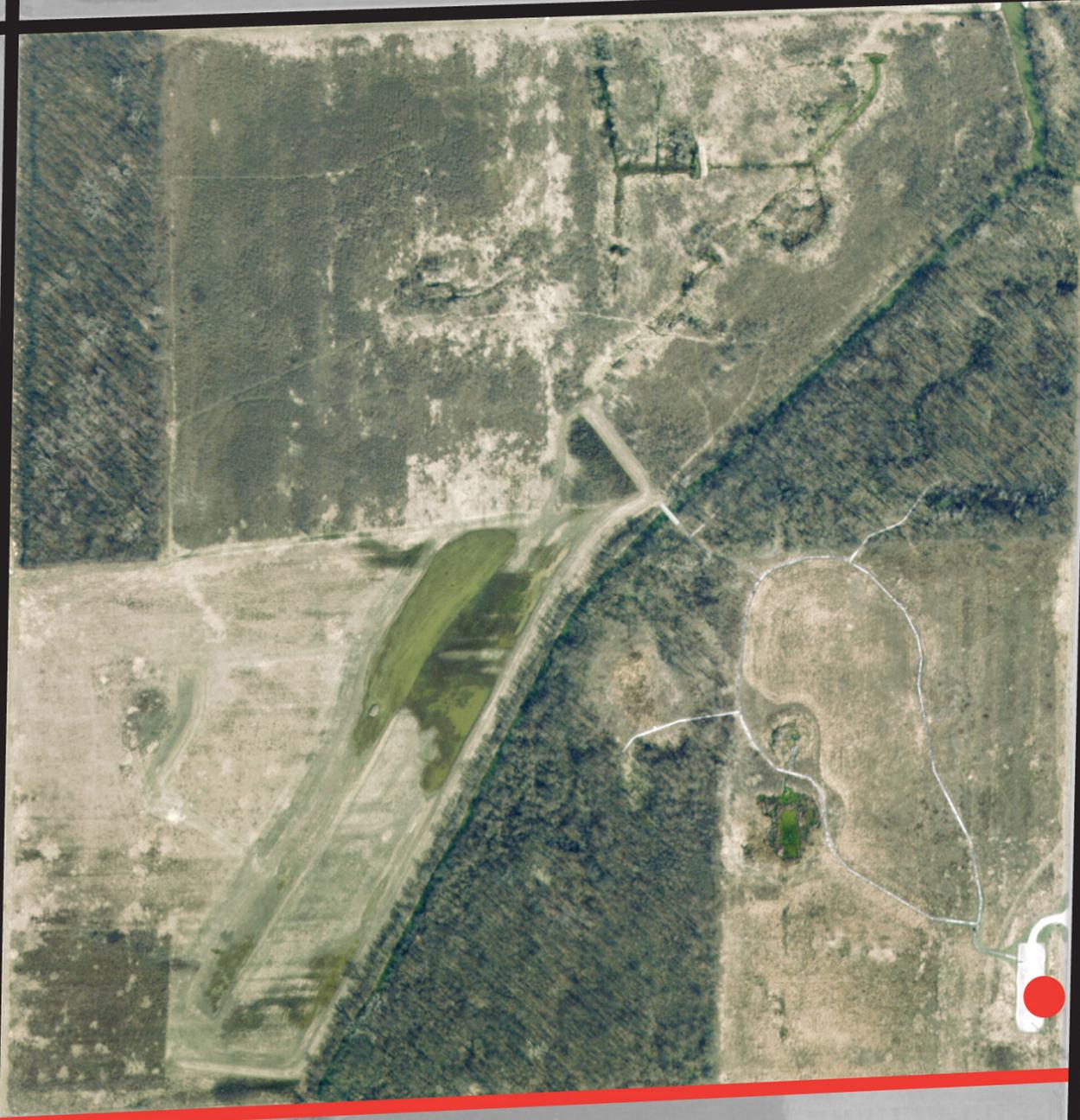


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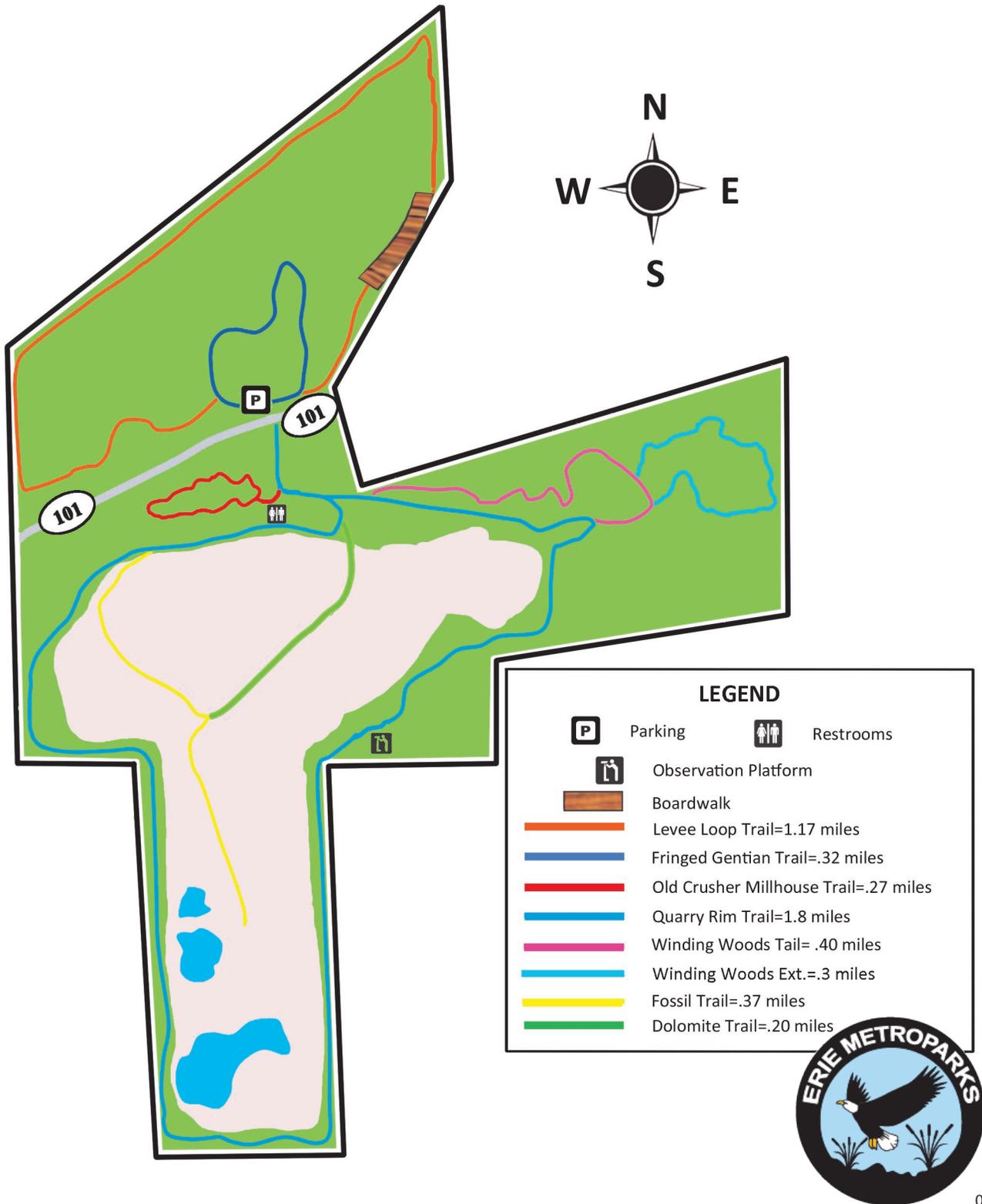
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Blue
Heron
Preserve



Castalia Quarry MetroPark Trail Map



Sandusky Bay/Pickrel Creek Van Trip

Possible Restroom Stops:

- Pickrel Creek Headquarters – This is likely only to be open during the week not on weekends.
- Gas Station in Castalia – There is a Marathon Station just south of Oxbo Road (Rest Haven) on 269.
- Castalia Quarry

Pickrel Creek Map

1. Boggy Bottoms

You will first cross over a small stream on a gravel lane. This area provides habitat for migrating landbirds in a couple small woodlots and some scrub. This will open up into a series of units that will include grasslands and wetlands. Depending on management it could hold shorebirds. It is possible to walk a dike around the entire area.

2. Pickrel Creek Headquarters Road

A couple of small parking lots offer good stops. The first is at the Prairie Fringed Orchid field. There is good scrub/shrub, wetlands, and wooded swamp here. Look for Red-headed Woodpecker and Bald Eagle. Walk along the road to best check the area. The second parking lot is the actual headquarters of the wildlife area. If personnel are present the bathroom should be available. The habitat around this parking lot can be very good for migrating passerines. Prothonotary Warbler nests here. You also can get a view of Sandusky Bay from this area as well as another view of the swamp woods to the west.

3/4. Pickrel Creek Observation Tower

This overlooks the controlled marshes of the area. There are a considerable amount of dikes that can be walked all the way to the bay if desired. To the west along the dike will be a creek with a riparian corridor and scrub that can hold migrants. Waterbirds and shorebirds are possible in the marshes. Check the Pickrel Creek Shorebird Map to see which units are being drawn down.

5. Blue Heron Reserve

Part of the Sandusky County Park District this area has a nice boardwalk that goes through old field, riparian corridor, stream and a remnant raised bog. It can be very good for migrants in both the fields and woods.

Willow Point Wildlife Area Map

There are two access points to this small wildlife area. The first is at the old fish office (#2). Several marsh units can be accessed here as well as landbird habitat. Probably the better access is to the east and is just an unmarked gravel lane that goes all the way to the bay (#1). An open upland is to the west of the lane and marsh units to the east. We have had Ruddy Duck and Redhead both nest here. Rails and bitterns are possible. A small woodlot can be a good passerine trap with the right migration conditions. Check the Willow Point Shorebird Map to see which units are being drawn down.

Resthaven Wildlife Area Map

This large area can be difficult to bird. Several places can be very good. The two roads that cross through the area, Oxbo and Haywood (#2 and #3), both have ponds and swamps on both sides and a good tree lane along the side. Ospreys have nested in this area (the first nesting osprey in the marsh region). Both roads could provide birds. The other area is the Resthaven Prairie (#1) that lies along the southwest edge of the area. This is one of the largest remnant wet prairies of the region. The scrub habitat of this area has held Yellow-breasted Chats, a variety of grassland birds, and on occasion Clay-colored Sparrow.

Castalia Quarry Park

Part of the Erie County Park District this old non-working limestone quarry has good woodlands along its circular trail above the quarry. Deeper woods birds such as Scarlet Tanager and Wood Thrush nest here.

1. Boggy Bottoms
2. Pickerel Creek
3. Willow Point Wildlife Area
4. Rest Haven Wildlife Area
5. Castalia Quarry
6. Blue Heron Reserve



Active draw downs in these units should produce shorebird habitat.



260 Grand Army of the Republic Hwy

268

280

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Pickeral-Creek-Wildlife-Management-Area

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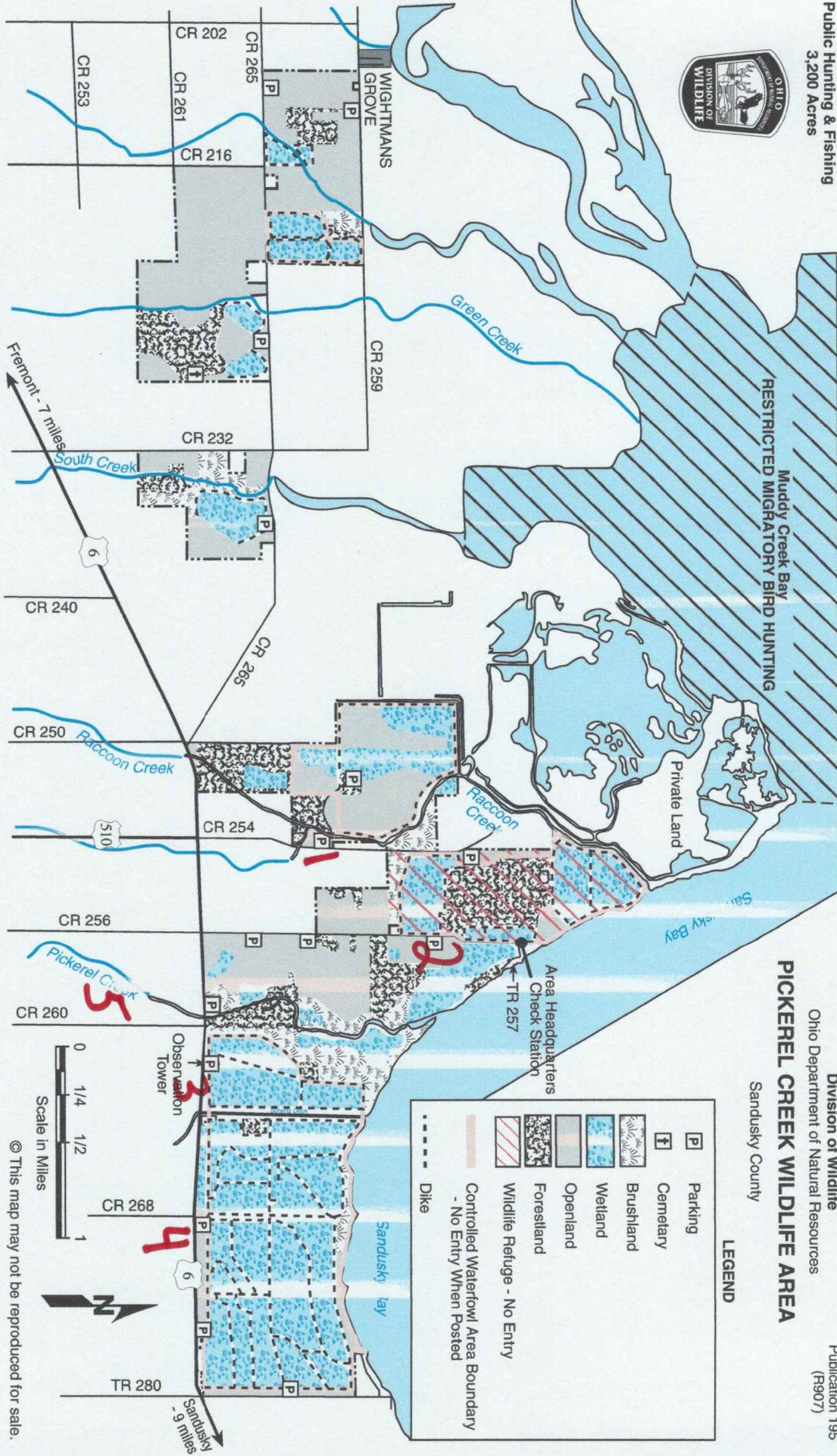
Public Hunting & Fishing
3,200 Acres



RESTRICTED MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING
Muddy Creek Bay
Private Land
Sandusky Bay

PICKEREL CREEK WILDLIFE AREA
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LEGEND

	Parking
	Cemetery
	Brushland
	Wetland
	Openland
	Forestland
	Wildlife Refuge - No Entry
	Controlled Waterfowl Area Boundary - No Entry When Posted
	Dike

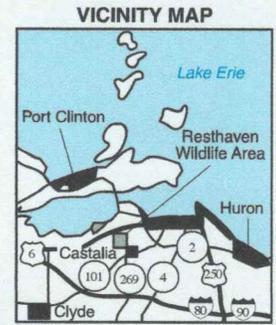
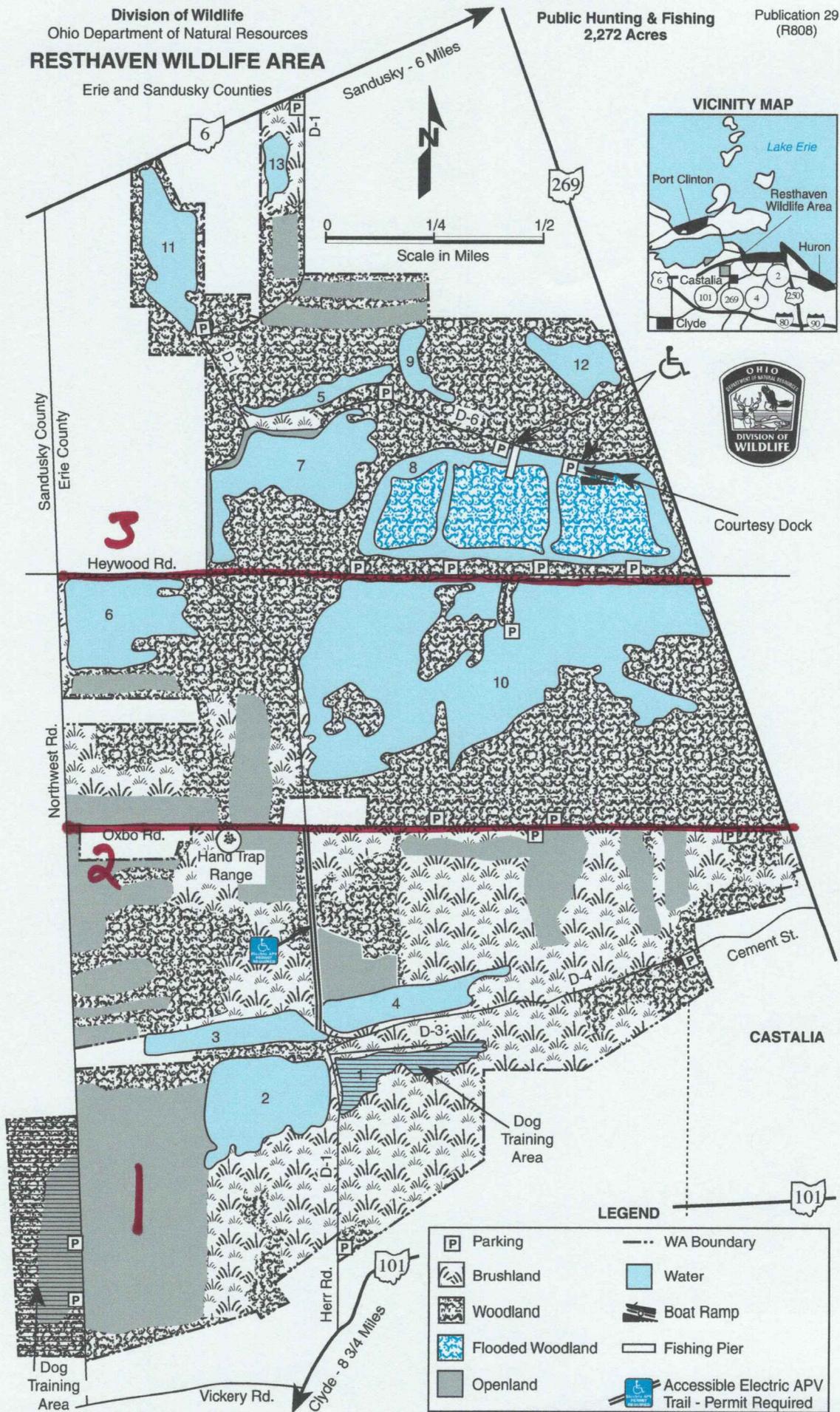
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RESTHAVEN WILDLIFE AREA
Erie and Sandusky Counties

Public Hunting & Fishing
2,272 Acres

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LEGEND

Parking	WA Boundary
Brushland	Water
Woodland	Boat Ramp
Flooded Woodland	Fishing Pier
Openland	Accessible Electric APV Trail - Permit Required

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Draw-down in one of these units

Parking #1

Parking #2



Wilson Ave

Willow Point Rd

Wahl Rd

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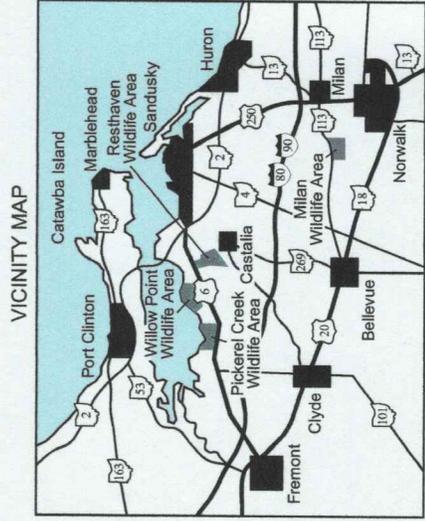
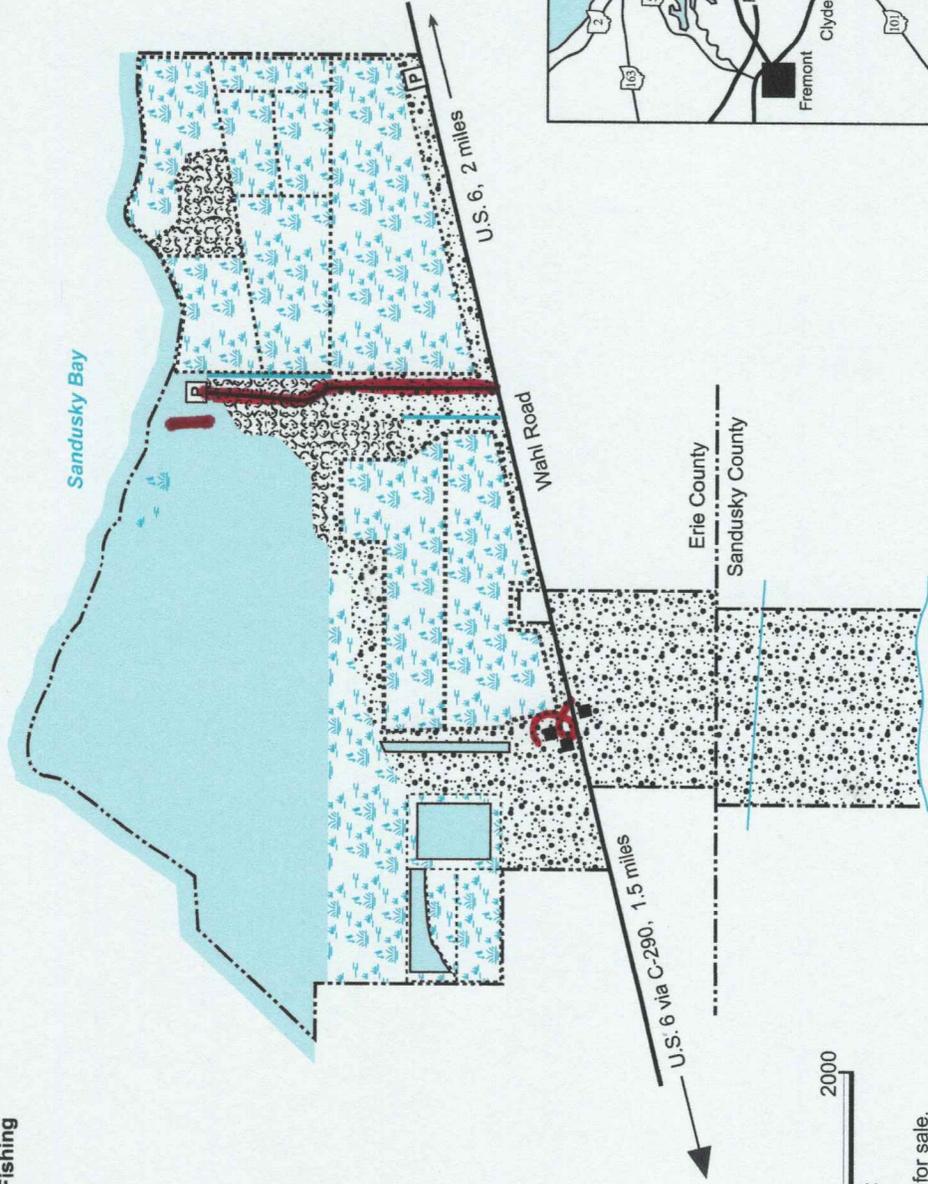
WILLOW POINT WILDLIFE AREA

Erie County
Sandusky County

Public Hunting & Fishing
645 Acres

LEGEND

	Parking
	Marshland
	Openland
	Woodland
	Open Water
	Ditch
	Dikes



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