



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Kinney Waterfowl Production Area Van Buren County, Michigan

The Kinney 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 77-acre Kinney WPA contains approximately 37 acres of grassland, 31 acres of wetlands, and 9 acres of upland forest. The wetland area is associated with the 150-acre Grass Lake, a portion of which is included within the WPA. 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.



Mallards, Canada geese, and a variety of waterfowl use the Kinney WPA for nesting, brood rearing, and during migration. A variety of wading birds, shorebirds, and grassland birds are commonly observed on the property. Deer, rabbits and other mammals, as well as a variety of amphibians and reptiles, are also found on the area.



Kinney 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 access road to the Kinney WPA heads south off of Route 352 just west of the intersection with 29th Street. From Lawton, proceed south on 30th Street, which curves into 29th street. Approximately 3.5 miles south of Lawton, 29th Street dead ends at Route 352.

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