFFICE**

The office is located on Hawkins Road east of Rt 539

#### **DEER**

This area has a substantial deer herd offering excellent hunting for both the bow and shotgun enthusiast.

#### WATERFOWL

There is good waterfowl hunting on five of the major im-

poundments. Species most harvested are mallard, black duck, wood duck and teal.

#### **FISHING**

Five of the major impoundments comprising a total of 150 surface acres provide good bass, pickerel, and perch fishing

#### **UPLAND GAME**

The management program consists of planting hedgerows with annual and perennial wildlife food and cover crops Principal species are rabbits, squirrels, grouse and quail Both quail and pheasants are stocked during the hunting season. The area has red and gray foxes, which provide excellent hunting opportunities.

#### RECREATION

This is a good area for observing native pinelands herptiles, such as Pine Barrens treefrogs, which can be heard during the late spring and summer.

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## Columbia Lake Wildlife Management Area

Columbia Lake is a 55 acre impoundment on the Paulinskill River near its confluence with the Delaware. The lake was built in 1909 for hydroelectric power generation. The lake can be accessed from a dirt road off Rt. 46 in the town of Columbia, or from Warrington Road, off Rt. 94. Parking and launching facilities for both cartop and trailered boats are available at the access site off Warrington Road. Only electric motors are permitted.

#### **FISHING**

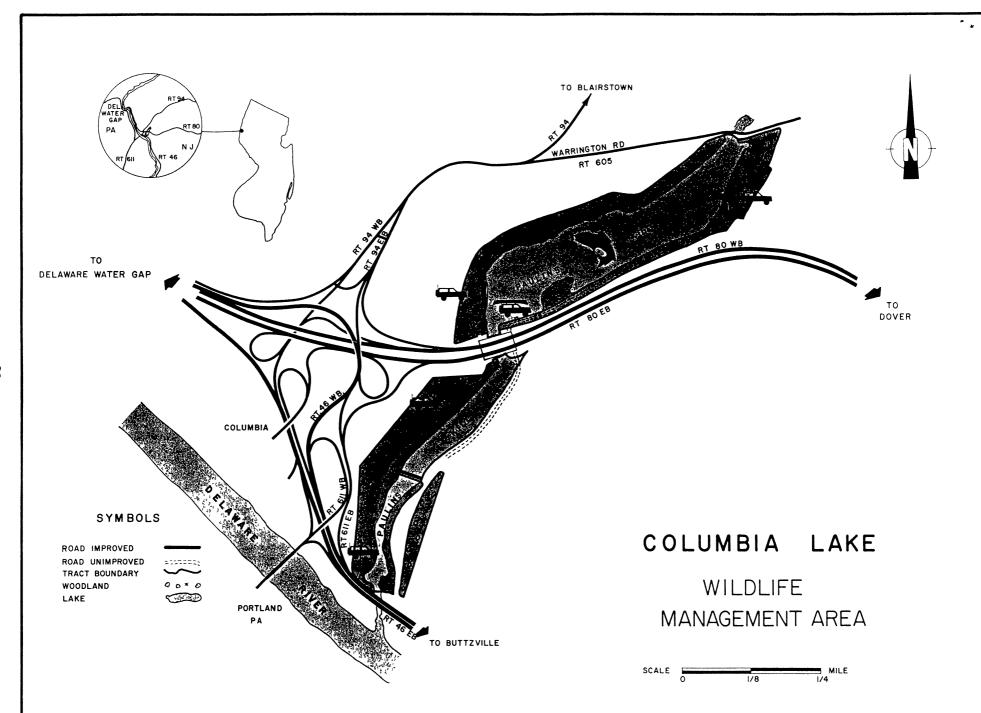
The lake and the gatehole immediately below the dam are natural collection points for fish within the river system. Nearly every species of fish found in the Paulinskill River Watershed is likely to be found in the lake. Largemouth bass, chain pickerel, channel catfish, a variety of panfish and stocked trout are found in the lake. Carp are very abundant. In addition to these species, shad, walleye and even an occasional muskellunge may turn up in the gatehole and downstream to the Delaware. A large shoreline is available for bank fishing.

#### BIRDWATCHING AND RECREATION

The lake provides good habitat for migratory and resident wildlife, especially those which use the nearby Delaware River. Waterfowl, songbirds and raptors can be observed throughout the year.

#### WATERFOWL

Limited waterfowl hunting opportunities are found on this shallow lake during the early season.



## **Delaware River Angler Access**

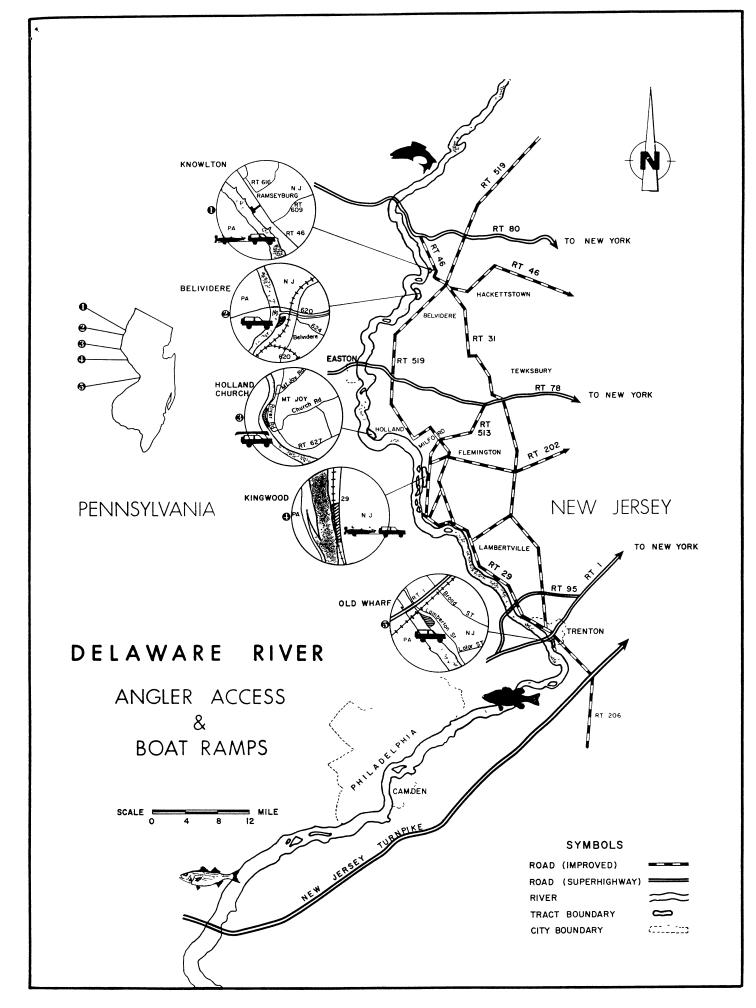
Old Wharf Holland Church Kingwood Belvidere Knowlton

The Delaware River is one of New Jersey's best fishing waters. The Division has undertaken a program to provide more access to the river along its entire length. Five sites are now in public ownership and three of them are open. The Old Wharf at Trenton has plenty of free parking and is a favorite shoreline fishing spot, especially during the annual spring herring run.

At the Kingwood site, it is possible to launch a car-top boat and a new ramp is also located here. Parking space is provided. Bank fishing is available from the Belvidere site. However, there is no launching ramp and parking is very limited.

#### **FISHING**

The Old Wharf is famous for herring fishing between late March and late May. The best fishing through the summer is for channel catfish. The big attraction in the upper Delaware is the April through June shad fishery. Other species commonly taken are smallmouth bass, walleye and a wide variety of panfish. The river also holds some very large muskellunge and tiger muskies. They are found from the Camden area to Port Jervis, N Y



## Dennis Creek Wildlife Management Area

The Dennis Creek Wildlife Management Area comprising 5,400 acres is one of the finest state-owned salt marshes. It encompasses most of the marsh west of Rt. 47 and to the north and south of Dennis Creek.

Acquisition of the area was begun in 1957 Over onehalf of this tract was purchased through the Green Acres Program, 303 acres were purchased through the Waterfowl Stamp Program, the remainder of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees.

#### **DEER**

The forest adjacent to this tract is one of the better deer hunting areas in the county. Deer are often found on the salt marshes.

#### **FISHING**

The tidal creeks offer excellent fishing for white perch and striped bass. Weakfish, fluke, black drum, bluefish, sea bass and crabs are abundant in the adjacent waters of Delaware Bay.

#### WATERFOWL

Black ducks are the most abundant species, followed closely

by green-winged teal. Hunting either the saltponds, ditches or bay usually produces good bags of black ducks with an occasional pintail, Canada goose, widgeon, mallard, shoveler, goldeneye or hooded merganser. Management is directed to improving the abundance and availability of the tidal flood web to fish, shellfish and wildlife

#### **UPLAND GAME**

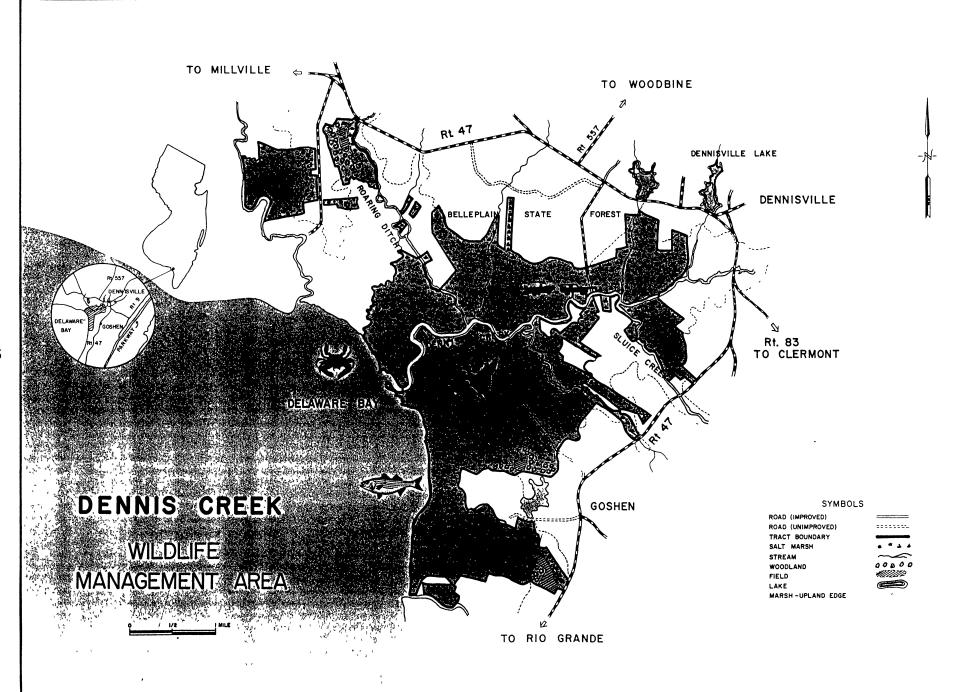
Quail, rabbit and woodcock are common on the adjacent Belleplain State Forest and privately owned farmlands

#### **BOAT RAMP**

Boat ramps are located at Jakes Landing Road and Bidwells Ditch in Cape May County.

#### BIRDWATCHING

Dennis Creek is an area where wintering eagles gather It provides excellent opportunities to observe migrating shorebirds.



## Dix Wildlife Management Area

The Dix Wildlife Management Area is located in Cumberland County and comprises a total of 2,643 acres of which 75% is marshland and the remaining 25% divided between hardwood forest and farmland. The tract is located adjacent to the Delaware River, south of the Cohansey River, 6 miles west of Fairton on Back Neck Road.

A portion of the tract, 913 acres, were purchased in 1962 with federal aid to wildlife funds, and 150 acres were purchased through the Waterfowl Stamp Program. The remaining area was purchased under the Green Acres Program and then assigned to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife The principal wildlife species are pheasants, rabbits, quail, grouse, woodcock and deer

#### WATERFOWL

The area offers excellent opportunities for hunting black duck, mallard, pintail, and geese. There are several creeks and river frontages where the wildfowl enthusiast will find good hunting. Accessibility at the present time is limited, with the launching sites located on privately-owned land.

#### **DEER**

There is a small deer herd on this area offering limited opportunities for both firearm and archery enthusiasts.

#### **FISHING**

Saltwater fishing opportunities are very good in the streams and creeks within the tract and in the Delaware River. Striped bass and white perch are the major species.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

The upland area of this tract is managed for rabbits, pheasants, and quail Wildlife food plots and food bearing shrub hedgerows have been established and are maintained to provide habitat for the wildlife species present. The division's stocking program provides additional game through in-season releases of pheasants.

## Egg Island Wildlife Management Area

The Egg Island-Berrytown tract is located in Cumberland County, adjacent to the Delaware Bay. The tract comprises almost 8,540 acres of high quality tidal marsh and some upland habitat.

With the exception of 2,097 acres purchased through the Green Acres Program and assigned to the division, the remainder of the area was purchased with Federal Aid-to-Wildlife Funds

The Bureau of Wildlife Management manages the tract primarily as a waterfowl hunting area. It is heavily utilized by waterfowl during the fall and winter months and numerous shorebirds, such as willets, nest on the tract.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

In the upland portion of the Egg Island tract some small game hunting opportunities are available. Species of game found are cottontail rabbit, quail, fox and some pheasant.

#### WATERFOWL

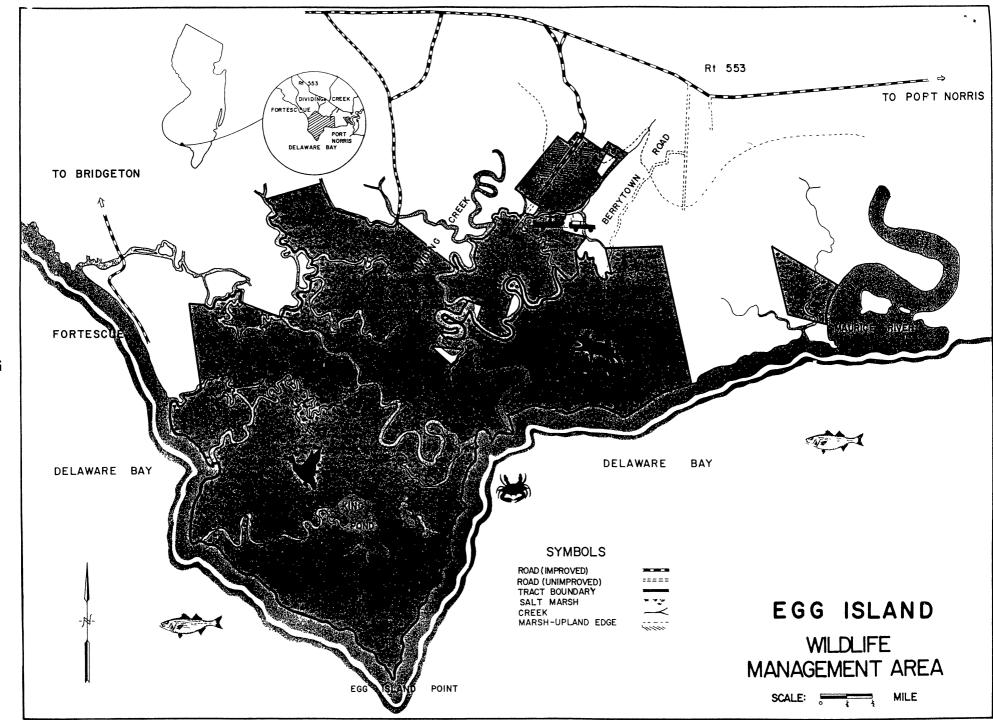
The Egg Island tidal marsh offers some of the best waterfowl hunting in the state. The tract is utilized by waterfowl such as black duck, gadwall, teal, widgeon and shoveler Additional hunting is available in the fall for rail birds as they migrate southward

#### **FISHING**

The many tidal creeks here provide excellent crabbing and fishing for white perch. Species caught in Delaware Bay include weakfish, bluefish, fluke, sea bass and black drum. Some launching ramps and a few boat liveries are located on Hansey Creek Road.

#### RECREATION

This management area is a good place to observe many species of migrating waterfowl. It also has peregrine falcon nesting towers.



## Flatbrook-Roy Wildlife Management Area

The Flatbrook-Roy Tract, located in western Sussex County is approximately 6 miles west of Branchville at the town of Bevans. This area is one of the most heavily used of all the wildlife management areas.

The tract contains 2,334 acres of field and upland, and is managed for upland game, deer, waterfowl and fishing.

#### **OFFICE**

The office is located on Bevans-Flatbrook Road (Rt 521) between Layton and Flatbrookville

#### PARKING

Licensed hunters and fishermen are requested to use the designated parking areas.

#### SHOOTING RANGE

A hunter training range for clay birds and archery is maintained on the area and is open to licensed hunters. A rifle range is also available to licensed hunters.

#### RECREATION

There are opportunities for birdwatching and winter crosscountry skiing on the tract.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Rabbit, grouse, squirrel and woodcock are the principal species. The Division's stocking program also provides inseason pheasant releases for additional recreation.

#### WILD TURKEY

The area contains some of the best turkey habitat in the state, however, it is also heavily used by spring turkey hunters.

#### DEER

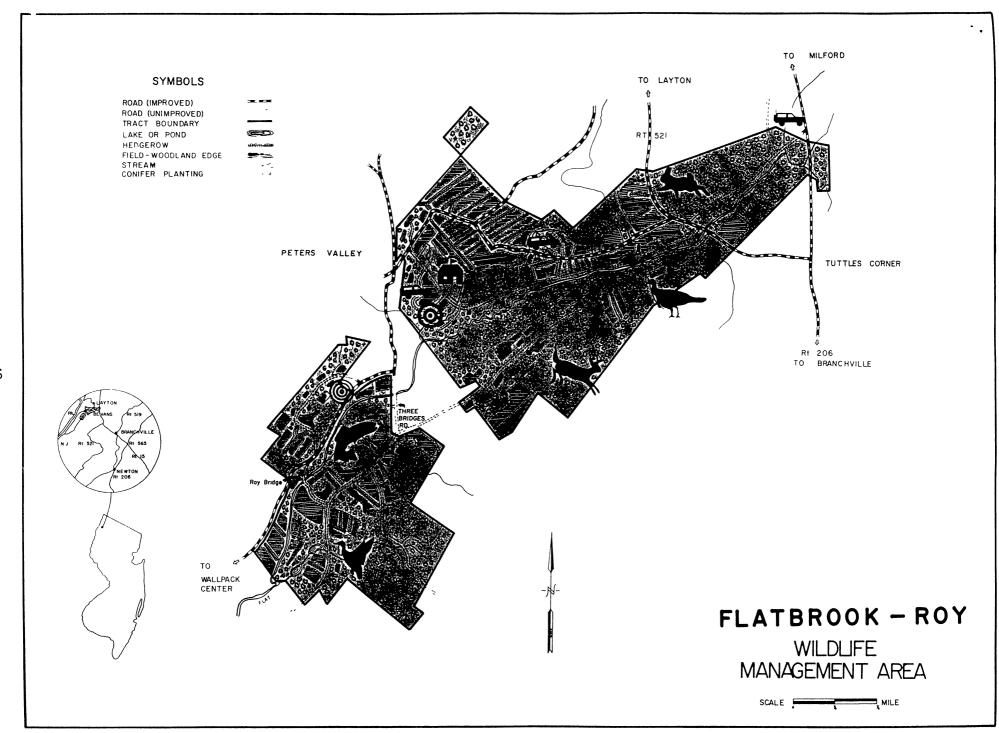
This area is natural deer range, and a large herd is found on the tract. Bow hunters and shotgun hunters consider it an excellent area.

#### WATERFOWL

The marshy area provides good duck hunting for wood ducks, mallards and black ducks early in the fall migration

#### **FISHING**

The Big and Little Flat Brook, two of New Jersey's most famous trout streams, flow through the tract. Trout are stocked throughout the spring and in the fall. Special regulations apply to portions of the Big Flat Brook—consult current fishing laws for details.



## Fortescue Wildlife Management Area

The Fortescue Wildlife Area is a high quality salt marsh bordering on Delaware Bay. Its location provides access to excellent bay fishing, waterfowl and clapper rail hunting in addition to bird watching and other outdoor recreation. Located north of Fortescue, this 900-acre tract in Cumberland County is accessible from Fortescue Road and by boat from Fortescue

This tract was purchased in 1965 through the State Green Acres Program. Today the tract is managed primarily for waterfowl and fishing. Proposed management plans include mosquito control and marsh and upland improvements for fish, shellfish and wildlife.

#### **FISHING**

Crabbing and fishing for white perch and spot is excellent in the tidal creeks. Delaware Bay offers weakfish, fluke, sea bass and black drum. Party, charter rental boats and launching ramps are available in Fortescue

#### WATERFOWL

Waterfowl utilize the area in large numbers. Black duck, widgeon, teal, gadwall and other waterfowl hunting is excellent.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Approximately 100 acres available for upland game with the principal species being quail, rabbit and squirrel

#### RECREATION

Thousands of wintering snow geese attract naturalists and birdwatchers from a broad area.

## **FORTESCUE** SYMBOLS ROAD (IMPROVED) WILDLIFE ROAD (UNIMPROVED) TRACT BOUNDARY TO NEWPORT SALT MARSH MANAGEMENT AREA STREAM WOODLAND FIELD MARSH-UPLAND EDGE NECK ROAD FORTESCUE

## Glassboro Wildlife Management Area

The Glassboro tract, located south of the city of Glassboro on Rt. 47, Gloucester County, is one of the older areas owned and managed by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Acquisition began in 1935 and today this area totals 2,337 acres of woodlands and fields.

The area is managed primarily for upland game by planting of annual food patches and cover crops

A dog training area is maintained on this tract

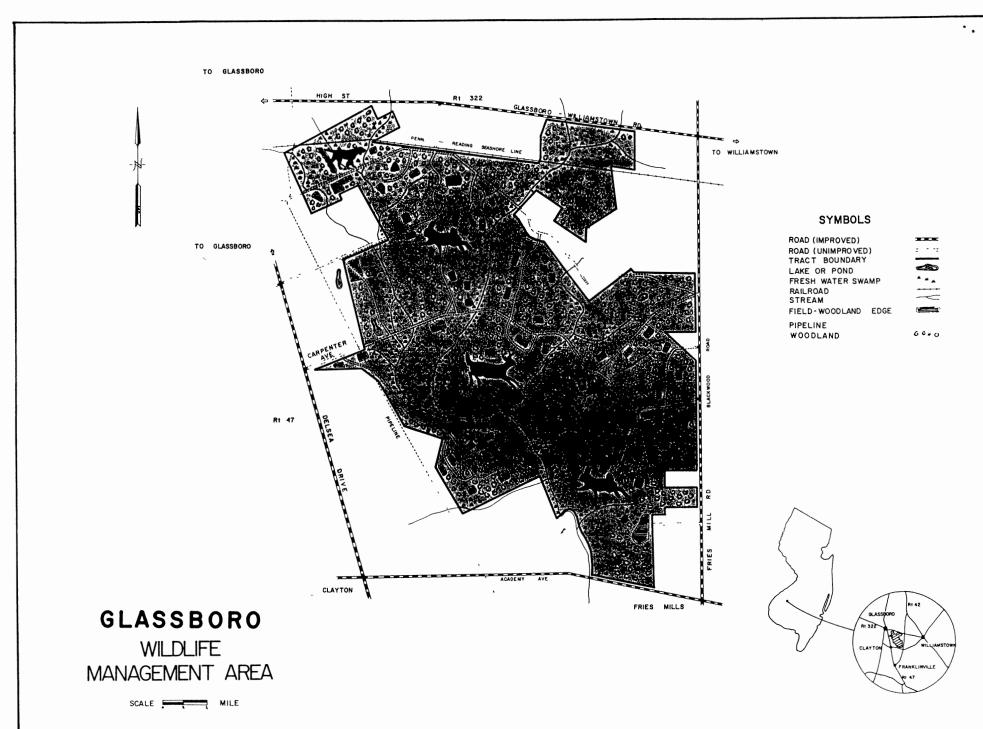
#### **UPLAND GAME**

The upland game program on the tract consists of food patches, hedgerows and cover crop plantings. There is excellent rabbit, quail and grouse hunting. Squirrel hunting is very good in the heavily wooded areas. The division provides in-season stocking of pheasants for additional hunting recreation.

#### DEER

This area offers bow and gun enthusiasts ample deer hunting opportunities





## Great Bay Boulevard Wildlife Management Area

Located in Ocean County, this wildlife management area includes 3,965 acres of salt marsh purchased with Federal Aid-to-Wildlife Funds, 348 acres purchased through the Waterfowl Stamp Program and 999 acres secured through the Green Acres Program Great Bay Wildlife Management Area is located just south of Tuckerton, off Route 9. Great Bay Boulevard runs through the middle of the area and launching ramps are accessible from this road.

#### BIRDWATCHING

Because this area is heavily utilized by waterfowl and nesting shorebirds, it is an excellent area for bird watching.

During the migration season, sandpipers, knots, dowitches, curlews, willets, plovers, turnstones, and yellow-legs feed and rest in this area. Also present are gulls, terns, skimmers, American bitterns, glossy ibis, oyster catchers, marsh hawks, ospreys, egrets and herons. Virginia rail, coot, grebes, loons and an occasional bald eagle migrate through this area.

#### FISHING, CRABBING AND CLAMMING

Salt water fishing and crabbing are excellent in the coastal bays and estuaries Species present are striped bass, weakfish, fluke, flounder, white perch, sea bass, sharks and bluefish. This is also an excellent clamming area, but licenses are required. There are several boat liveries along Great Bay Boulevard.

#### WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunting is excellent on these marshes. Black duck, widgeon and teal are most abundant.

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## **Greenwood Forest and Pasadena Wildlife Management Area**

The Greenwood Forest/Pasadena tract, located in Ocean County north of the intersection of Route 539 and Route 72, comprises 27,298 acres. Most of the upland is composed of pitch pine and scrub oak, the lowlands is white cedar swamp.

The tract is managed for upland game, and deer.

The area contains 260 acres of fields under intensive management for wildlife. In addition, three impoundments and 100 acres of wetlands are managed for waterfowl. This area has a parking lot just off Route 539.

#### WATERFOWL

There is generally good waterfowl hunting on the three lakes.

Species most commonly harvested are teal, black duck, wood duck and Canada geese

#### DEER

This area has a substantial deer herd throughout the year offering excellent hunting for both the bow and shotgun enthusiast.

#### **FISHING**

The three lakes, comprising 30 surface acres, provide good pickerel, catfish and perch fishing.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

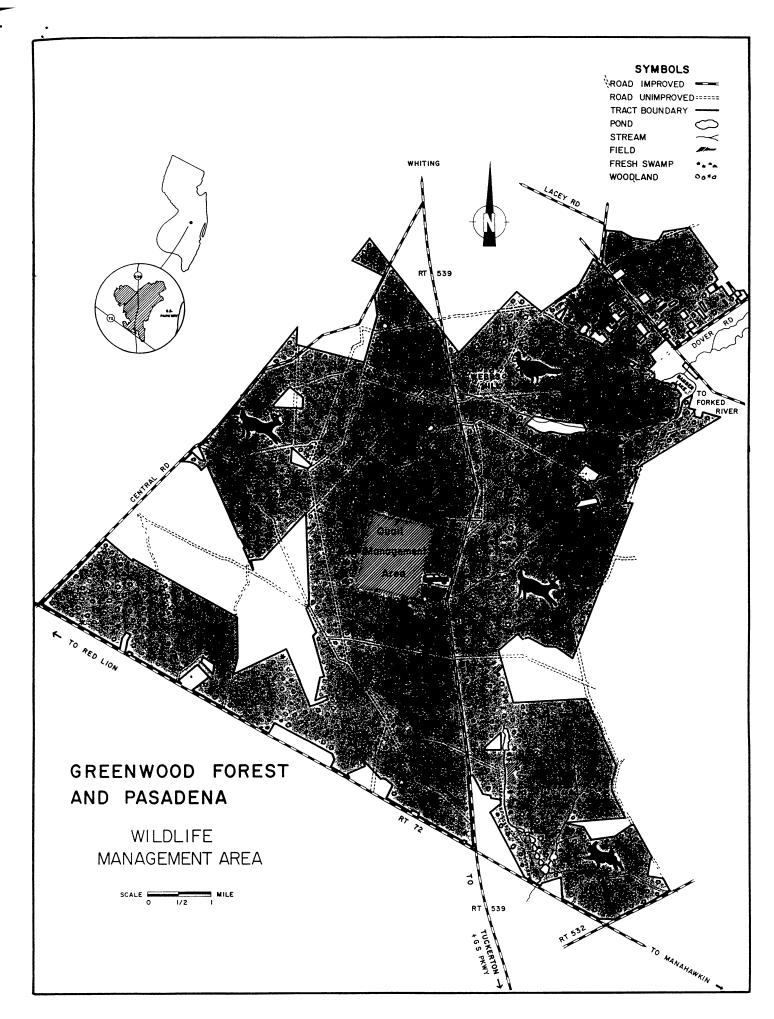
The management program consists of planting hedgerows with annual and perennial wildlife food and cover crops Principal species are rabbits, grouse and quail. In addition, quail are stocked during the hunting season. The area has both red and grey foxes which provide excellent hunting Greenwood Forest/Pasadena contains a quail management area of 1000 acres, divided into 50, five-acre areas with hedgerows. In season this area is stocked with quail only NO vehicles are allowed in the quail management area.

#### **WILD TURKEY**

Turkeys were released into the area and an expanding population provides opportunities for spring turkey hunters

#### RECREATION

This is a good area for observing native pinelands herptiles. Pine Barrens treefrogs can be heard during the late spring and summer throughout both areas. Greenwood W.M.A. has a boardwalk and trail at the Webb's Mill Bog Cedar Swamp for observation of native plants and animals.



## Hainesville Wildlife Management Area

The Hainesville tract, located in Sussex County north of Hainesville and east of Rt 206, at Shaytown, is one of the smallest areas owned and managed by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. The tract was acquired by the State in 1933.

Today the area is being managed for many species, including upland game, waterfowl and deer.

The area contains 282 acres, mostly fields, hedgerows and woodlands. In addition, there is one pond of 30 acres located on the tract.

#### DOG TRAINING

A training area for water dogs is maintained on the area and is open for use by licensed hunters.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

The management program consists of plantings, hedgerows and cover crops to provide food and cover for the upland game species. Principal native species of game are rabbits, grouse and squirrels.

#### WILD TURKEY

The area contains good wild turkey habitat and there are opportunities for spring turkey hunting

#### **DEER**

This area has a good deer herd offering hunting opportunities for both the bow and shotgun enthusiast.

#### **FISHING**

The 30-acre pond is in an advanced stage of succession to a swamp environment Although it is shallow, with abundant aquatic vegetation, anglers can catch sunfish, catfish and an occasional bass. Nearby, the Little Flat Brook is stocked with trout throughout the fishing season.

#### WATERFOWL

The species of waterfowl most commonly harvested in the area are black ducks, mallards and wood ducks Excellent early season hunting is enjoyed by the sportsmen using this tract. Good photographic opportunities exist on the lake as well

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## Hamburg Mountain Wildlife Management Area

The Hamburg Mountain tract is located in Hardyston and Vernon Townships of Sussex County.

Acquisitions began in 1940, and today this area totals 2,442 acres. It is managed primarily for upland game and deer. The tract is heavily forested and very mountainous. Access and parking is limited due to the rough topography of the area.

The tract is administered from the office on the Whittingham Wildlife Management Area

#### **FISHING**

Fishing is available at Franklin Pond Creek which flows along Route 23 on the southern border of the tract, is stocked with trout by the division. Brook, brown and rainbow trout are found here.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

There is excellent squirrel and grouse hunting on this area. Hunting opportunities are good as the area is not heavily used.

#### WILD TURKEY

The area contains good hunting habitat and is not heavily used by spring turkey hunters.

#### **DEER**

This area is natural deer range and is an excellent area for bow and shotgun hunters.

## HAMBURG MOUNTAIN

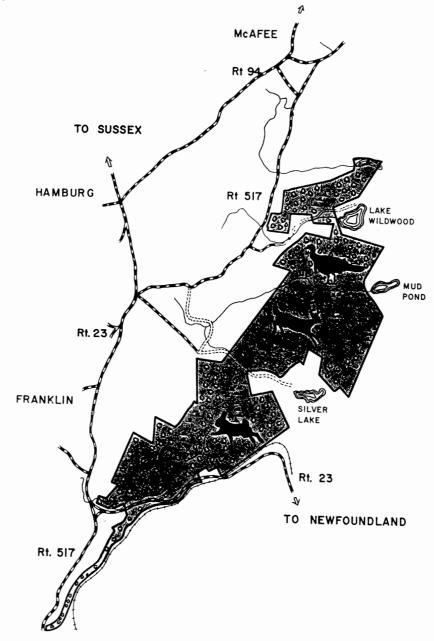
### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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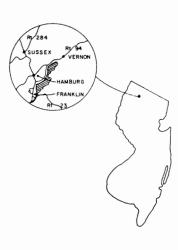
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FRESH MARSH
STREAM
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## Harrisonville Lake Wildlife Management Area

The Harrisonville Lake Wildlife Management Area is located on the Gloucester-Salem County line at Harrisonville and comprises 37 acres including a 30-acre lake with a maximum depth of seven feet.

The tract was purchased under the Green Acres Program in 1964.

The area can be reached by traveling south on Route 45 from Mullica Hill and turning off at Harrisonville; or by traveling north on Route 45 from Woodstown and turning off at Harrisonville

#### **FISHING**

Harrisonville Lake is stocked with trout during the spring and

fall Species present and status of fishery.

Channel catfish—fair
Largemouth bass—good
Chain pickerel—fair
Black crappie—good
Bluegill—good
Pumpkinseed—fair
White perch—fair
Brown bullhead—good
Carp—fair

Cartop boats and electric motors only are permitted Bank fishing is limited to about 35 percent of the shoreline because of some private ownership. Parking space is limited.

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## Heislerville Wildlife Management Area

The Heislerville area consists of 5,700 acres and includes diked haying marshes, impoundments, productive tidal marshes and fertile uplands Located in Cumberland County, the tract takes in most of the area immediately west of Heislerville Access includes Matts Landing, East Point and Thompsons Beach Roads

The tract was purchased in 1956, with money from hunting and fishing license fees 1,000 acres were purchased through the Green Acres Program and assigned to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. 1,620 acres were purchased through the Waterfowl Stamp Program.

Management is directed to improving fish and wildlife habitat, including restoration of tidal productivity on enclosed meadows

The area contains East Point Lighthouse, an old and scenic structure maintained by the Cumberland County Historical Society

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Native pheasant and quail is supplemented by in-season stocking. Hunting is especially good for pheasant, rabbit, quail and woodcock.

#### DEER

Deer are not plentiful but are increasing in numbers. Bow and shotgun hunters are welcome to use the area

#### **FISHING**

The Maurice River and the tidal creeks offer fishing for white perch, catfish and striped bass. There is also bow fishing for carp Crabs, weakfish, bluefish, fluke, sea bass, black drum and sharks are abundant in Delaware Bay Party and rental boats and boat launching ramps are available along the Maurice River.

#### WATERFOWL

Three ponds created by impoundments and the low Cadwalader tidal marshes attract thousands of nesting, migrating and wintering waterfowl. Black duck hunting is superb here along with green-winged teal, widgeon, gadwall, mallard and pintail Gallinule also nest and are harvested in the three impoundments. Thousands of wintering snow geese attract considerable numbers of birdwatchers and photographers.

#### **BIRDWATCHING**

The Heislerville Wildlife Management Area is a prime area to observe migrating shorebirds. Thompsons Beach and Moores Beach are the sites of horseshoe crab spawning, and principal feeding grounds for red knots, ruddy turnstones, dunlin and semi-palmated sandpipers during May of each year.

Peregrine falcons have been residing in the nesting towers

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### **Higbee Beach**

Higbee Beach is located on the southern tip of New Jersey in Lower Township, Cape May County The beach is on Delaware Bay, south of the Cape May Canal The area is accessible from New England Road on the north and Sunset Boulevard on the south and is approximately 4.5 miles from the southern end of the Garden State Parkway. This management area consists of 634 acres of beach front, dunes, marsh, woodlands, fields and ponds.

The beach front extends for one and one-half miles along Delaware Bay from the Cape May Canal toward Sunset Boulevard No more than 30 yards at its widest, the beach builds during the summer due to tidal action and erodes in winter with storm A unique geological feature of Higbee is the occurrence of quartz pebbles known as "Cape May diamonds" on the beach These semi-precious stones are a great tourist attraction and were once so common that Higbee was called "Diamond Beach"

Behind the beach lies a unique natural dune system. The inland dunes rise to over twenty feet in some places and are stabilized by a well-developed low forest of holly, red cedar, beach plum, honeysuckle and Virginia creeper. Beyond the dunes is an extensive low-lying freshwater marsh, Pond Creek Meadow, containing vestiges of salt marsh habitat. The upper portion of the meadow is dominated by cattail, royal fern, and associated vegetation, common reed (*Phragmites communis*) is presently the dominant plant in the meadow.

The wooded upland adjacent to the meadow is composed primarily of oaks, holly, bayberry, and in low-lying areas, red maple and black locust. The understory is fairly dense and provides ideal cover for migratory birds, especially woodcock. Approximately 45 acres of fields located in the north of the area are kept in early successional vegetation.

#### **OPEN WATERS**

One freshwater pond, created originally as a gravel pit, supports a variety of fish species and provides for freshwater fishing recreation. Davey's Lake, a four and one-half acre lake located within the dune system, is a focal point for water birds and other wildlife using the area.

The beach continues to be a popular area for surf fishing on Delaware Bay A jetty on the north end of the beach provides additional fishing opportunities

#### WILDLIFE

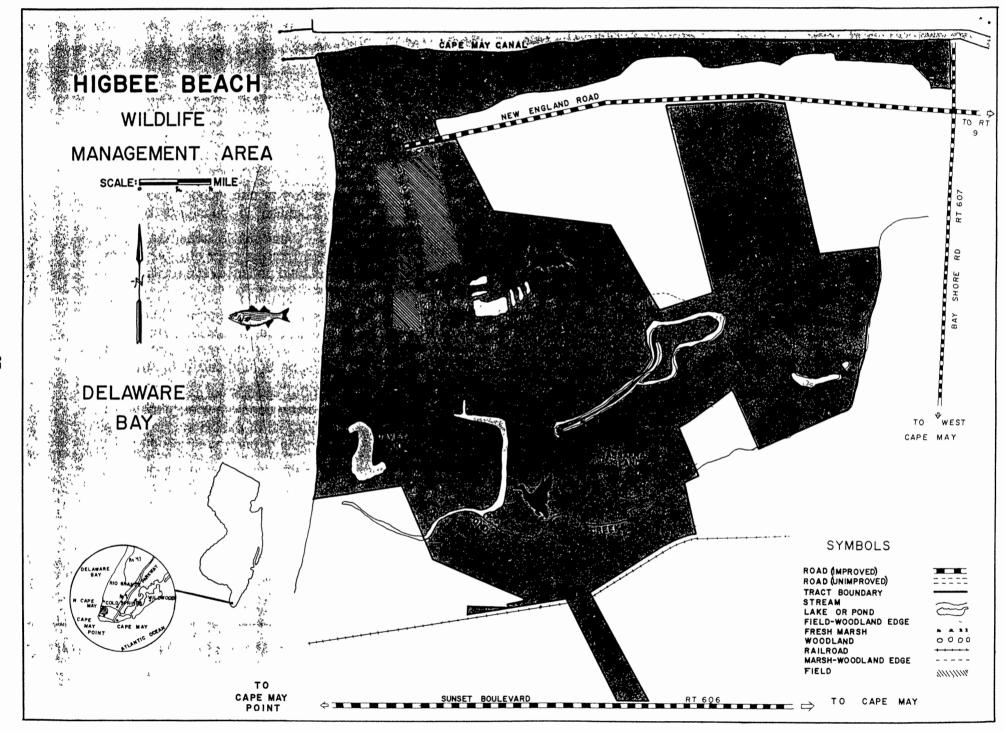
Higbee Beach was acquired to preserve habitat essential for the migration of endangered birds and other species. It is unique in the number of individuals and variety of species of birds migrating through in the spring and fall. The Cape May region is recognized as an important bird migration pathway, and consequently is one of the top ten birding areas in the country. During the fall migration, coastal geography leads birds to the southern tip of the state, to Delaware Bay. At this point of land birds concentrate before crossing the bay. Higbee shares in Cape May's notoriety, providing essential habitat for birds migrating along the Atlantic coast.

Approximately 250 species of birds are known to use the area sometime during the year. Seventeen species of birds frequenting the area are presently listed as endangered or threatened, including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, osprey, Cooper's hawk, and barred owl Upwards of 50,000 raptors annually migrate through this area, as well as millions of songbirds

In addition to the extensive bird use, the diversity of freshwater and upland habitats supports a variety of reptiles and amphibians, including the endangered Eastern tiger salamander and southern gray treefrog Upland and dune areas host an abundance of cottontail rabbits, and the forest holds migrating and wintering woodcock.

Higbee is heavily used by the public throughout the year, especially for its wildlife value. Birding and fishing are the most popular activities, but beach use, nature walking, freshwater fishing and hunting are frequent uses

Regulations affecting use by birders and sportsmen in the fall vary from those in effect in other wildlife management Areas. Fall users are encouraged to contact the division for details



## Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area

The Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area is located north of High Bridge and east of Route 513, in Hunterdon County It is one of the most picturesque of all the wildlife management areas

The area known as "Ken Lockwood Gorge", a distance of approximately two and one-half miles, is a portion of the South Branch of the Raritan River.

The gorge is open to fly-fishing only from April to November and is closed to all fishing on days that the area is stocked. (Check the fresh water fishing issue of the *Fish and Wildlife Digest* for specific regulations)

The tract was purchased in 1948. Today this area comprises about 260 acres of woodland and fields. Over one-half of the tract was obtained through the State Green Acres Program, the remainder of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees.

This area is managed primarily for fishing, upland game, and deer. The road through the gorge can be hazardous at certain times of the year.

No swimming or camping is permitted on the Ken Lockwood Gorge area at any time

#### **DEER**

A growing deer herd presently offers bow and shotgun enthusiasts ample hunting opportunities

#### **UPLAND GAME**

In the upland portion of the tract, good grouse and squirrel hunting opportunities are available.

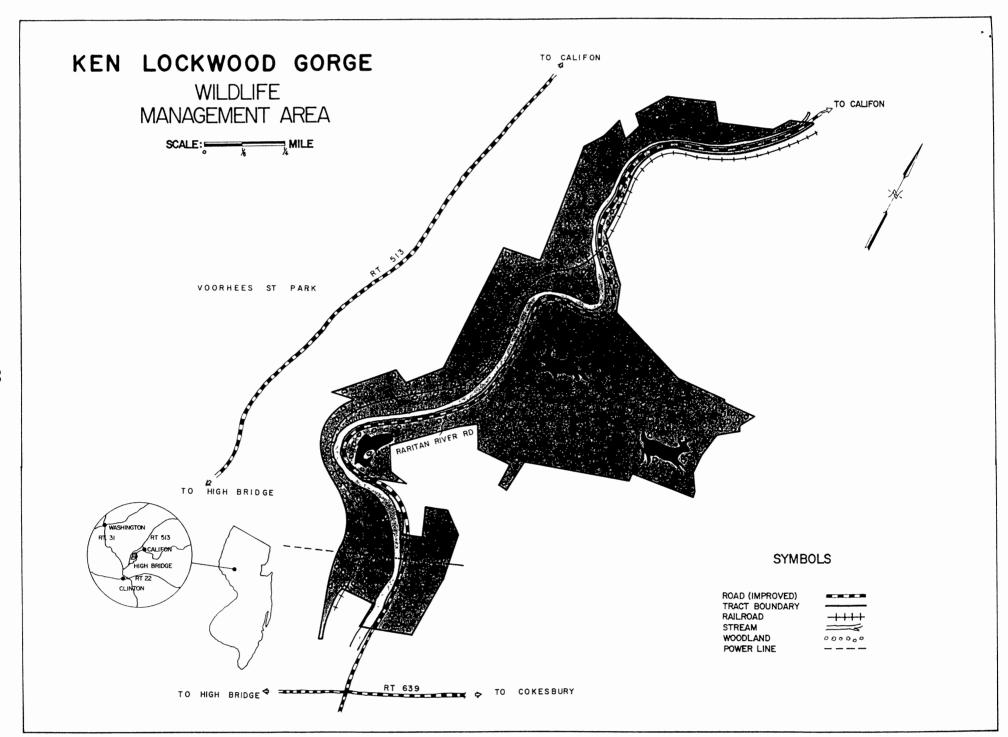
#### **FISHING**

More than ten species of fish are present in this portion of the Raritan. The species found in greatest abundance are brook, brown and rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, rock bass and sunfish

Trout are stocked throughout the spring and in the fall Special regulations apply to the trout fishery—consult current fishing laws for details.

#### RECREATION

The area is maintained and supported by the license money of the sportsmen of the State. The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife welcomes all citizens to make use of the area for wildlife oriented recreational activities such as bird watching, hiking and photography



# Lester G. MacNamara Wildlife Management Area (Formerly Tuckahoe-Corbin City)

The Lester G. MacNamara Tract is one of the oldest areas owned by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. Purchase of 12,377 acres was begun in 1933 with funds from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. In 1965, under the Green Acres Program, 61 additional acres were added to the tract. An additional 899 acres were purchased through the Waterfowl Stamp Program Today the area contains 13,337 acres in Atlantic and Cape May counties

The tract is located east of Tuckahoe on Rt 50 There are six lakes created by impoundments in addition to managed areas for many game species.

#### OFFICE

The office is located on a double lane, off Tuckahoe—Marmora Road A sign at the entrance identifies the area

A dog training area and a hunter training range consisting of clay bird shooting and archery area is available for use by licensed hunters.

#### LAUNCHING RAMP

A boat ramp is located on the Tuckahoe portion of the tract. It provides access to Great Egg Habor River and Bay.

#### **FISHING**

There is excellent fresh and salt water fishing on the tract The principal fresh water species are largemouth bass, pickerel, yellow perch, sunfish and eel. In salt water, the major species are white perch, striped bass, fluke and flounder.

#### WATERFOWL

The salt marsh and waterfowl impoundments are excellent duck and goose wintering areas. Black ducks, teal, wood ducks and mallards are the species most frequently found on this tract. This tract provides some of the finest waterfowl hunting in the state

#### **UPLAND GAME**

There is hunting, for rabbit, quail, squirrel and woodcock on this tract. In addition, pheasants are stocked during the season.

#### **TRAPPING**

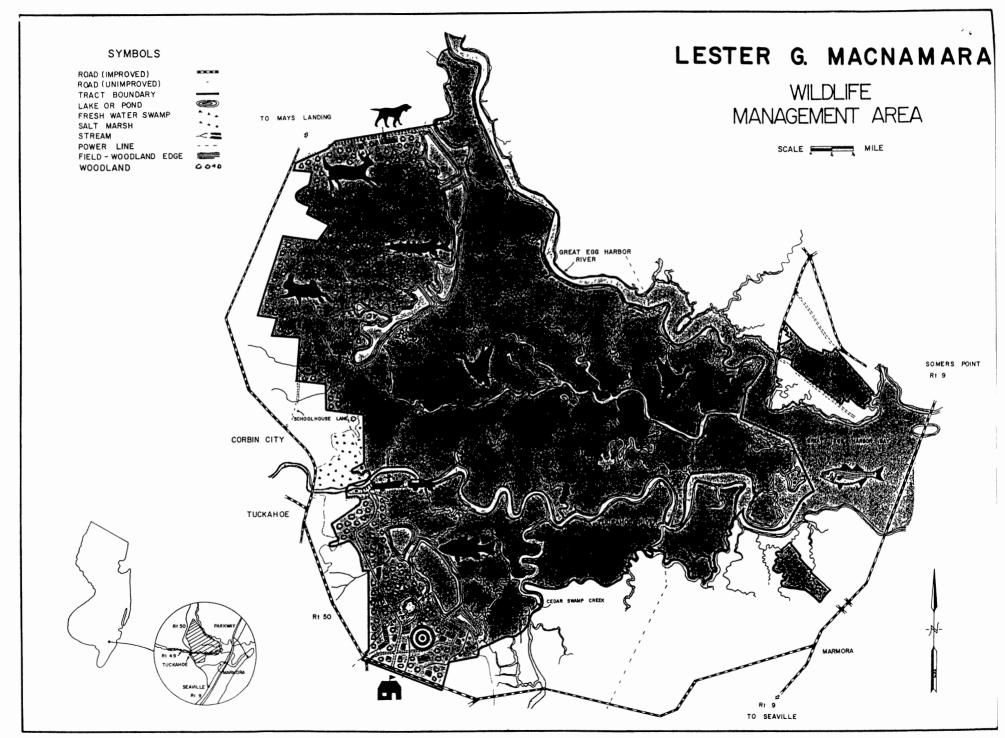
Muskrats and mink offer excellent opportunity for trapping on the marshes of this area. It is one of the better tracts for this type of recreation

#### DEER

This area is deer range, and a herd is found on the tract. Upland portions are fair deer areas.

#### RECREATION

This salt marsh tract is an excellent area for bird watching. There is an abundance of birds of all species here. During the migration season, thousands of sandpipers, knots, dowitchers, curlews, willets, plovers, turnstones and yellowlegs feed and rest in the area. Also present are gulls, terns, skinners, American bitterns, egrets and herons, yellow rail, black rail, Virginia rail, coot, grebes, loons and an occasional bald eagle migrate through this area.



# Mad Horse Creek Wildlife Management Area

The Mad Horse Creek tract, located south of Canton in Salem County, is one of the state's better waterfowl hunting areas.

Acquisition of the area was begun in 1957. Today this tract comprises 7,670 acres of tidal marsh and a small portion of upland habitat. About 3,139 acres of the tract were purchased with Federal Aid-to-Wildlife Funds; the remainder of the area was purchased under the Green Acres Program and through the Waterfowl Stamp Program and then assigned to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife

The tract is maintained by the Bureau of Wildlife Management primarily for waterfowl and upland hunting and as a resting area for ducks during their migration. Muskrat trapping is permitted on the area during the open season.

### **TRAPPING**

Muskrat trapping is permitted on the area during the open season

#### **BOAT RAMP**

A boat ramp and launching site is available at Mad Horse Creek. This ramp provides access to the tract and to the Delaware Bay.

### **FISHING**

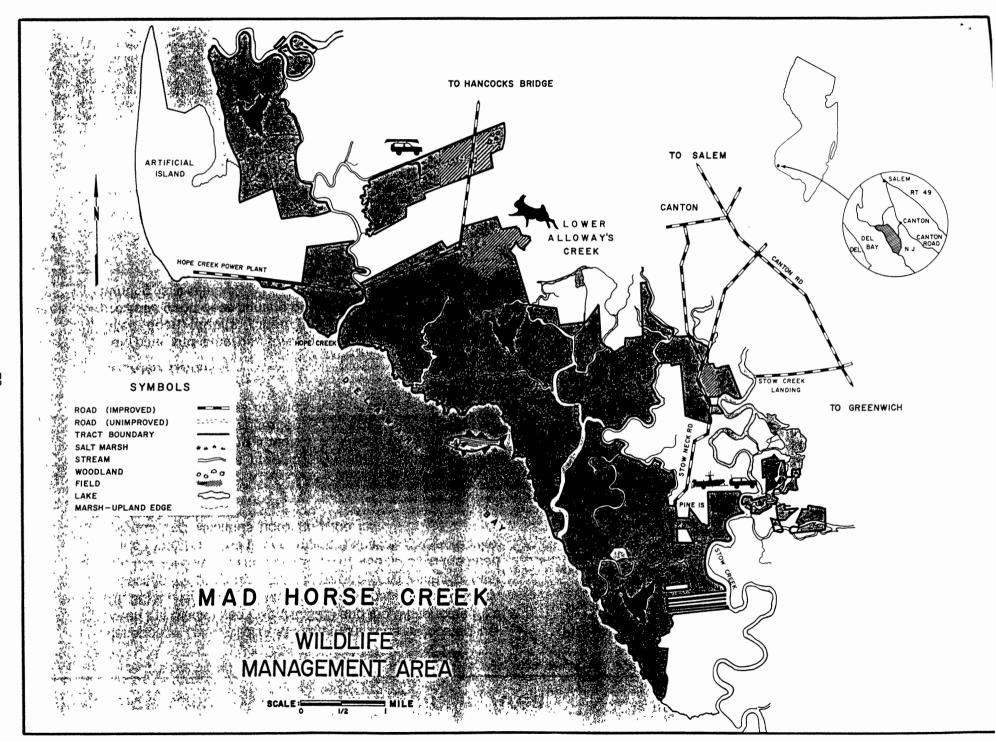
Salt water fishing opportunities are very good in the streams and creeks within the tract and in the Delaware Bay. The major species of fish present in the area are striped bass and white perch.

### WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunting is very good in this area. The species found most often are black duck, mallard, blue and greenwinged teal and gadwall. In the early portion of the season, Canada goose hunting opportunities are excellent.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

There is a small area of upland habitat which supports good quail, pheasant and rabbit hunting. Pheasants are also available through the division's program of in-season stocking



### Makepeace Lake Wildlife Management Area

Makepeace Lake Wildlife Management Area is located between the Blackhorse Pike (Rt. 322) and the Whitehorse Pike (Rt. 30) in Hamilton and Mullica Townships, Atlantic County. Access to the property is from Elmwood-Weymouth Rd. near Egg Harbor City. The property spans 7,458 acres in the heart of the Pinelands The tract contains a shallow 300 acre lake, uplands and wetlands bordering the lake

### WATERFOWL

The lake supports a breeding population of black ducks and wood ducks, and a variety of waterfowl winter on the lake or use it during migration. A car-top launch is available for waterfowl hunters or anglers.

### **UPLAND GAME**

Oak/pine and pine/oak forests provide habitat for whitetailed deer, rabbits, ruffed grouse and quail. The area provides good deer hunting opportunities, and small game hunting is available.

### **FISHING**

The impoundment was a source of water for cranberry bogs, and is a shallow 3 to 4 feet. Fish populations are limited to pickerel and catfish. Car-top boats may be launched from Elwood-Weymouth Rd

### **TRAPPING**

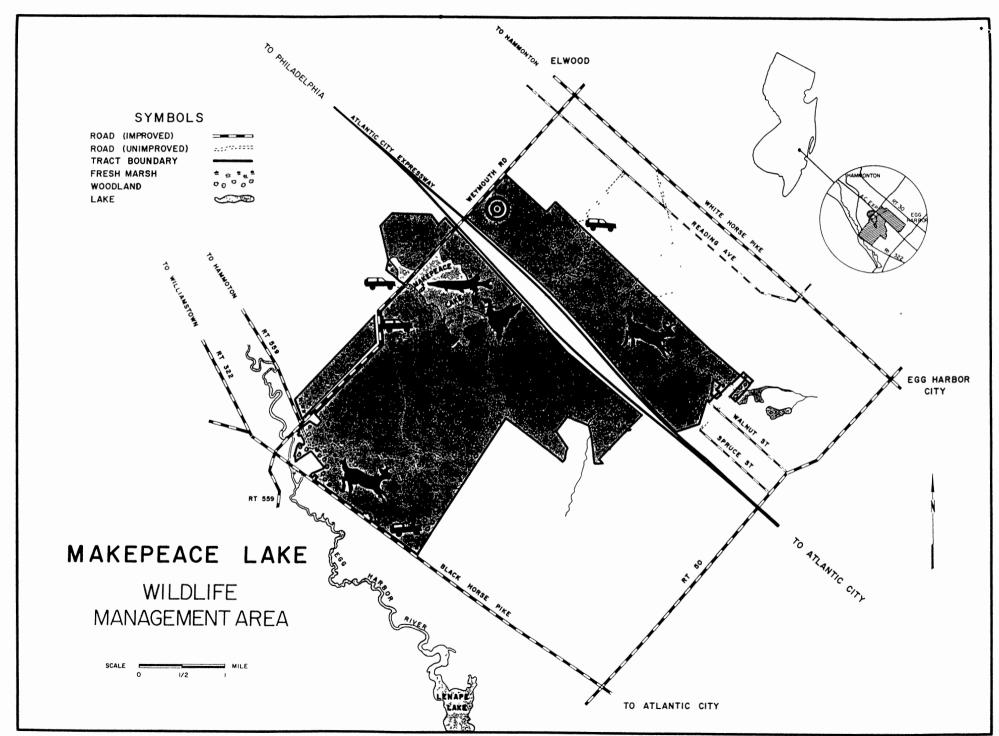
Beaver and otter are found in the area. Consult division offices for information on permits.

### BIRDWATCHING AND RECREATION

Unique pinelands vegetation and herptiles, including Pine Barrens treefrogs, are found on the tract. Warblers and other songbirds in migration can be seen along the lake edge and in wetland and upland habitats.

### SHOOTING RANGE

A rifle range is available for target practice.



# Manahawkin Wildlife Management Area

The Manahawkin tract, located east of Manahawkin and north of Route 72, is one of the older wildlife management areas.

Acquisition began in 1933, and today this area totals about 965 acres of woodland, fields, and salt marsh.

### **UPLAND GAME**

The most important native species are cottontail rabbit and quail. Other species found are grouse, squirrel and woodcock. Pheasant are stocked during the season to provide additional hunting opportunities.

#### DEER

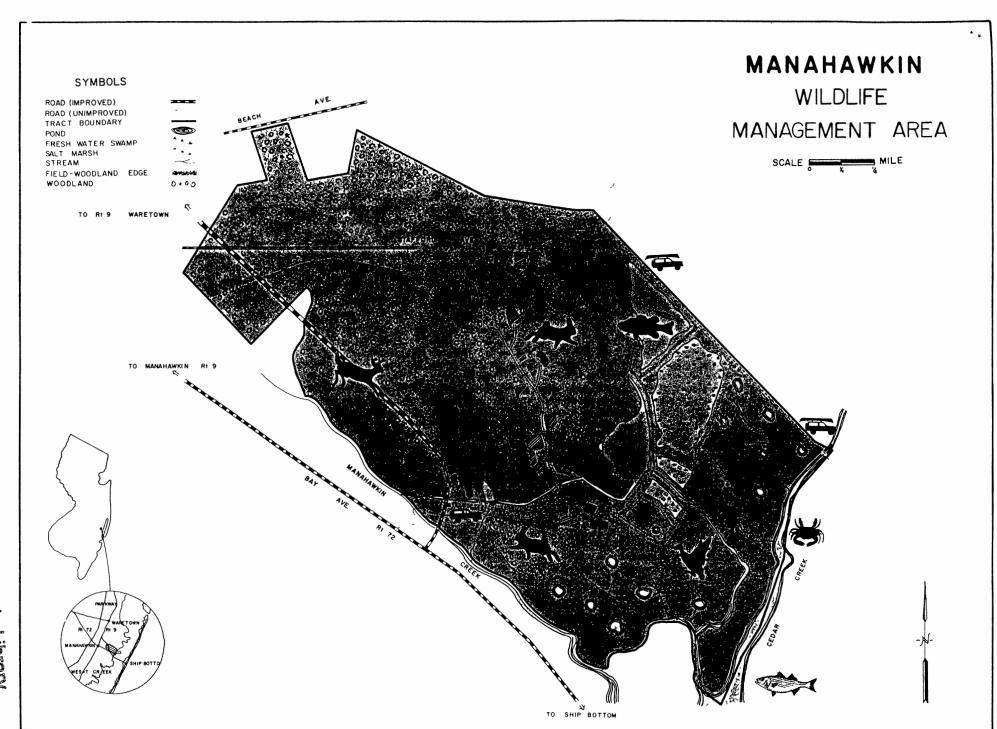
A growing deer herd presently offers bow and gun enthusiasts ample hunting opportunities.

### WATERFOWL

Four ponds have been constructed on the tract. These ponds were originally set up to study mosquitoes in shallow salt water impoundments. Today the ponds attract many species of waterfowl to the area. These are black duck, mallard, widgeon and teal. Some geese are also present early in the season.

### **FISHING**

The impounded area within the tract provides limited fishing for largemouth bass. Cedar Creek, accessible from Stafford Avenue, offers excellent crabbing, as well as fishing for white perch, snapper blues and eels.



### Manasquan River Wildlife Management Area

This area is located in Ocean and Monmouth counties and it comprises 753 acres purchased with Green Acres funds in 1973. This area is primarily managed for upland game and trout fishing on the Manasquan River.

Access to this area is provided by Route 524 from the north to Ramshorn Drive, from Point Pleasant north on Ramshorn Drive, and from the west Route 549.

### DOG TRAINING

The division has designated an area on this tract for dog training between May 1 and August 31. During the remainding months of the year, you may run your dog on the entire tract.

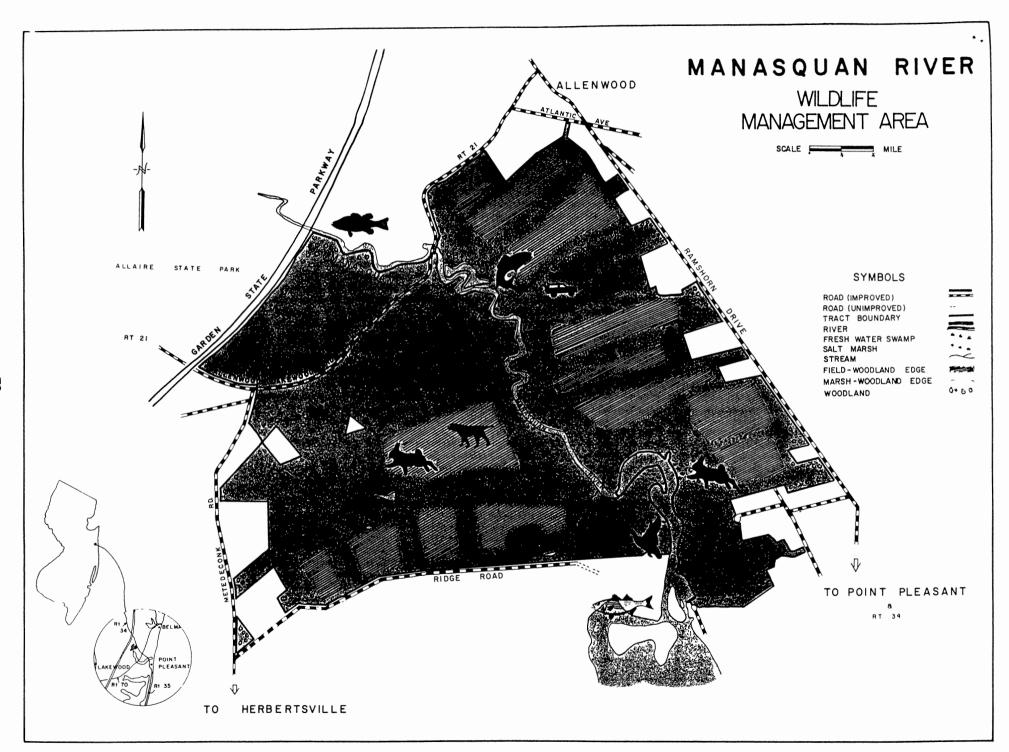
### HUNTING

Limited upland game hunting because of the surrounding developed areas. Game includes rabbit, quail and squirrel

The division also stocks pheasants during the hunting season on this tract

### **FISHING**

Trout are stocked in the Manasquan. Eels, catfish, white perch, and bluegills are found in the impoundment



### Manchester Wildlife Management Area

The Manchester Tract, located in Ocean County on the Beckerville road between Route 539 and Route 70, consists of 2,376 acres. Most of the upland is composed of pitch pine and scrub oak. The lowland is cedar swamp.

With the exception of 90 acres purchased through the State Green Acres Program, the remainder of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees.

### DEER

This area has a substantial deer herd throughout the year

offering excellent hunting for both the bow and shotgun enthusiast.

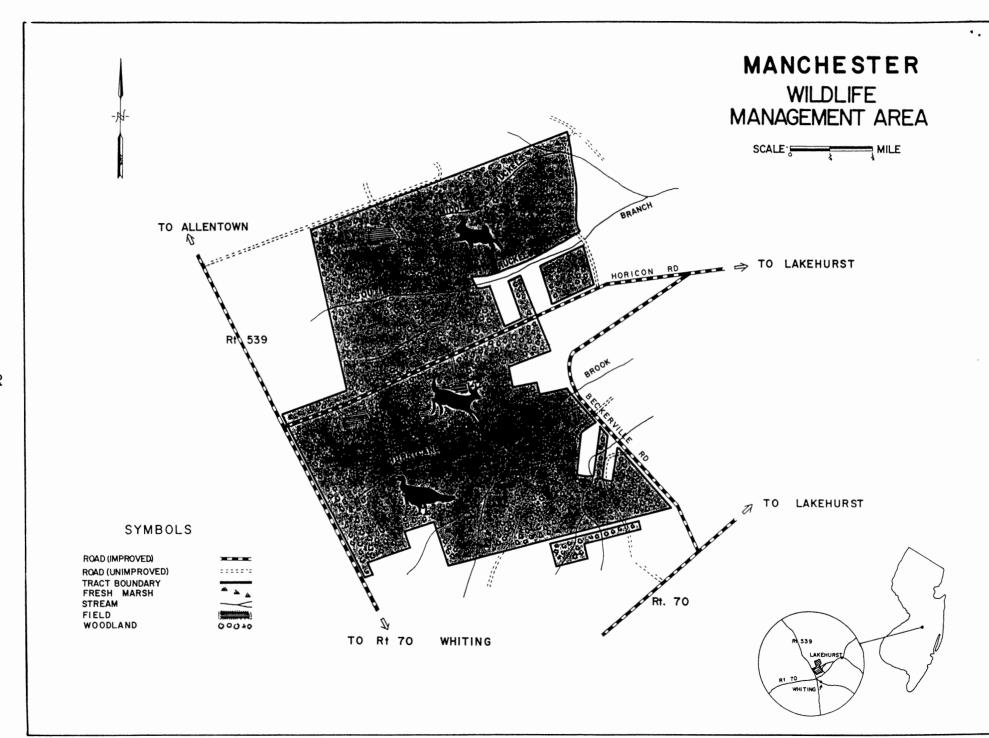
The area contains one five-acre field which is managed for wildlife.

### **UPLAND GAME**

Principal native species are grouse, rabbits and quail.

### WILD TURKEY

Turkeys have been released into the area and spring turkey hunting opportunities exist.



### Maskells Mill Pond Wildlife Management Area

The Maskells Mill Pond Wildlife Management Area is located in Salem County about two miles north and east of Canton on county road No. 58. This area is best approached from Canton on county road No 54, then right onto county road No 58 It can also be reached by proceeding south on county road No 59 out of Salem, then onto county road No. 58 into the tract

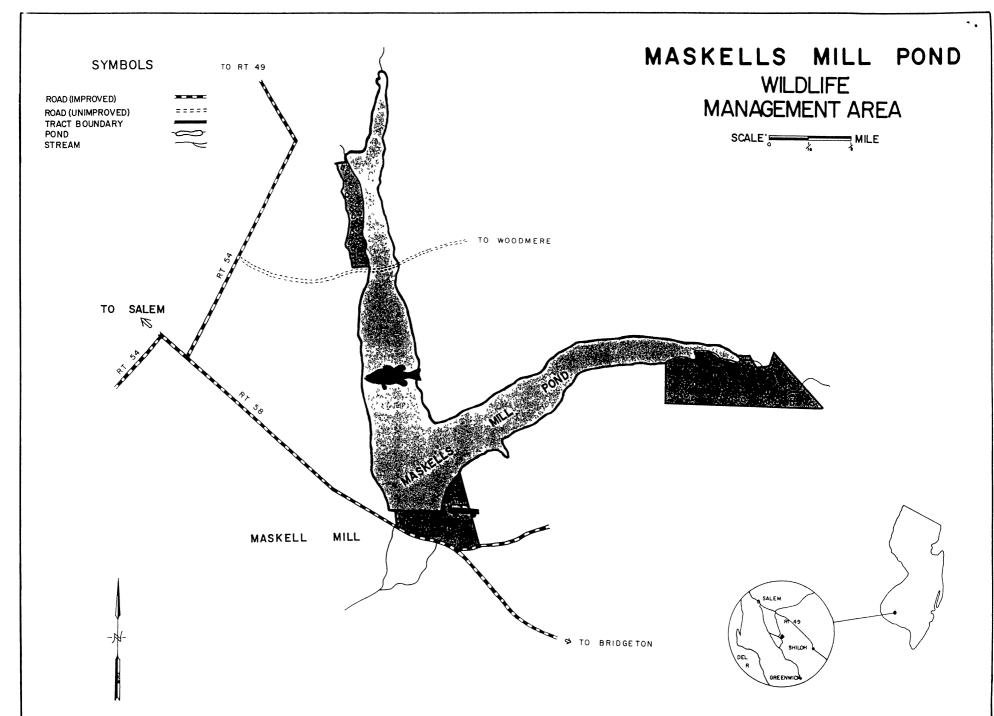
The area consists of 47 acres including a 33 acre pond with a depth of above five feet. This acreage was acquired in 1958 by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife with money from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

### **FISHING**

Species present and status of fishery

Largemouth bass—poor Chain pickerel—good Yellow bullhead—good Black crappie—fair Pumpkinseed—good Bluegill—good American eel—good Carp—poor

Cartop boats and electric motors only are permitted Bank fishing is available on about 10 percent of the shoreline Parking on the tract is limited



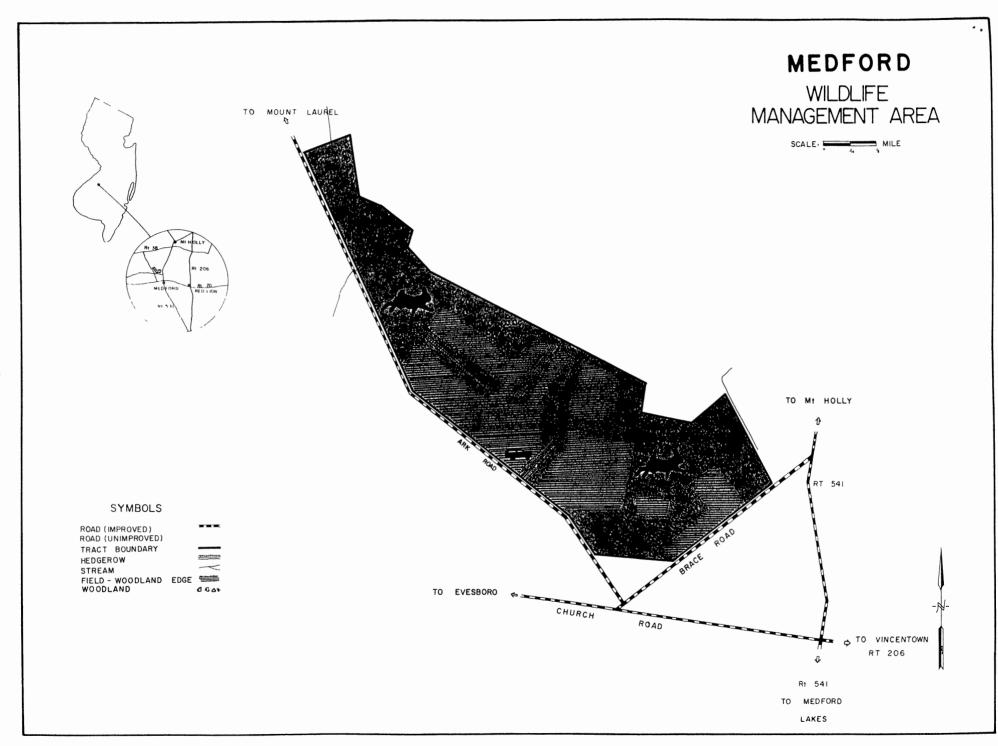
### **Medford Wildlife Management Area**

The Medford Tract was purchased by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife in 1936. This tract, 214 acres in area, is located in Medford Township in Burlington County.

### **UPLAND GAME**

There is rabbit and quail hunting to be found in the woods

and fields The management program consists of plantings, hedgerows and cover crops to provide good upland habitat In addition to rabbits and quail, some ruffed grouse are found in the woodlands. The Division's stocking program also provides in-season pheasant releases for additional hunting recreation.



### Menantico Ponds Wildlife Management Area

The Menantico Sand Ponds compromise about 295 acres of lake surface and land area in Cumberland County managed by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife This area was purchased in 1961 with money from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses

This area is reached by an access road off Route 49 just east of the town of Millville. The access road is just beyond the Menantico Creek crossing.

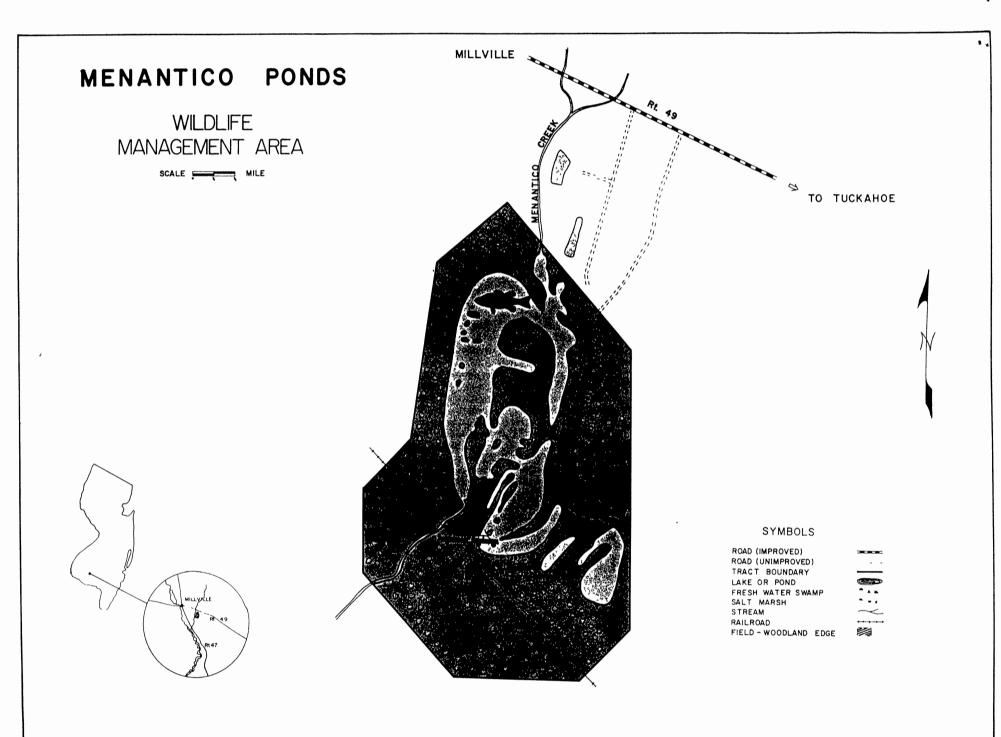
### **FISHING**

This series of sand ponds, with depths of up to 40 feet, supports a varied fish population

Species present and status of fishery as follows

Largemouth bass—fair
Eastern chain pickerel—good
Bluegill—fair
Pumpkinseed—good
White catfish—poor
Brown bullhead—good
White and yellow perch—good
Black crappie—fair
Carp—good

Cartop boats, with electric motors only, are permitted. Follow access road off Route 49 to boat ramp Bank fishing is permitted on Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife land areas.



### Nantuxent Wildlife Management Area

The Nantuxent Wildlife Management Area is located in Cumberland County four miles west of Cedarville. The area can be reached by following Bay Point Road from the center of town to the first crossroad where a left turn leads into the area. This tract has a total of 916 acres of which approximately 800 acres are marshland. The upland portion is farmland and offers the small game hunter excellent opportunities for pheasants, rabbits and quail

This tract was purchased with federal aid to wildlife funds, except for 129 acres purchased through the State Green Acres Program.

### WATERFOWL

The large marshland area in this tract offers the waterfowl hunter excellent hunting opportunities. Principal species are black duck, teal, mallard, pintail and geese

### **UPLAND GAME**

The upland portion of the area is managed to provide the maximum food and cover for wildlife. Native species on the area include rabbits, pheasant and quail. In-season liberation of pheasant offer additional hunting opportunities

#### DEER

The area offers a limited amount of deer hunting for both the shotgun and bow enthusiast

### **TRAPPING**

The mink and muskrat population on the area offers trapping opportunities during the winter months.

### **New Sweden Wildlife Management Area**

New Sweden Wildlife Management Area, consisting of 1,409 acres, is located between Delaware Bay, Pier Point Creek and Back Creek in Fairfield Township, Cumberland County It is southeast of Bridgeton near the town of Fairton. 546 acres of tidal wetlands were donated by the Nature Conservancy, the remainder of the area was acquired through the Waterfowl Stamp Program. The property is accessible by boat from private marinas at Husted Landing and Bay Point.

### WATERFOWL

Tidal wetlands provide excellent habitat for waterfowl, and good wintering and migrant populations of black duck and snow geese are found

### **FISHING**

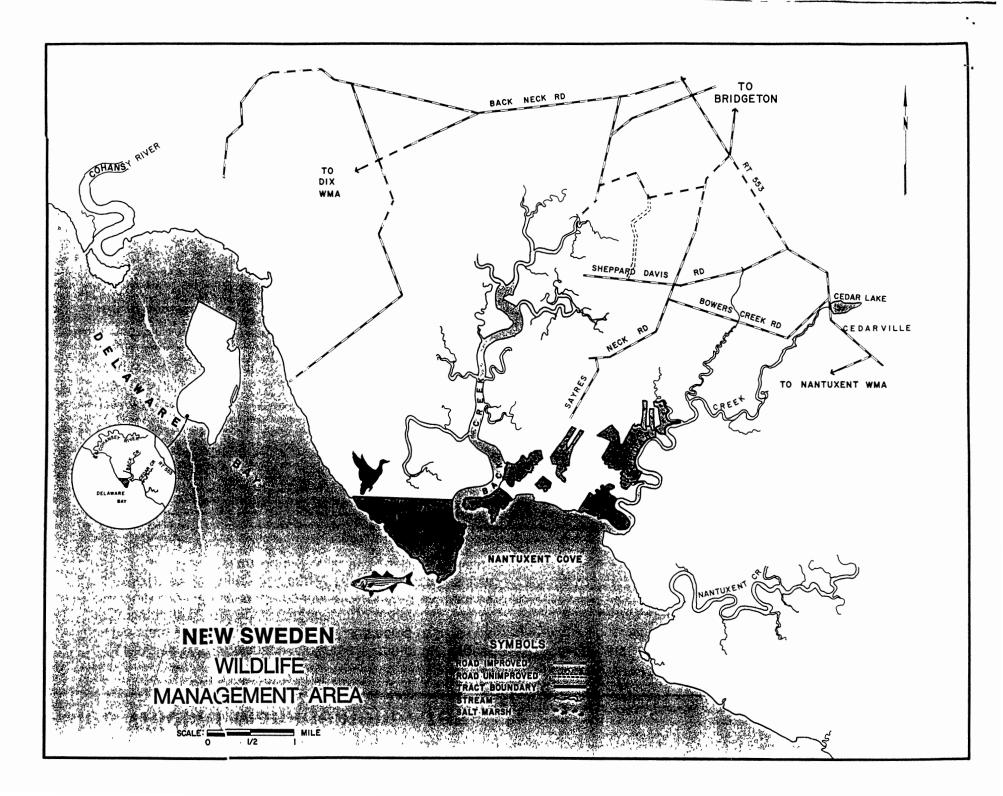
Salt water fishing opportunities are good in the creeks and Delaware Bay. The major species sought are striped bass, weakfish, white perch, and bluefish. Blue crabs are also found in the salt water portions of the tract.

### **BIRDWATCHING**

During low tides, birdwatchers can expect to find a variety of shorebirds during migration and nesting season

### **TRAPPING**

The tidal marshes provide good habitat for muskrats, and there are opportunities for trapping.



### Peaslee Wildlife Management Area

The Peaslee Wildlife Management Area is one of the largest in the state comprising more than 17,988 acres of pine-oak woodlands and low-lands bordering the upper reaches of the Tuckahoe River in Cumberland County. This tract is located between Routes 522 and 49, about seven miles east of Millville. The eastern boundary is the Tuckahoe River.

Acquisition of the area was begun in October 1954. 4,276 acres have been purchased through the Green Acres Program, the remainder of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees and Pinelands Acquisition Funds.

### DEER

This tract attracts and holds a sizable deer herd throughout the year. The planting of wildlife food and cover crops has resulted in some of the best deer hunting to be found in the State.

### **UPLAND GAME**

Developmental activities have resulted in the clearing of 20

fields, with a total of 150 acres of wildlife food and cover plantings. Quail, cottontail rabbits and grouse are common on the tract. Quail are stocked during the hunting season

### WILD TURKEY

Turkeys have been released into the area and spring turkey hunting opportunities exist in the area.

### WATERFOWL

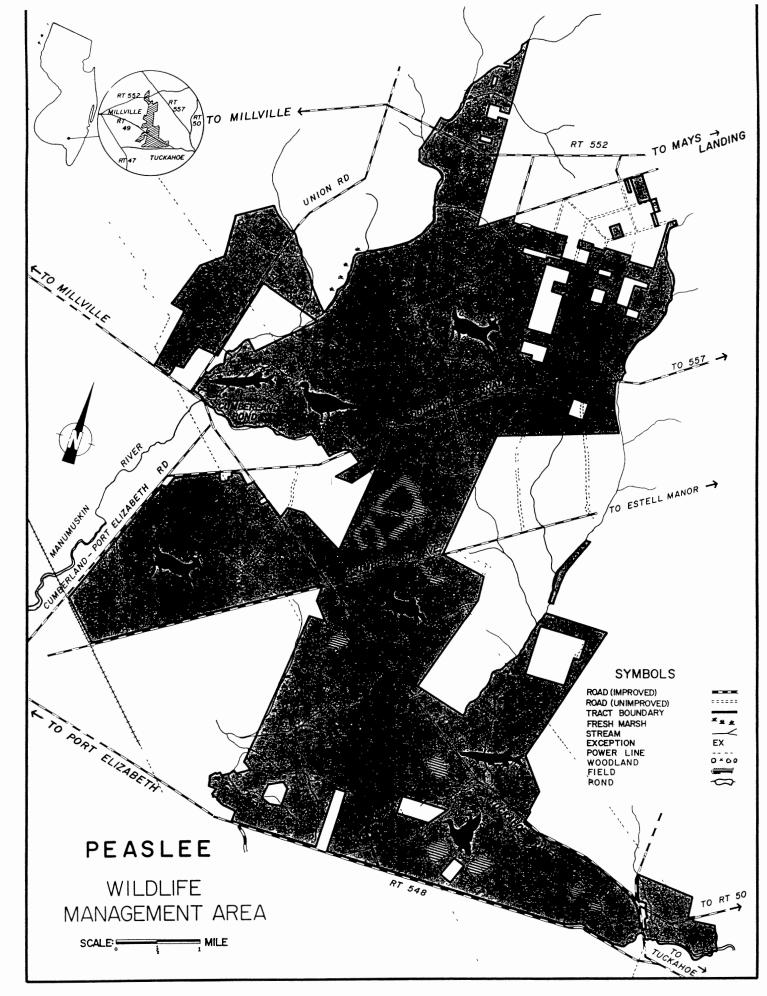
The old April Cranberry Bogs and the Tuckahoe River provide excellent wood duck hunting.

#### **FISHING**

Due to the loss of Bennetts Mills and most of the April Bogs, there is a limited amount of freshwater fishing available When these impoundments are restored, pickerel and bass fishing will be available

#### QUAIL MANAGEMENT AREA

The division has cleared and planted a quail management area on the Peaslee tract. This area is popular with quail hunters who enjoy working their dogs with both native and stocked quail.



### **Pequest Wildlife Management Area**

The Pequest tract, located near the town of Oxford, Warren County, is one of the better trout fishing areas in the state. The area is managed primarily for upland game and fishing. There is good access to the tract along the road and from the railroad.

Acquisition of the tract began in 1956. The area totals 1,612 acres of woodlands and fields. Over 1,400 acres were purchased through the Green Acres Program and assigned to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, and the remainder of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees

The Pequest Trout Hatchery, a cold-water facility, is used to raise brook, brown, and rainbow trout. (The hatchery at Hackettstown is now used to raise warm-water fish; it will also house fish received from other states so as to minimize the chances of introducing disease to the trout at Pequest). Unlike the surface-fed raceways at Hackettstown, the new facility uses water pumped from wells. The well system is easier to control and safeguard against pollution or chemical accidents. Because of the high volume of water constantly being pumped through the system, the new hatchery requires fewer people to raise as many fish (of a more uniform size) in a smaller area.

The Natural Resource Education Center has guided hatchery tours and slide shows for groups, and is open to the public each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Visitors can feed the fish and see how they're raised.

### RECREATION

A natural resource trail and hiking trail are available during spring, summer and fall months. Good overlooks on the tract provide hawk watching opportunities each fall

### **FISHING**

The Pequest River flows through the tract. In this area the river is approximately 60 feet wide, having a maximum depth of six feet. There are over ten species of fish found in the river. Those species found in greatest abundance are brook, brown, and rainbow trout, American eel, sunfish, suckers and dace. Trout are stocked throughout the spring and in the fall. Special regulations apply to a portion of the Pequest River—consult current fishing laws for details

### DEER

A good deer herd presently offers the bow and shotgun enthusiast ample hunting opportunities

### **UPLAND GAME**

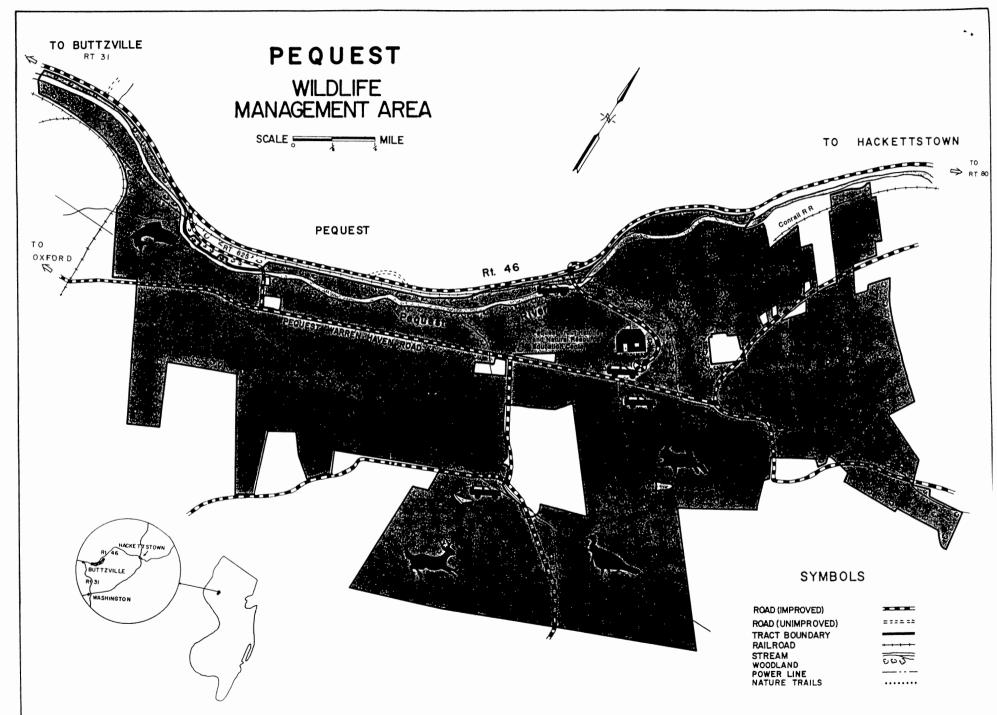
The principal native species in the area are rabbit, grouse and squirrel. Excellent hunting opportunities for those species are found on the tract. In season this area is stocked with quail only

#### **HUNTER EDUCATION**

An archery training area is maintained on the tract for use by licensed hunters.

### **WILD TURKEY**

There is good hunting habitat on the tract and opportunities exist for spring turkey hunting.



### Pork Island Wildlife Management Area

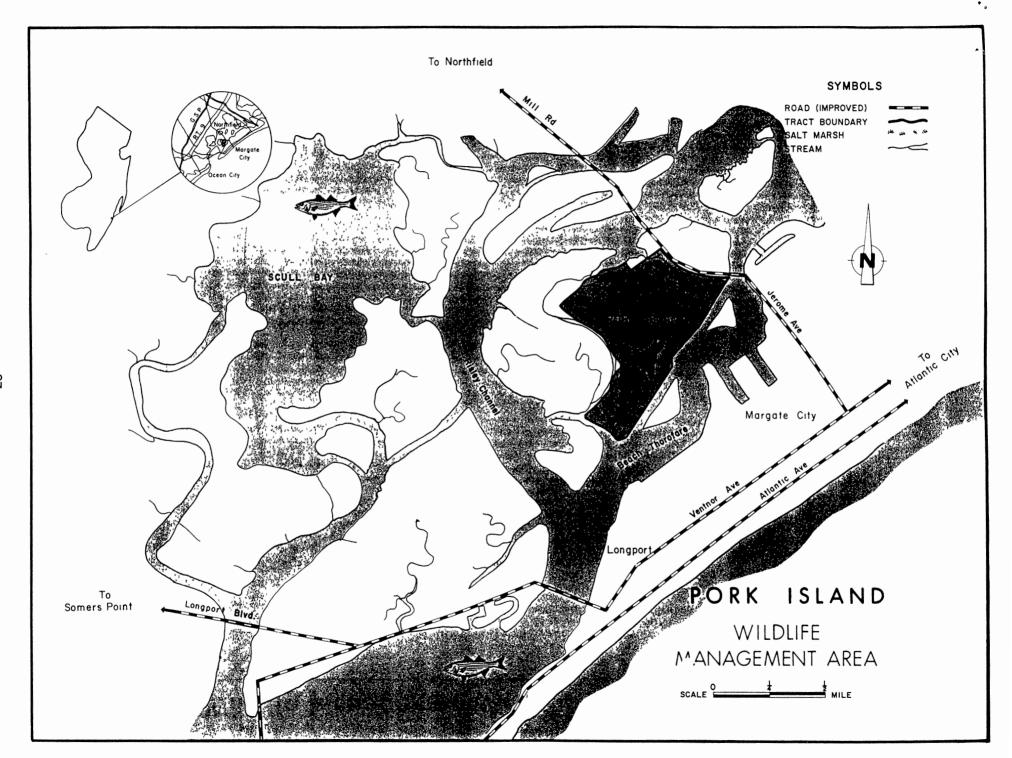
Located in Atlantic County, this 197 acre wildlife management area is easily accessible from Margate Bridge Road.

### FISHING AND CRABBING

Saltwater fishing and crabbing are excellent in the coastal bay and estuary Species present include striped bass, weakfish, fluke, flounder, sea bass, bluefish and tautog. There are several boat liveries and ramps available in the area.

### **WATERFOWL**

Waterfowl hunting for brant and black duck is excellent on the marshes. Additionally, the property provides nesting for wading birds as well as ducks



### Port Republic Wildlife Management Area

The Port Republic tract, located north of Port Republic and west of the Garden State Parkway in Atlantic County was acquired in 1962 and assigned to the Divsion of Fish, Game and Wildlife for management. The area contains 755 acres. Three quarters of this tract is salt-marsh; the remaining area is upland-field habitat

### **UPLAND GAME**

The upland game program on the tract consists of food patches, hedgerows and cover crop plantings. The principal native species are rabbit, quail and squirrel. Woodcock provide excellent hunting opportunities during the fall migration. Pheasants are available through the division's program of in-season stocking.

### WILD TURKEY

Turkeys have been released into the area and limited opportunities exist for spring turkey hunting

### **FISHING**

Salt water fishing is excellent in the Mullica River, which is adjacent to the tract. Striped bass and white perch are the fish most sought after by fishermen in the area. In the winter months, ice fishing for white perch in Collins Cove is very popular Launching ramps and rental boats are available in the surrounding area.

### DEER

The area offers a limited amount of deer hunting for both the shotgun and bow enthusiast

### WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunting is good on the salt marsh area Black ducks and teal are the most abundant species of waterfowl found in the area.

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SCALE MILE

The Prospertown Lake Wildlife Management Area comprising 125 acres in Ocean County is located along Route 537 near Prospertown From Freehold, this area can be reached by traveling southwest on Route 537 to the access road into the tract. From Mt. Holly, this area is accessible by traveling northeast on Route 537 to the access road above Prospertown.

### **FISHING**

The lake area is about 80 acres with a maximum depth of about eight feet

The lake is stocked during the trout season primarily with brook trout. Other species present and status of fishery

Largemouth bass—good Black crappie—good

Bluegill—good Pumpkinseed—good Brown bullhead—good

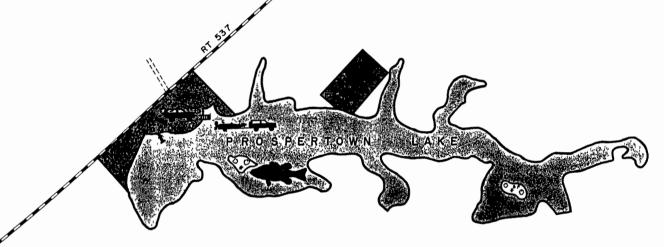
Cartop boats are permitted but no motors. There is a ramp on the lake. Bank fishing is permitted on approximately 15 percent of the lake because of private ownership in this area.

A fishing pier is available for disabled persons in wheel-chairs.

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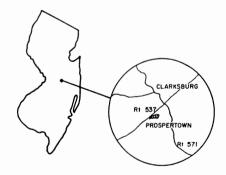
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# PROSPERTOWN LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



### **Round Valley Reservoir Angler Access**

Round Valley Reservoir is located in Hunterdon County approximately one-half mile south of the town of Lebanon. It is easily reached from Trenton and southern New Jersey via Route 31, and from Somerville, New Brunswick and the northeastern metropolitan areas via Route 78 or Route 22

#### **FISHING**

Round Valley Reservoir is New Jersey's finest trout lake and is designated as a Trophy Trout Fishery. Brown trout and rainbow trout are stocked annually and survive year-round in the reservoir.

\*Special regulations here, such as size limits and reduced bag limits, are designed to protect the stocked trout until they attain trophy size

Lake trout make up the major portion of the reservoir's fishery and are easily caught once the techniques for catching them are mastered Lakers in excess of 20 pounds have been captured from the reservoir, but typically range from 4 to 12 pounds. Excellent fishing is also available for both largemouth and smallmouth bass, and brown bullheads.

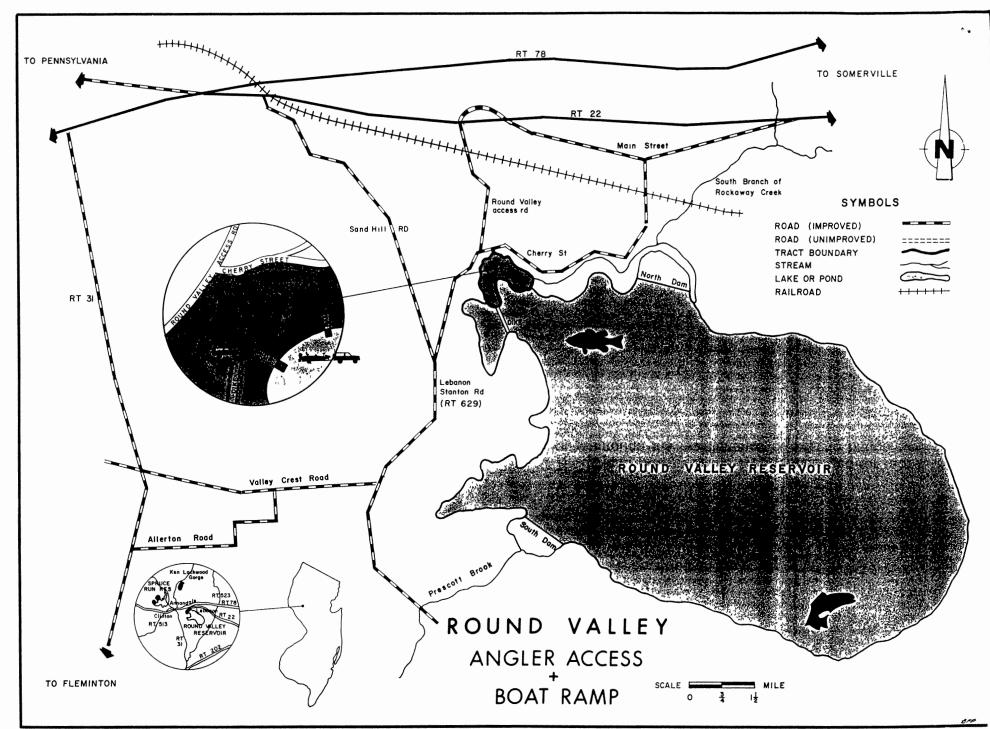
### **FACILITIES**

The Division operates a boat ramp at this location, located off Cherry Street. Use of the boat ramp is free to anyone provided they have a valid New Jersey hunting or fishing license in their possession. An additional area is provided for the launching of cartop boats. Shoreline angling is available at and adjacent to the area.

Motor boats are limited to a maximum of 10 horsepower, and all watercraft shall be operated not to produce a visible wake. Maximum length of any boat, including sailboats, is 25 feet.

Parking facilities are provided and rest rooms are maintained at the site from April through October

<sup>\*</sup>See current freshwater fishing issue of the Fish and Wildlife Digest for special regulations governing trout fishing in this reservoir.



### Salem River Wildlife Management Area

The Salem River Wildlife Management Area is located in Mannington Township, Salem County, just north of the City of Salem, on Route 45.

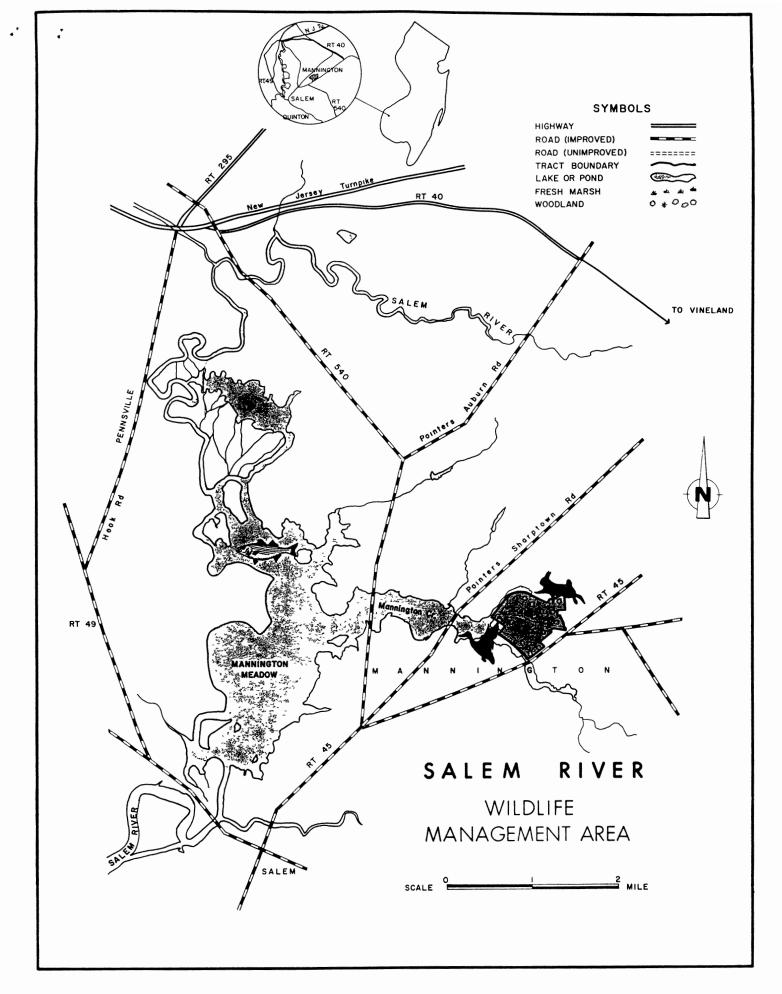
This area, which was purchased through the Green Acres Program, totals 250 acres and is part of an additional planned acquisition program designed for this region

### WATERFOWL

The area is bounded on the south by Mannington Creek and on the west by Culliers Run. Both of these areas provide excellent migratory and wintering waterfowl habitat

### **UPLAND GAME**

The upland portion of the area is managed for rabbit and quail through the maintenance of existing hedgerows and fields.



# Sawmill Creek Wildlife Management Area

Sawmill Creek Wildlife Management Area is located in the towns of Lyndhurst and Kearny, and in the counties of Bergen and Hudson, respectively. The area is comprised entirely of tidal marsh. These connecting creeks provide excellent crabbing during the summer.

Sawmill Creek Wildlife Management Area is about six miles west of New York City and a management area sign identifying the area can be seen from the New Jersey Turnpike Here the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife along with the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission has taken over some 727 acres of salt marsh as a wildlife management area

Bird utilization of the area was one of the important factors for preserving this marsh. During May, and again in late August and early September, shorebird use is extensive Stilt sandpiper, Hudsonian godwit, American avocet, Wilson and northern phalarope are just a few of the more uncom-

mon species sighted Waterfowl use includes mallard, black duck, gadwall, pintail, blue and green wing teal and canvasback, to mention a few. In the early part of duck season, mallard, gadwall, black duck, green and blue wing teal are most commonly taken by hunters. Later on during the season, the black duck and pintail make up the bulk of the harvest. The common moorhen (formerly called common gallinule) is a common nesting bird during the summer, along with least bittern, red-winged blackbird and long-billed marsh wren

The area at present receives very little fishing pressure Research efforts have produced striped bass, white perch, eel, spot and carp

Direct access to the area does not exist at this time Private boat launches do exist upriver, such as Sky Harbor Marina (end of Paterson Plank Road, Carlstadt) and Tony's Old Mill (Secaucus at the end of Mill Ridge Road).

## SAW MILL CREEK

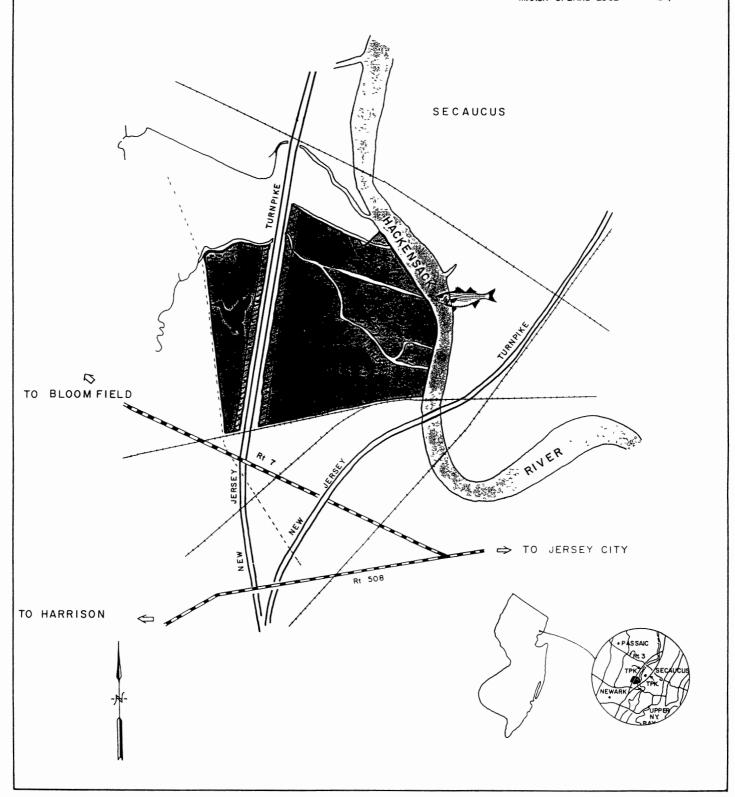
## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

SCALE MILE

#### SYMBOLS

ROAD (IMPROVED)
ROAD (UNIMPROVED)
TRACT BOUNDARY
SALT MARSH
STREAM
WOODLAND
FIELD
MARSH-UPLAND EDGE





## **Sedge Islands**

Sedge Islands was purchased with Federal Aid-to-Wildlife Funds in cooperation with Green Acres in 1978. This area comprises approximately 175 acres and is accessible by boats launched from boat launching ramps in the area

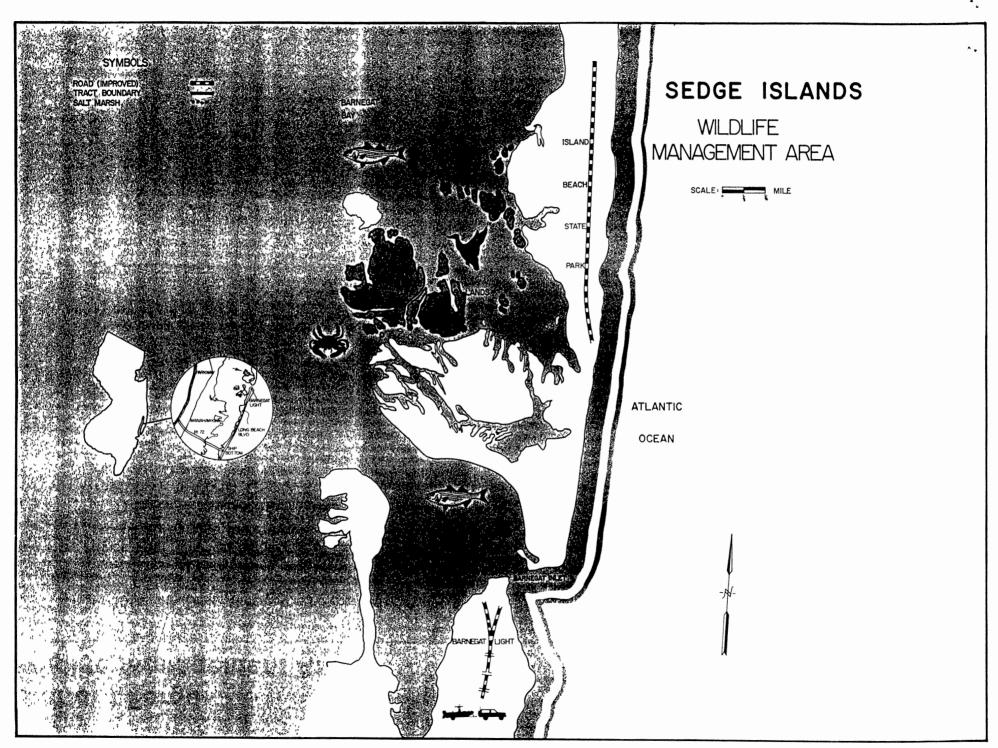
#### WATERFOWL

Public and private boat launching ramps are available at the northern end of Long Beach Island. This area provides very good hunting for brant and Canada geese as well as for other waterfowl.

#### **FISHING**

The shoals around Sedge Island and Island Beach State Park provide excellent areas to wade for crabs Oyster and Double Creek channels produce fine catches of winter flounder during the spring and fluke during the summer In the past, striped bass were also abundant in this area, particularly on the flats Other species taken along the channels include bluefish, weakfish and sea bass.





# Stafford Forge Wildlife Management Area

In 1965, the State Green Acres Program acquired 2,788 acres and turned the area known as Stafford Forge over to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife for administration. Since that time an additional 4,500 acres have been purchased through the Pineland Program.

This tract is located in Eagleswood and Little Egg Harbor Townships in Ocean County, west of the Garden State Parkway, approximately halfway between Tuckerton and Manahawkin.

The area contains four ponds in addition to managed areas for many game species. A shotgun range is open to licensed hunters.

#### **FISHING**

There is excellent fishing available for pickerel and catfish in the reservoir pond.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Certain areas of the tract are being managed for upland

game species with the two most important being natural populations of quail and rabbit. In addition, pheasants are stocked during the season to provide additional hunting opportunities.

#### DOG TRAINING

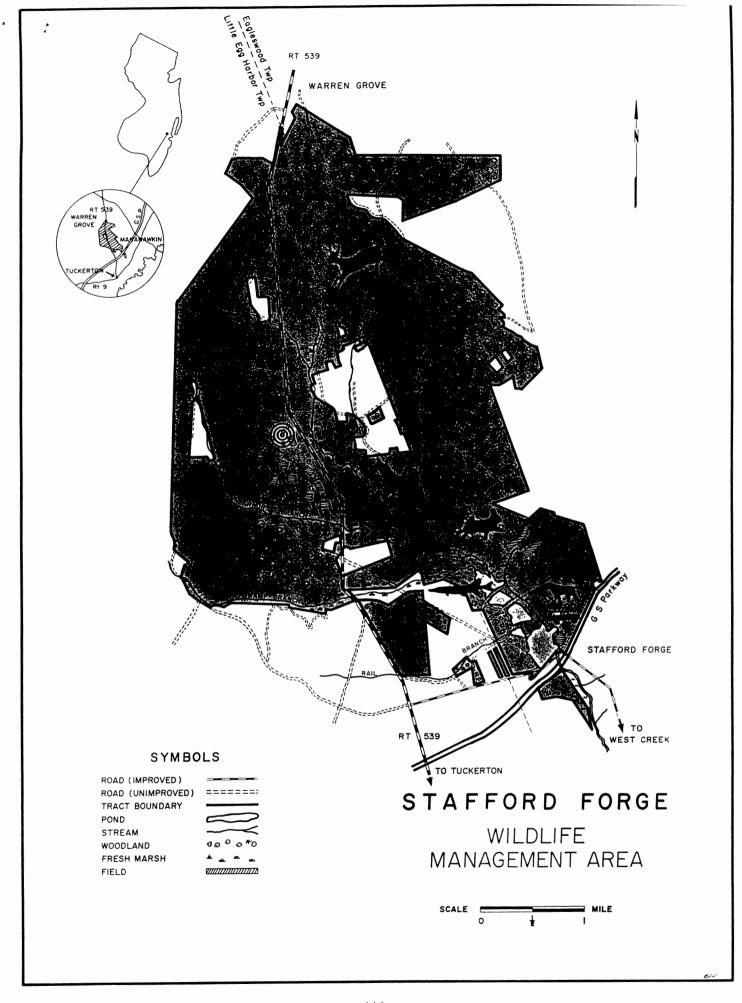
The division maintains an area here for the training of hunting dogs.

#### **DEER**

This area also has a growing deer herd offering hunting opportunities for both the bow and shotgun enthusiast.

#### WATERFOWL

Many different species of waterfowl are found in this area and offer some fine hunting. Wood ducks in particular find it a favorite area along with frequent flocks of Canada geese.



## **Swan Bay Wildlife Management Area**

In 1968, the State Green Acres Program acquired approximately 1,078 acres and turned the area, known as Swan Bay, over to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife for administration An additional 454 acres have been purchased through the Waterfowl Stamp Program

The area is managed primarily for waterfowl hunting.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

There is limited opportunity for upland game hunting. Species present include grouse, cottontail and squirrel

#### WATERFOWL

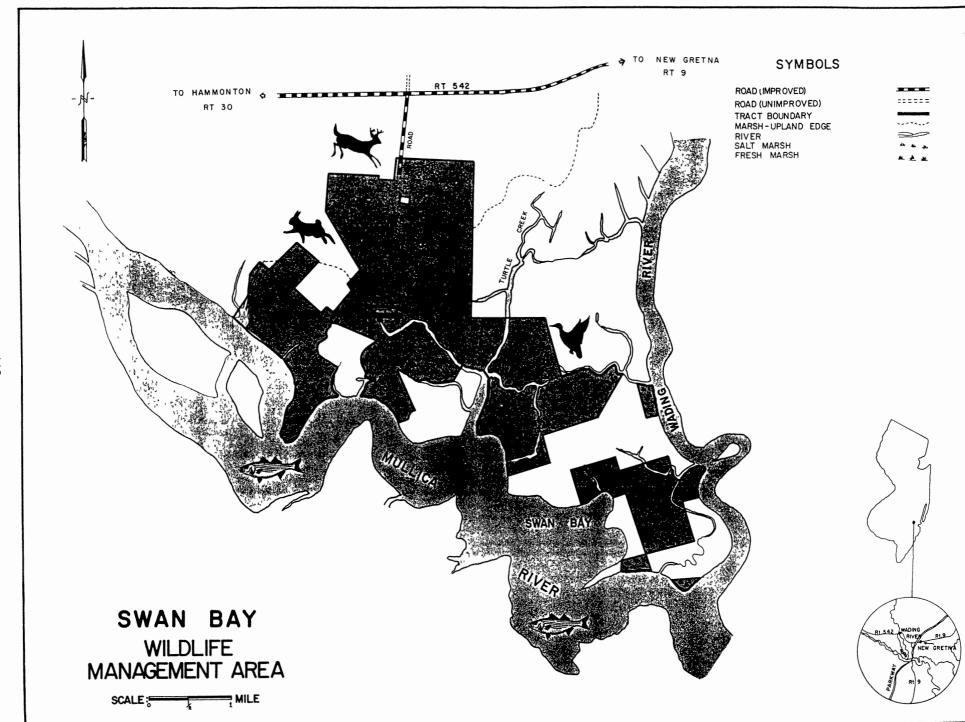
There is good opportunity for waterfowl hunting as this area is principally composed of salt marsh, bounded on one side by the Mullica River and on the other side by the Wading River. The principal species include greenwing teal, black ducks, mallards and geese. There is a launching area for cartop boats on a branch of Turtle Creek leading into the Mullica River.

#### **DEER**

There is fair opportunity for deer hunting in the upland sites, as well as the edge of the marsh.

#### **FISHING**

The Mullica River offers excellent striped bass fishing in the spring and fall. The white perch fishing is fair to excellent in the creeks and rivers.



## **Turkey Swamp Wildlife Management Area**

The Turkey Swamp Wildlife Management Area, consisting of many individual parcels, is located in south-central Monmouth County about 6 miles south of Freehold. Portions of the tract are located adjacent to the Ely Harmony Road and west of the Turkey Swamp County Park. Presently the area consists of 2,457 acres of upland pine-oak woodlands, low-lands, swampy areas, old fields and newly constructed fields

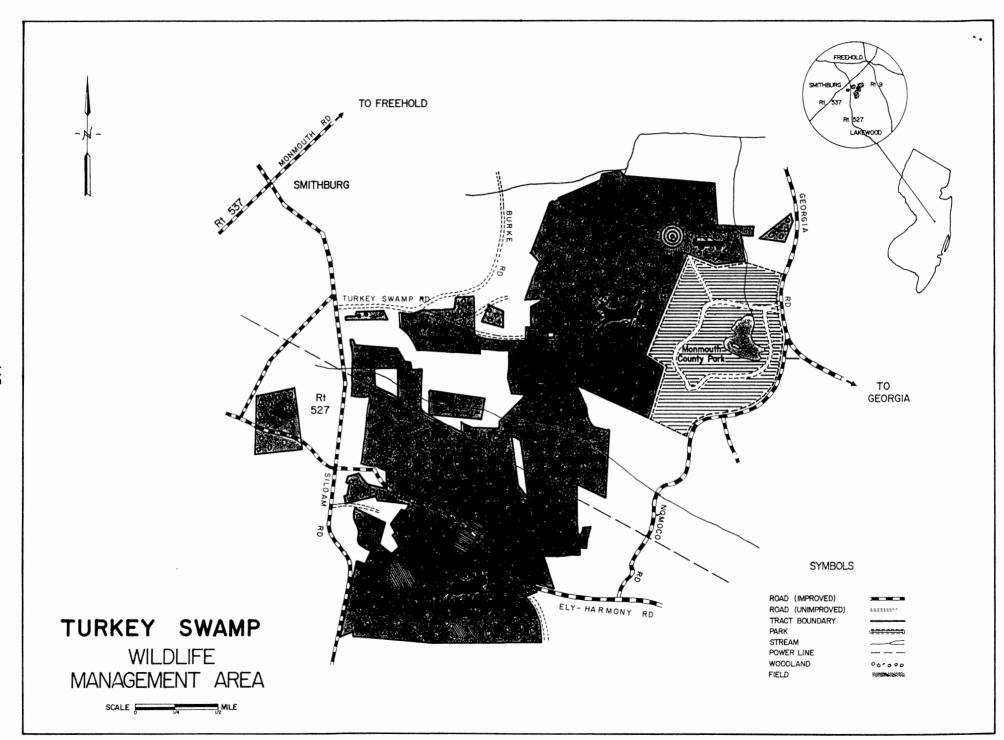
An archery range has been constructed in a joint project between the Monmouth County Parks System, and the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. Access is through the entrance to Turkey Swamp Park on Georgia Road in Freehold Township. All registration information consisting of rules and regulations will be provided at the Turkey Swamp Park Office.

#### DEER

This tract maintains a deer herd throughout the year and offers hunting opportunities for bow, shotgun and muzzle loader hunters.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Principal species of game are rabbits, quail, grouse, grey squirrels and woodcock



## **Union Lake Wildlife Management Area**

The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife is now developing plans for managing the recently acquired Union Lake and 4,677 acres of the Union Lake Wildlife Management Area.

The lake and the state-owned adjacent lands were purchased under the Green Acres Program.

The division is in the process of establishing certain changes in the use of the lake, the most significant of which is that outboard motors up to 10 horsepower are allowed. This will make Union Lake the only body of water in the wildlife management areas in which gas powered motors are allowed. The other lakes and ponds are restricted to electric motors only

Union Lake is located just outside of Millville in Cumberland County The lake totals 898 acres and has a maximum depth of nearly 30 feet. It is known for largemouth bass fishing, and also had a substantial number of landlocked striped bass. The division has already released fingerling striped bass into the lake in an effort to re-establish the striped bass population.

#### RECREATION

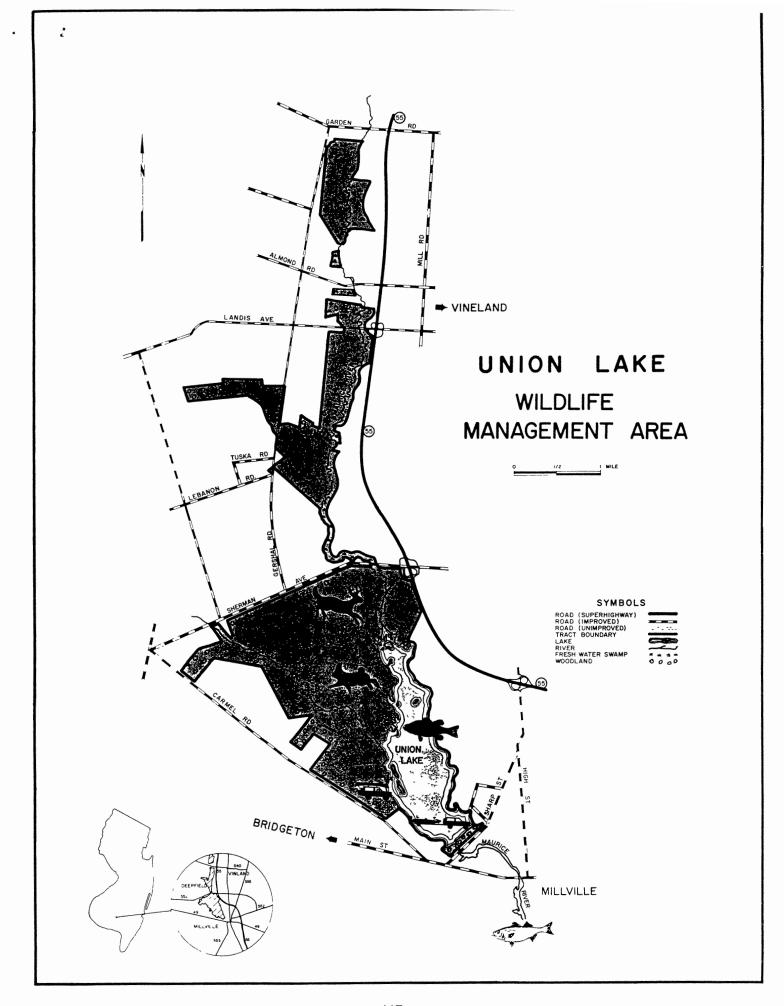
Future plans for the development of the lake area include construction of parking lots and a boat ramp.

#### HUNTING

This area contains good upland game habitat and currently supports some deer, rabbits, quail and grouse

#### **FISHING**

Union Lake is the largest lake in South Jersey The lake, constructed in 1868, contains a large variety of fish and has always been considered as one of the state's better fishing spots. The most popular species in the lake are largemouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch, yellow perch, crappie, channel catfish and bullheads. The most talked-about fish in the lake, however, are striped bass. A 27-pound striper was taken here in 1978. Presently the division has undertaken a stocking program in an attempt to develop a fishery for hybrid striped bass. A fish ladder has been incorporated in the dam which allows anadromous alewife and herring to enter the lake where they serve as forage for the lake's game fish Artificial reefs have been constructed in the lake through a cooperative effort with local sportsmen clubs and have greatly enhanced the lake's fishery potential



## Walpack Wildlife Management Area

Walpack is one of the older wildlife management areas. This tract is located in northwest Sussex County, approximately 5 miles west of Walpack Center

The tract was purchased in 1932 with money from hunting and fishing license fees. The area contains 387 acres of woodland and fields. It is managed for upland game, deer and fishing.

#### **OFFICE**

This area is administered from the office on the Flatbrook-Roy Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 521, at Bevans, between Layton and Flatbrookville.

#### **PARKING**

Designated parking areas are available. No roadside parking is permitted.

#### **FISHING**

The Big Flatbrook flows through this tract. It is one of New Jersey's most famous trout streams. Brook, brown and rainbow trout are stocked at regular intervals throughout the season.

#### **DEER**

This section of the state is natural deer range. Bow hunters and shotgun hunters find the Walpack tract to be a good area.

#### WATERFOWL

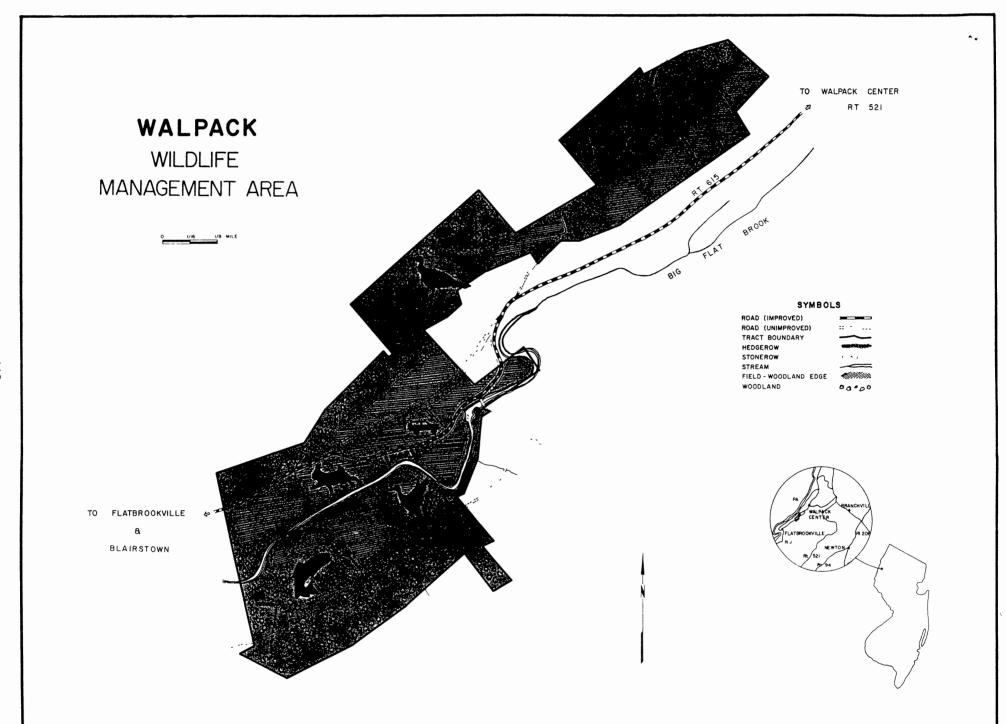
The area provides a limited amount of hunting of wood duck, and mallard early in the season.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Management procedures on the area consist of plantings, hedgerows, and cuttings to provide upland game habitat The principal native species are grouse, woodcock, rabbit and squirrel. The division's stocking program also provides in-season pheasant releases for additional hunting recreation.

#### **WILD TURKEY**

Excellent turkey habitat can be found on the tract, and opportunities exist for spring turkey hunting



### Wanaque Wildlife Management Area

The Wanaque Tract, located in Passaic County, is adjacent to and just east of Greenwood Lake. It is one of the newer areas acquired by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

This area contains 2,277 acres, of which 1,635 acres were purchased with Green Acre funds. The rest of the area was purchased with money from hunting and fishing license fees

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Certain areas of the tract are being managed for upland game species, the most important being native populations of grouse and squirrels.

#### **WILD TURKEY**

Good turkey habitat is found on the tract and opportunities exist for spring turkey hunting

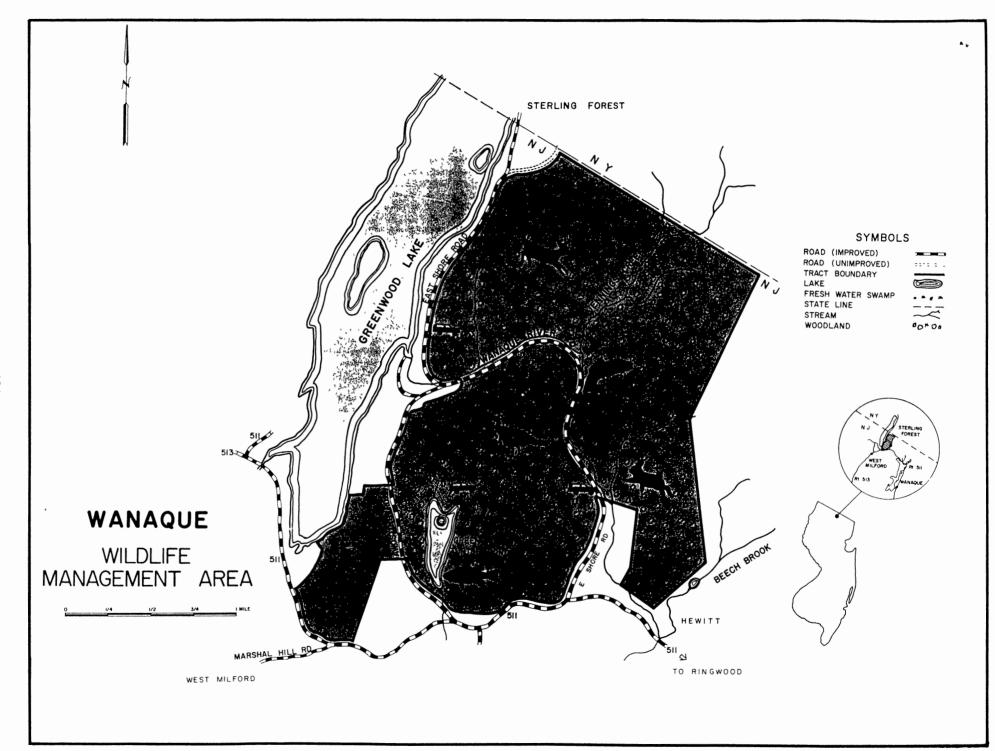
#### DEER

This area is natural deer range, and a large herd is found on the tract.

#### **FISHING**

The principal fishing area on the tract is the Wanaque River This is primarily trout fishing water. As a result of the division's pre-season and in-season stocking program, the trout fishing is excellent

Green Turtle Pond, a 45-acre impoundment, is a recent addition to the Wanaque Wildlife Management Area. It contains a warmwater fish population, typical of lakes in the region. Largemouth bass and chain pickerel are the major sport fish here augmented by yellow perch, sunfish and catfish. Parking and a launch site for both trailer and cartop boats is available at the north end of the pond



The Whiting Wildlife Management Area is located in Ocean County, Manchester Township, southeast of the village of Whiting, between Route 70 and Route 530

This tract consists of 1,200 acres of upland pine and oak woodlands and lowland white cedar swamps.

A small pond has been constructed on the southeast boundary of the tract on Michaels Branch.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

Quail, grouse, rabbit, squirrel, are the principal species. Grouse are found on the swamp edges and in the scrub oaks

#### **WILD TURKEY**

Turkeys have been released into the area and opportunities exist for spring turkey hunting.

#### DEER

The archer and the firearm deer hunter find excellent recreation during the fall. A number of deer clubs hunt this area during the firearm season and this is one of the most popular areas for archery hunting in Ocean County.

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## Whittingham Wildlife Management Area

The Whittingham Tract was acquired under the State Green Acres Program and was assigned to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife in 1966.

This area contains 1,514 acres and is located in Fredon and Green Townships, Sussex County, just south of Newton and west of Rt 206

The division's management program encompasses 1,114 of these acres for upland game and deer. The other 400 acres have been set aside as a refuge area to remain in its natural state. Here one can observe beaver, otter and many species of waterfowl.

#### **OFFICE**

The office is located on Greendell Road.

#### **PARKING**

Designated parking areas are available. No road parking is permitted

#### **UPLAND GAME**

The management program consists of plantings, hedge-

rows and cuttings to provide suitable upland habitat. The principal native species found are grouse, woodcock, rabbit and squirrel. Pheasants are also available through inseason stocking

#### DEER

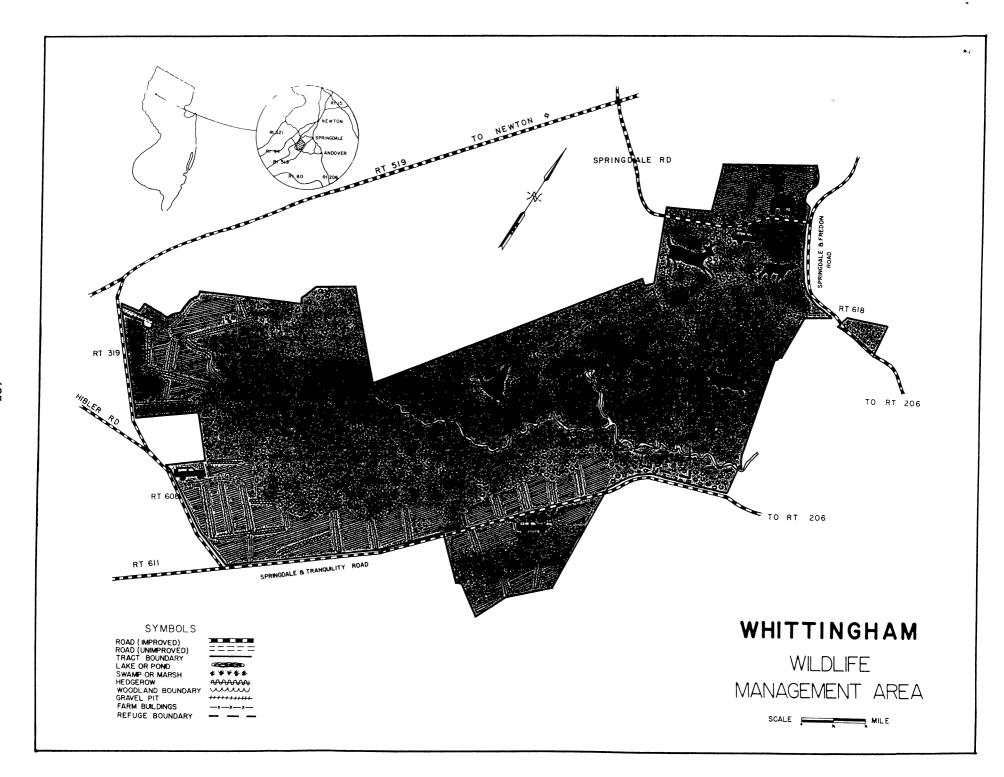
This area is natural deer range and a large herd is found on the tract. Bow and shotgun hunters find it an excellent area.

#### WATERFOWL

The marshy area provides a limited amount of duck hunting for wood ducks, mallards and black ducks early in the fall migration period

#### DOG TRAINING

A dog training area is provided at Whittingham



## Winslow Wildlife Management Area

This tract of 6,566 acres, almost exclusively woodland, is located in Camden and Gloucester Counties. It lies south of County Route 720 and north of Winslow-Williamstown Road. It is bisected by both the Egg Harbor River and the Atlantic City Expressway. Access is not permitted from the Expressway. The district office is located on New Brooklyn/Blue Anchor Road in Sicklerville.

#### **UPLAND GAME**

There are four small fields located on the tract which are planted annually to provide food for the small game species present. These include rabbits, grouse, and squirrels. Inseason liberation of pheasants provide additional hunting opportunity.

#### **HUNTER EDUCATION AREA**

There are facilities for archery and shotgun training available for licensed hunters.

#### DEER

The extensive wooded area of this tract holds a sizable deer herd throughout the year. It is large enough to provide excellent deer hunting opportunities.

#### **FISHING**

Two ponds are located on this tract offering fair fishing for largemouth bass, bluegills, and chain pickerel

#### WATERFOWL

Limited waterfowl hunting is available during the early portion of the season. Wood duck, black duck, and mallard are the principal species.

