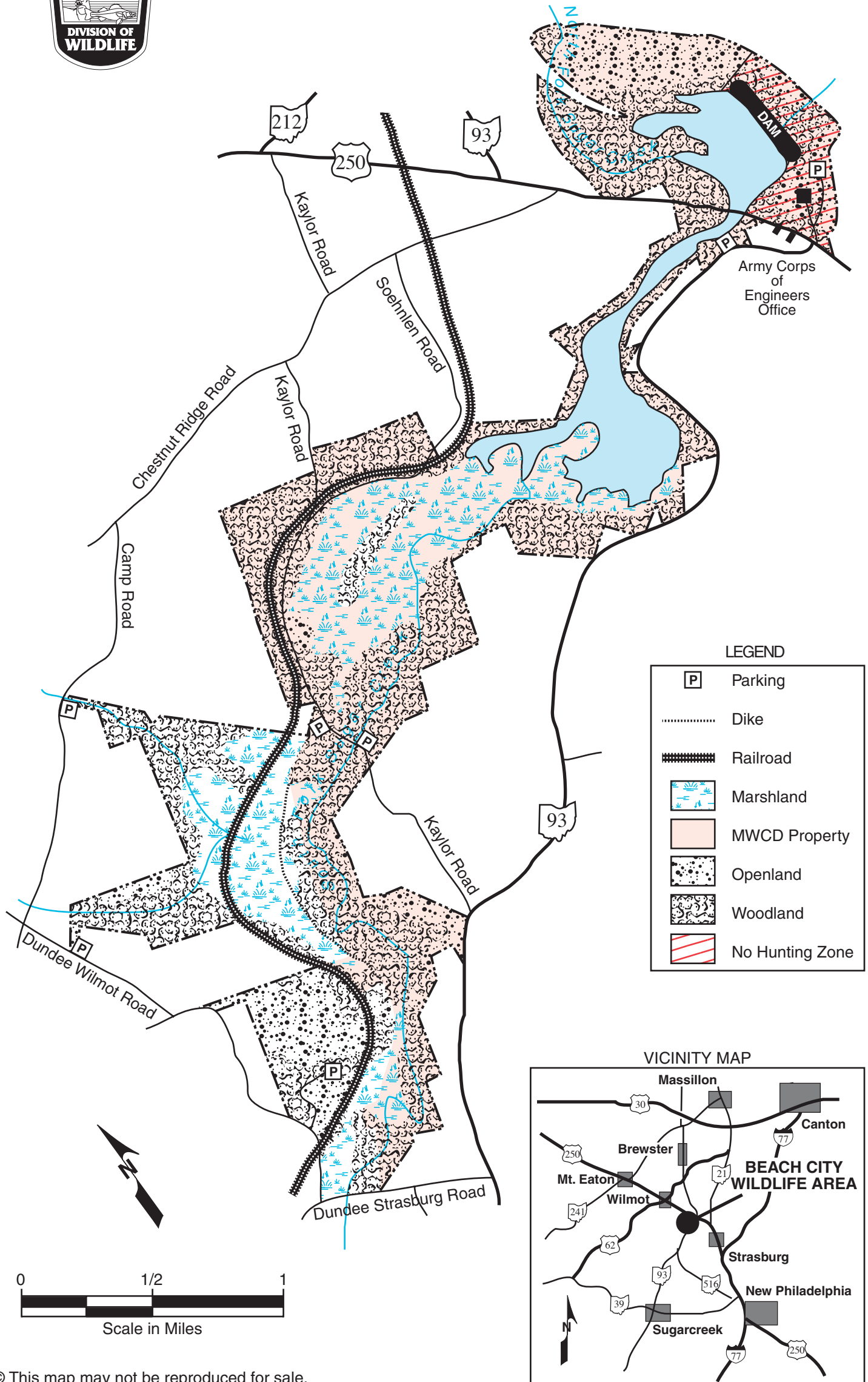




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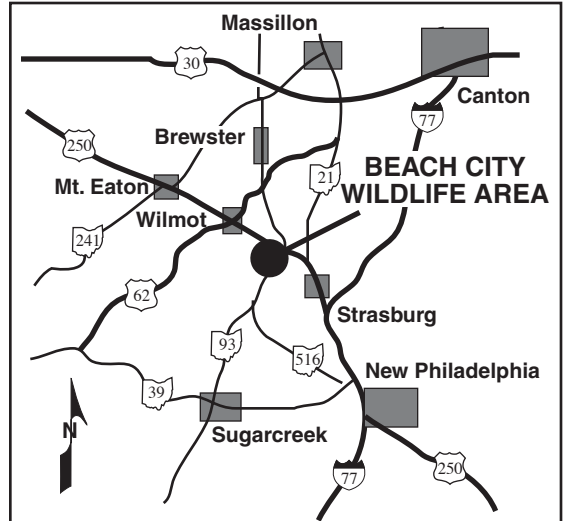
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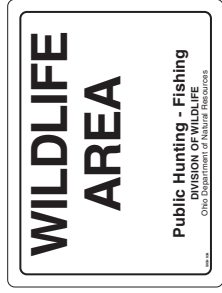


LEGEND

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| | Parking |
| | Dike |
| | Railroad |
| | Marshland |
| | MWCD Property |
| | Openland |
| | Woodland |
| | No Hunting Zone |

VICINITY MAP





BEACH CITY WILDLIFE AREA

Tuscarawas County

DISTANCE FROM MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS

9 miles from Dover, New Philadelphia
16 miles from Canton
21 miles from Wooster
55 miles from Cleveland

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

This 1,912-acre northeastern Ohio area is in Tuscarawas County. State Route 93, running north-south, forms the east boundary, and U.S. 250 is at the north end of the area. The area lies on the edge of the unglaciated Appalachian Plateau region of Ohio. Elevations vary from 948 feet to 1,200 feet above sea level. Much of the wildlife area is permanently or seasonally flooded.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Purchase of 1,537 acres of land was completed in the late 1930s by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District; completion of the dam created a permanent reservoir of approximately 420 acres. The Division of Wildlife purchased an additional 375 acres on the southwest end of the area in the late 1960s. The entire area is open to public outdoor recreation. The primary purpose of the area is flood control, with fishing, hunting, and trapping as recreational benefits.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Saugeyes are stocked annually in this lake. The lake, creeks, and marshes support good populations of bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie, carp, bullhead, and northern pike. Wood duck, Canada goose, cottontail rabbit, pheasant, muskrat, and raccoon are the principal game and furbearer species. Deer, fox squirrel, woodcock, and most of Ohio's other furbearer species are common. Beaver are present and have created excellent habitat for many mammals, birds, fish, frogs, and turtles. A great variety of nesting and migrant birds can be found throughout the varied habitats of the area.

HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING

Waterfowl hunting is very popular at this area. The most common species taken are wood duck, mallard, and Canada goose. Upland game species are well distributed throughout the area because of the uniform distribution of crop fields, shrubby coverts, meadows, and woods. Furbearers provide many hours of opportunity for trappers and hunters.

Saugeye fishing is good both in the lake, and below the dam. The best largemouth bass fishing is in spring and early summer. Northern pike can be caught in the creeks in the spring. Bluegills and crappies can be caught throughout the area, year-round, including, when conditions permit, through the ice.

PUBLIC USE FACILITIES

Small parking lots are scattered throughout the area. A boat launching ramp is provided on State Route 93, just south of U.S. 250.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Area Manager, Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area, 1691 Centerville Road, Shreve, Ohio 44676; telephone (330) 567-3390; or from Wildlife District Three Office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319; telephone (330) 644-2293.

TURN IN A POACHER

Ohio's TIP, "Turn In a Poacher," program is helping to curtail poaching throughout the state. TIP is designed to involve the public in reporting wildlife violations. Citizens who observe wildlife violations should call the TIP toll-free hotline, 1-800-POACHER.