

Clarks River

National Wildlife Refuge

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Established in 1998, Clarks River is one of two National Wildlife Refuges managed in Kentucky. The refuge is an important part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This network of lands is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation's fish and wildlife populations.

Clarks River was established to provide essential nesting and migration habitat for migratory birds, and protect/ manage one of the largest intact bottomland hardwood forest in Kentucky. The refuge is located in Marshall, Graves, and McCracken Counties.

The refuge offers many wildlife recreation opportunities including hunting, fishing, hiking, observation, photography, education, and interpretation.

For the Safety of Wildlife and People

- Open during daylight hours
- Leashed pets are permitted
- Closed to camping
- ATVs are prohibited
- Fires are prohibited
- Bicycling is permitted on established roads and improved trails

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Hunting/Fishing

Hunting and fishing is a popular use on the refuge. Area specific regulations apply. Please obtain and sign our hunting/fishing permit before arriving to hunt or fish on the refuge: [fws.gov/media/clarks-river-hunt-and-fish-brochure](https://www.fws.gov/media/clarks-river-hunt-and-fish-brochure)

Directions

To Headquarters: 91 US Hwy 641 North Benton, KY, 42025

From I-24, take exit 25 south on Purchase Parkway/I-69. Use exit 43 to go east on Hwy 348. Turn on Hwy 641 North and travel 1.2 miles.

To the Environmental Education and Recreation Area: 1010 Eggner Ferry Road Benton, KY 42025

From I-24, take exit 25 south on Purchase Parkway/I-69. Use exit 43 to go east on Hwy 348. Turn on Hwy 641 South and go approximately half a mile. Turn left on Hwy 408 east. Arrive in approximately 1 mile.

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