



Mullins WMA

MULLINS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) spreads across 259 acres in the headwaters of Bullock Pen Creek in southwestern Kenton County. A combination of old field and mature forest habitat, the area just north of Crittenden is home to an excellent population of white-tailed deer, squirrels with some rabbits to boot. It lies close to the burgeoning urban area of northern Kentucky.

“It has pretty decent bowhunting for deer,” said Dave Frederick, Bluegrass Region public lands biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “I’ve seen a couple of nice 10-pointers come off Mullins. The local hunters know that it is good.”

Mullins WMA, which came under the management of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in the early 1960s, is open to statewide regulations for archery and crossbow hunting for deer. It is closed to modern gun and muzzle-loader deer hunting as the eastern end of the area backs up to I-75.

“We have some early secessional habitat along with warm and cool season native grass stands,” said Josh Lillpop, area manager for Mullins WMA. “We have five clover patches of one to two acres in size spread throughout the area.”

Mullins WMA has a public dove field that is accessible for mobility-impaired individuals with the proper permit. “Mobility impaired hunters may use the whole area, but the topography will restrict some access to some areas,” Lillpop said. “The north gate and parking area off Eads Road (called Courtney Road on some maps) is made for mobility impaired access. They can gain access there and drop over to where they want to hunt.”

Users may park at the south gate on KY 2363, but this gate remains locked.



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Mullins WMA offers productive small game hunting.

“Mullins has some really good squirrel hunting,” Frederick said. “The area is mainly mature forest and holds good populations of squirrels.”

Frederick said the area supports some limited rabbit hunting. “You can get some rabbits on Mullins if you work hard,” he said.

A network of maintained trails laces through Mullins WMA, providing access to bird watchers and hikers. The area provides a winter home to songbirds such as the golden-crowned kinglet and white-breasted nuthatch and woodpeckers such as the yellow-bellied sapsucker and pileated woodpecker.

Birders will also see raptors such the American kestrel and red-tailed hawks as well as beautiful natives such as the American tree sparrow and the white-throated sparrow. ■

HOW TO GET THERE

From I-75 north in Kenton County, take exit 166 to a left onto KY 2363. Stay on KY 2363 to access the south gate. Continue onward onto Eads/Courtney Road to access the north gate.

GPS Coordinates

North parking area: 38.813665, -84.608143

South parking area:

38.801965, -84.614143

