



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Malan Waterfowl Production Area Jackson County, Michigan

On September 1, 2006, the Malan Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) was acquired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to preserve wetlands and grasslands for waterfowl and other wildlife. The land was acquired through a partnership among the Service, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Ducks Unlimited (DU) and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (NAWCC). Funding for the acquisition was provided through a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant, DU and the Washtenaw Land Trust. WPAs are part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, administered by the Service. This WPA is jointly managed by the Service and the MDNR Wildlife Division.

In 2007, farm fields on the property were planted to a mixture of native warm-season grasses and wild flowers, and wetland basins were restored. These actions will improve habitat for waterfowl, grassland-dependent migratory birds, and other wildlife. The habitat improvements will be completed through a partnership among the Service, DU, Pheasants Forever, MDNR, and NAWCC.

The Malan WPA is open for public use including hunting and other wildlife-dependent activities such as wildlife observation, photography, and environment education. The WPA is open to foot traffic only – no vehicles of any kind or horses are allowed on the property. State hunting regulations apply to the area. Hunting dogs are allowed provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times and only during State-approved hunting seasons. Please observe and respect the property boundaries of surrounding landowners.

The Malan WPA is located in Waterloo Township, in the northeast corner of Jackson County. From Waterloo go approximately 3 miles northwest on Waterloo-Munith Road to Parks Road. Proceed north on Parks Road approximately 1.5 miles to Tophith Road. Proceed east on Tophith approximately 0.75 mile to the WPA. The WPA is on the south side of the road. For now, parking is in the MDNR lot on the north side of the road.

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