



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Schlee Waterfowl Production Area

Jackson County, Michigan

The Schlee Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) was acquired in 1981 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to preserve wetlands and grasslands for waterfowl and other wildlife. WPAs are part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. This WPA is jointly managed by the Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division.



The 160-acre Schlee WPA contains approximately 108 acres of grassland, 46 acres of wetlands, and 6 acres of upland forest and other habitat. The mixture of wetlands and grassland provides high quality nesting and brood-rearing habitat for ducks such as mallards and bluewing teal as well as a variety of songbirds. More than 60 species of birds have been observed on the WPA including 10 species of waterfowl. Herons, Sandhill cranes, shorebirds, and grassland birds are commonly observed on the property. Muskrats, deer, rabbits and other mammals, as well as a variety of amphibians and reptiles, are found on the area.

The Schlee WPA is open for public use including hunting and other wildlife-dependent activities such as wildlife observation, photography, and environment education. State hunting regulations apply to the area. Please observe and respect the property boundaries of surrounding landowners.

The Schlee WPA is located on the north side of Page Road approximately six miles east of highway U.S. 127 on the east side of Jackson.

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