



Clarks River is an important part of our National Wildlife Refuge System. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge system and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation's fish and wildlife populations. Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge was established to provide essential nesting and migration habitat for migratory birds, and protect a diminished habitat type referred to as bottomland hardwood forest.

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge

Enjoy the Refuge

Recreation opportunities include: hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife observation, photography, education and interpretation.

The Refuge has an Environmental Education and Recreation Area on Highway 408 east of Benton, Kentucky. There are no entrance fees, and the area is open seven days a week for daylight use. The area includes a three-acre, handicap accessible fishing pond with a paved perimeter trail and parking area. The Environmental Education and Recreation Area also includes over two miles of hiking trails that wind through various scenic habitats.

For special educational activities or programs please contact Refuge staff at our Headquarters.

Hunting

Hunting is one of the tools used to manage wildlife populations on the Refuge. Area specific regulations apply in addition to state regulations. **Hunters are required to obtain, and sign a refuge hunting permit before arriving to hunt on the Refuge.** These free permits can be obtained by going to: <http://www.fws.gov/southeast/pubs/clrhnt.pdf>

Fishing

Clarks River is home to a variety of fish species such as largemouth bass, catfish, bluegill, and crappie. A popular use on the Refuge, fishing is enjoyed by visitors of all ages. **Those interested in fishing need to obtain a refuge fishing permit before arriving to fish on the Refuge.** These free permits can be obtained at: <http://www.fws.gov/southeast/pubs/clrhnt.pdf>

For a safe and fun visit, please follow these guidelines:

- The Refuge is open during daylight hours with the exception of permitted hunting seasons.
- Refuge signs define refuge boundaries. "Area closed" signs are erected to minimize disturbance to wildlife and for public safety.
- Pets on a leash are permitted.
- Bicycling is permitted on established roads or trails.
- Horseback riding is permitted on established roadways or trails.
- Firearms are permitted on the refuge in accordance with state and local law.
- Searching for and removal of objects of antiquity is prohibited.
- Disturbing or feeding wildlife or collecting plants is not allowed.
- The Refuge is not open to camping.
- Fires are not allowed.
- ATV's are prohibited.
- Use of artificial lights, including vehicle lights, to observe wildlife is not allowed.

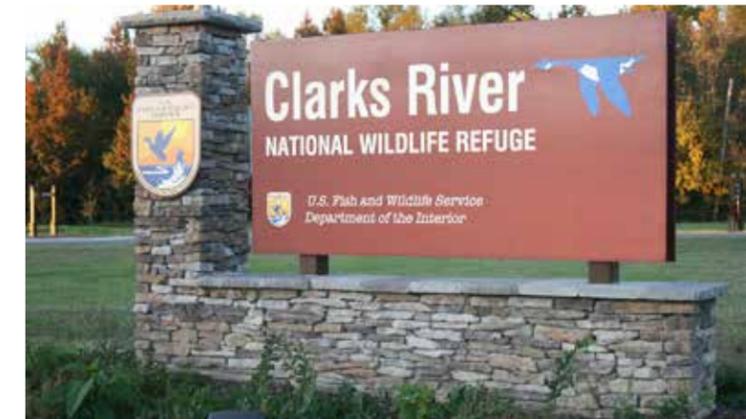
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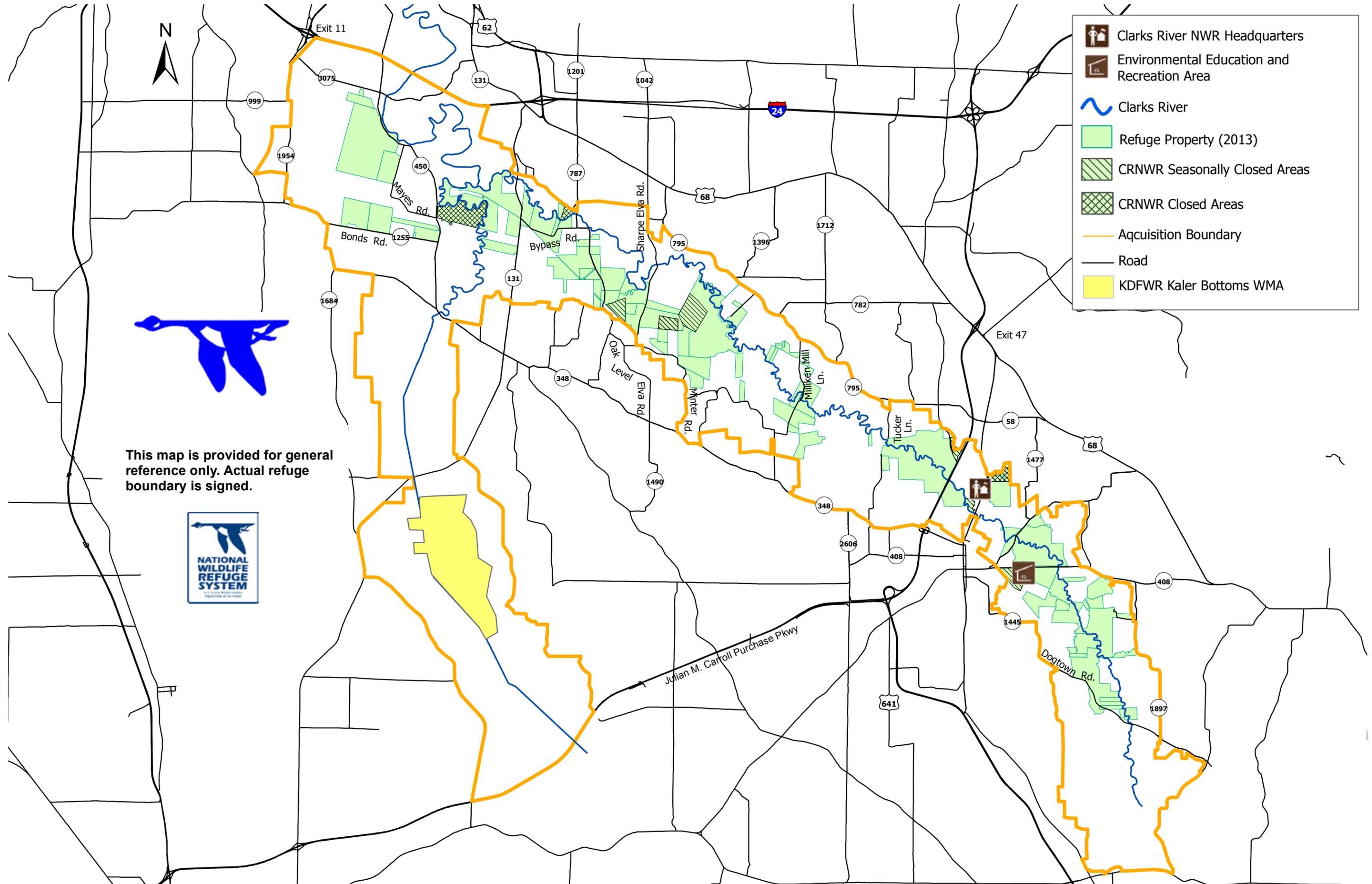
Headquarters - From I-24...take exit 25, south on Purchase Parkway/I-69. Take exit 43 off the Purchase Parkway/I-69, go right (east) on Hwy 348. Take Hwy 641 north and go 1.2 miles to Refuge Headquarters at 91 U.S. Hwy 641 North.

Environmental Education and Recreation Area - From I-24... take exit 25, south on Purchase Parkway/I-69. Take exit 43 off the Purchase Parkway/I-69, go right (east) on Hwy 348. Take Hwy 641 south and go approximately half a mile then turn left onto Hwy 408 east. Go approximately 1 mile to the EERA (on the right).

For more information please contact our Refuge Headquarters:

91 US Hwy 641 North, P.O. Box 89, Benton, KY 42025
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This map is provided for general reference only. Actual refuge boundary is signed.

