

Plum Orchard Lake

Wildlife Management Area



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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Hunting

- whitetail deer numbers are limited
- turkey – see WVDNR hunting regulations for seasons
- squirrel most commonly pursued game animal in the area
- rabbit and grouse habitats limited
- resident and migratory water fowl present
- valid West Virginia hunting license required
- license purchase available online: www.wvhunt.com

Fishing

- 202-acre lake
- 6.5 miles of shoreline; maximum depth of 40 feet
- skiing and jet skis prohibited on lake
- water conditions usually clear; nighttime angling is successful
- four boat launch ramps
- electric motors only in restricted portion of lake; otherwise, motors may be of unlimited horsepower
- fishing with minnows is prohibited
- good populations of

bluegill



largemouth bass



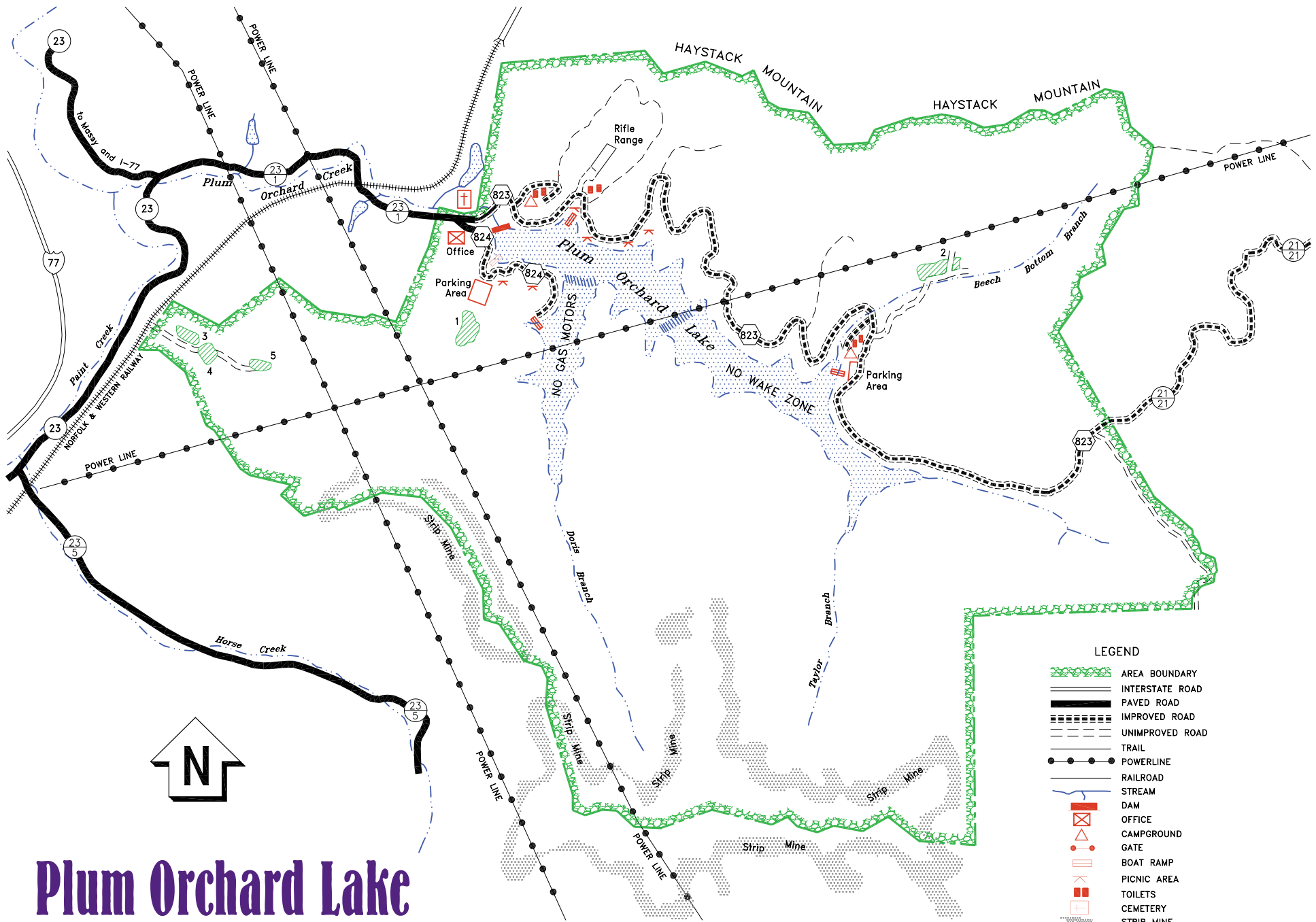
channel catfish



white crappie



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- license purchase available online: www.wvfish.com



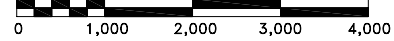
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LEGEND

- AREA BOUNDARY
- INTERSTATE ROAD
- PAVED ROAD
- IMPROVED ROAD
- UNIMPROVED ROAD
- TRAIL
- POWERLINE
- RAILROAD
- STREAM
- DAM
- OFFICE
- CAMPGROUND
- GATE
- BOAT RAMP
- PICNIC AREA
- TOILETS
- CEMETERY
- STRIP MINE
- WILDLIFE CLEARING

SCALE: FEET





PLUM ORCHARD LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA is located in Fayette County and was purchased in 1960. It encompasses 3,201 acres.

The area is managed by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources and Parks and Recreation sections.

The lake is nestled between Haystack and Packs mountains on Plum Orchard Creek. These mountains rise 700 to 900 feet above the lake (elevation 1,765). Covers near the lake have gentle to rolling slopes that rise to the mountain tops.

Most of the area is forested in hickory and stands of mature red, white and chestnut oaks.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Shooting

- outdoor rifle range
- 175-yard maximum backstop distance
- six covered shooting benches

Picnicking

- picnic areas with tables

Lake

- 202 acres
- four boat launch ramps

ACCOMMODATIONS

Campground Areas

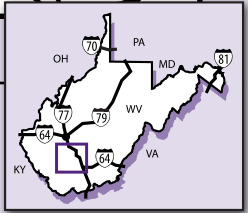
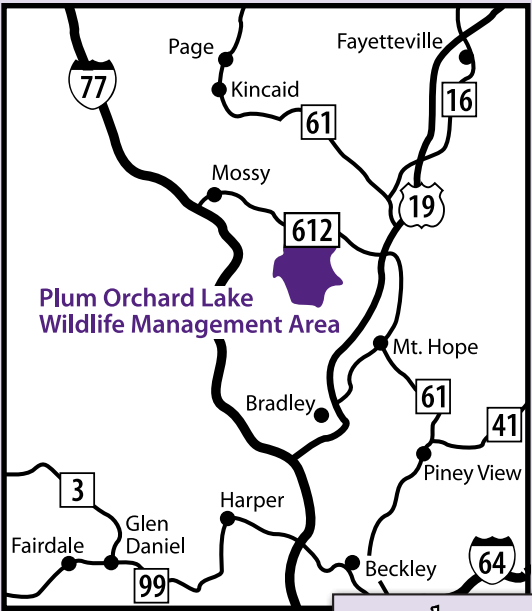
Beech Bottom – 21 rustic sites

Dogwood Ridge – 17 rustic sites located above the dam

- each site equipped with tent pad, grill and picnic table
- centrally located restrooms
- wells for drinking water
- nominal camping fee charge
- camping permitted in designated areas only

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Babcock State Park
- Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine
- Bluestone State Park
- Canyon Rim Visitors Center
- Hawks Nest State Park
- New River Gorge National River
- Pipestem Resort State Park
- Tamarack
- Whitewater Rafting



LOCATION

Plum Orchard is located in Fayette County near Pax, WV. The area can be reached by taking the Pax Exit 54 or the Mossy Exit 60 off I-77 and following county Route 23 to the park. Access from U.S. Route 19 can be made by taking state Route 612 from Oak Hill to Mossy and proceeding on county Route 23.

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Visitors are responsible for observing park rules and regulations.

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