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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Located on the border of Lebanon and Lancaster Counties, Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is a mecca for wildlife and wildlife enthusiasts alike. It is owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the state's agency in charge of managing all wild birds and wild mammals.

The roughly 6,000 acre wildlife management area is home to hundreds of species of birds and mammals and is considered a globally recognized Important Bird Area. The area is particularly crucial for the hundreds of thousands of ducks, geese and swans that visit during their spring and fall migrations. While enjoying everything Middle Creek has to offer, please be aware of the closed and open areas on the property.

PROPAGATION AREA

A 756-acre wildlife propagation area has been set aside as a sanctuary for nesting and migrating waterfowl and other animals. This area is closed to all activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, and photography. Mounted yellow signs designate the propagation area. Drones are prohibited in all areas at Middle Creek



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(1-833-742-4868)

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BOTH NUMBERS CONNECT CALLERS IN PENNSYLVANIA WITH THE CENTRALIZED DISPATCH CENTER.

HUNTERS REPORTING BIG-GAME HARVESTS BY PHONE SHOULD CALL **1-800-838-4431**.

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Management Area

Middle Creek Wildlife



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CONTROLLED AREA

Most of the wildlife management area north and west of the Wildlife Drive have been designated as a Controlled (hunting) Area and is closed to all entry with the exception of special regulated hunting and trapping opportunities that require a permit. Permits can be drawn through a lottery drawing.

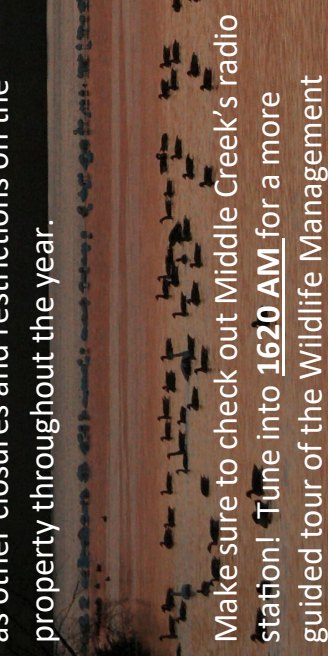
Middle Creek's formation focuses mostly on habitat for waterfowl and therefore waterfowl hunting is a popular activity within the controlled area. Interested hunters can apply to hunt online through the HuntFishPA license system ahead of season or by applying at Middle Creek's website during the hunting season. The majority of hunting occurs from pit blinds located in fields or on water edges. An annual archery and primitive deer hunt are also administered at Middle Creek. The goal is to balance the deer herd with their habitat and to allow for a quality hunting opportunity. These opportunities are also available to apply for online on the HuntFishPA license system.

Have questions about our permitted hunts? Please contact the visitors center or email us at gooseblindmcc@pa.gov.

PUBLIC RECREATION AREA

The public recreation area includes the Visitors Center, a 40-acre fishing area within the main lake, picnic areas, and some hiking trails. Fishing within the controlled and propagation areas or from the dam breast is prohibited. Please note the Public Recreation Area is also open to regulated hunting with the exception of waterfowl hunting. It is lawfully required that hikers wear fluorescent orange on designated trails from November 15th through December 15th in these areas.

Non-motorized boats are permitted on the main lake from May 15 through September 30. Boat access (Stop 6 on the Wildlife Drive) is located at the base of the Red Rock picnic area along Millstone Road. Overnight mooring is prohibited. Fishing from shore and ice fishing are permitted, but the Pennsylvania Game Commission does not monitor ice conditions, so ice fishing is at your own risk. Open fires are prohibited; self-contained stoves or charcoal grills are permitted unless otherwise designated by a manager. Pets must be leashed.



Make sure to check out Middle Creek's radio station! Tune into **1620 AM** for a more guided tour of the Wildlife Management Area!

property throughout the year.

as other closures and restrictions on the website for Visitors Center closures as well through Saturday, 8am to 4pm, and Sunday, noon to 5pm. Please check Middle Creek's website for Visitors Center closures as well as other closures and restrictions on the property throughout the year.

The Visitors Center is typically open from February 1 until Thanksgiving, Tuesday through Saturday, 8am to 4pm, and Sunday, noon to 5pm. Please check Middle Creek's website for Visitors Center closures as well as other closures and restrictions on the property throughout the year.

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area because of habitat that is offered here

Creek is considered a globally important bird them descend on Middle Creek. Middle

tion spectacle, when tens of thousands of

ally the peak for viewing this amazing migra-

snow geese, February and March are gener-

with the spring and fall migrations. For

Peak viewing times for waterfowl coincide

you can contact Middle Creek staff at middlecreek@pa.gov.

Pennsylvania Game Commission website or

information about programs can be found on the

activities throughout the year. Current infor-

center also hosts numerous programs &

the lake and a songbird feeding station. The

There's also a viewing area that overlooks

and other wildlife that inhabit the area.

life and interactive displays on waterfowl-

The Visitors Center features a variety wild-

PUBLIC HUNTING AREA (open access)

The remainder of Middle Creek (also known as state game lands 46) consists primarily of wooded habitat and is open for hunting opportunities during lawful seasons. All game laws and regulations apply. The majority of Middle Creek's hiking trails are also located within the public hunting area. Please note it is lawfully required that hikers wear fluorescent orange on designated trails from November 15th through December 15th in this area.

WILDLIFE DRIVE:

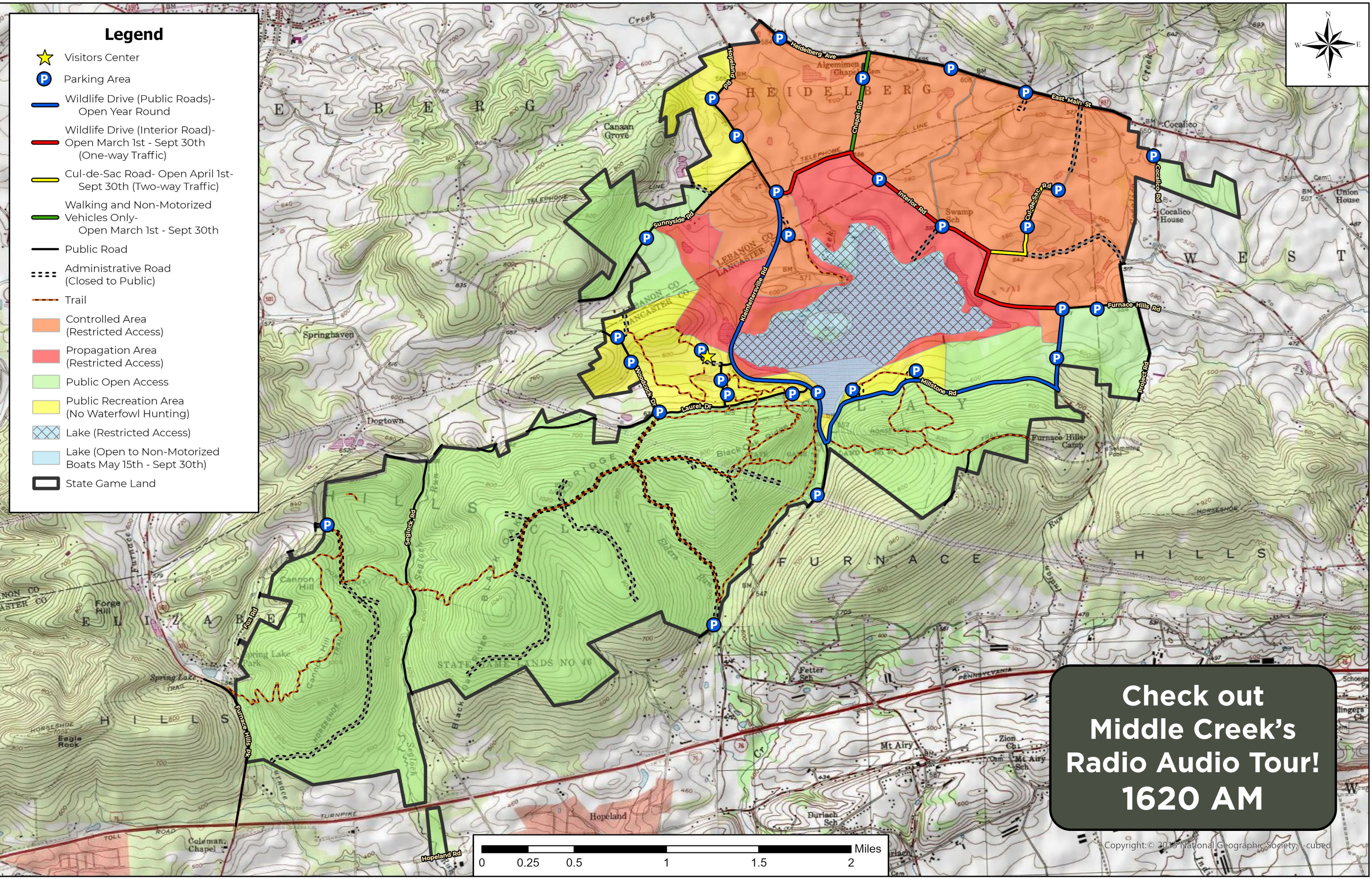
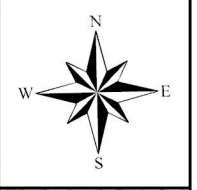
From March 1st until September 30th, vehicles are permitted on the interior or north part of the Wildlife Drive. One-way traffic regulations must be observed. A closed gate indicates the area is closed and entry is prohibited.



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Legend

- ★ Visitors Center
- P Parking Area
- Wildlife Drive (Public Roads)- Open Year Round
- Wildlife Drive (Interior Road)- Open March 1st - Sept 30th (One-way Traffic)
- Cul-de-Sac Road- Open April 1st- Sept 30th (Two-way Traffic)
- Walking and Non-Motorized Vehicles Only- Open March 1st - Sept 30th
- Public Road
- Administrative Road (Closed to Public)
- Trail
- Controlled Area (Restricted Access)
- Propagation Area (Restricted Access)
- Public Open Access
- Public Recreation Area (No Waterfowl Hunting)
- Lake (Restricted Access)
- Lake (Open to Non-Motorized Boats May 15th - Sept 30th)
- State Game Land



Check out Middle Creek's Radio Audio Tour! 1620 AM

