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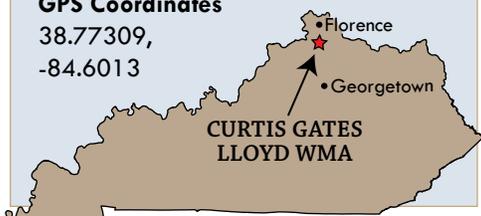
Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA

HOW TO GET THERE

Take the Crittenden exit on I-75, then south on U.S. 25 to a left onto KY 491 (Gardnersville Road).

GPS Coordinates

38.77309,
-84.6013



THE THREE LLOYD brothers have one of the most interesting stories in the long history of northern Kentucky. One invented a cold still for plant extractions in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals. Another co-owned the Cincinnati Reds when the team built the first concrete grandstand in baseball.

Another brother was Curtis Gates Lloyd. He specialized in mycology, or the branch of biology that deals with fungi. The third Lloyd found and published articles about more than 1,000 new species of fungi. The family's legacy lives on in the Lloyd Li-

brary in Cincinnati and the Curtis Gates Lloyd Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Grant County.

This WMA includes 1,105 acres of level to rolling terrain. Approximately 83 percent of the area is forested. The portion of Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA north of KY 491 contains some of the oldest forests left in northern Kentucky. A nature trail accessible from the area clubhouse parking lot traverses this section.

"There are some really impressive white oaks and poplar in the old growth section," said former Area Manager Josh Lillpop,

who has since transferred to Taylorsville Lake WMA. “Some of those trees would take three or four of us to wrap our arms around them.”

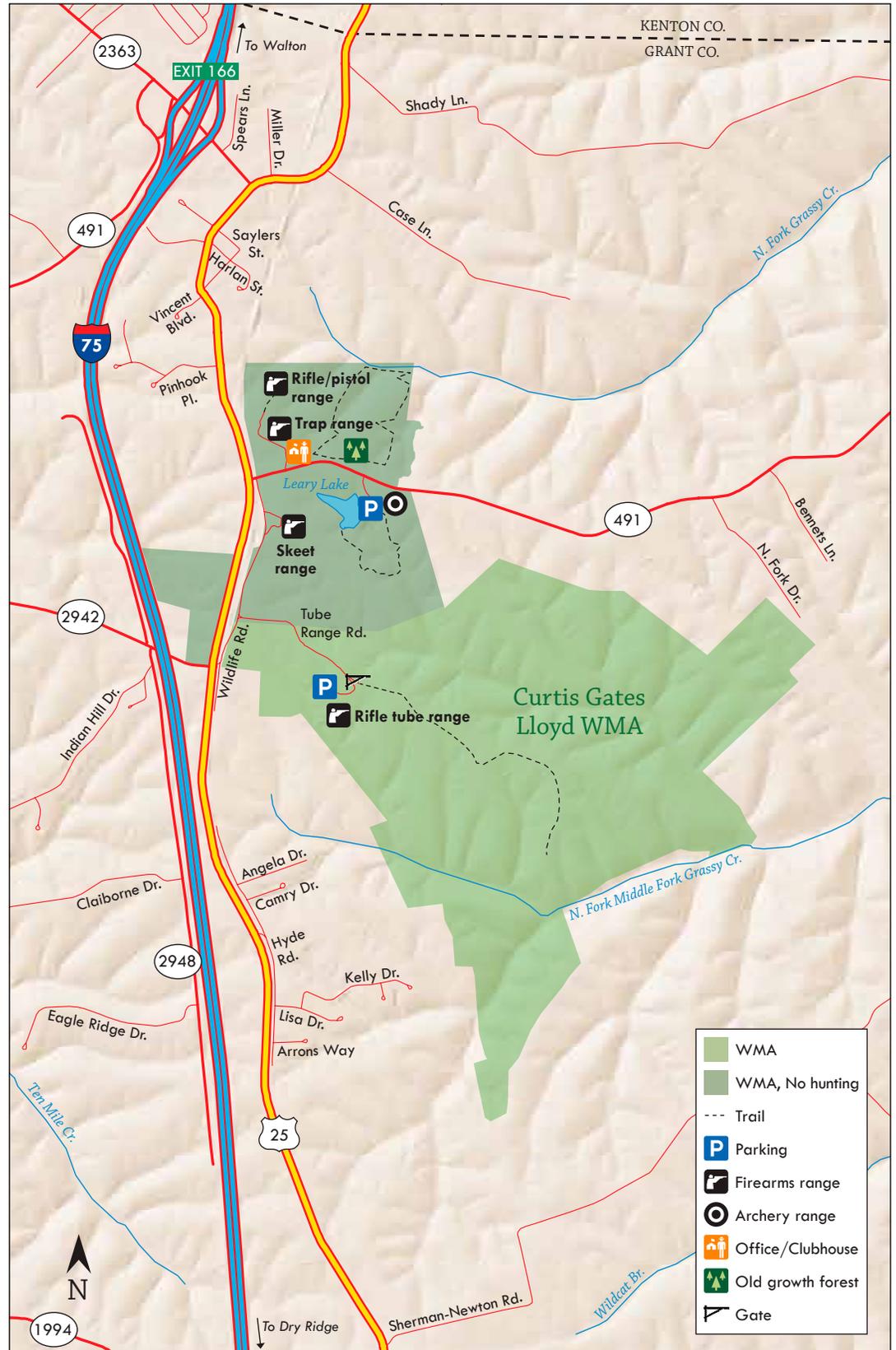
The old growth forest lies in the northern portion of Lloyd. This section is closed to hunting. The section south of Tube Range Road, however, is open to hunting and holds a solid population of deer.

“It is a great bow hunting area with a heavy deer population,” Lillpop said. “Curtis Gates Lloyd contains one of the biggest blocks of woods in that part of Kentucky and is surrounded by farmland. We opened it last year to youth gun hunting and the season was underutilized.”

The area’s abundant woods hold many squirrels. “The rabbit population fluctuates year to year, but overall rabbits are on the upswing,” Lillpop said.

Anglers also find Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA enticing as 4.6-acre Leary Lake provides good fishing for bluegill and channel catfish. “I’ve watched old timers pull hand-sized bluegill from the lake,” Lillpop said. “The fisheries division stocks it regularly with bluegill and channel catfish. The lake has some good channel catfish as well.”

Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA has five different ranges. The archery range adjacent to Leary Lake is open during daylight hours. The tube range for rifles is open from 9 a.m. to sunset Monday through Saturday, and from noon to sunset on Sundays. The tube range is not open for shotguns or pistols. The 300-meter rifle/pistol range, the trap range and skeet range are open to public use when area clubs have scheduled events on these facilities. Check the times on the department’s website at fw.ky.gov. ■



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