

Field Trip Conaway Run Lake Wildlife Management Area



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Description: This WMA in Tyler County totals approximately 630 acres and includes 30-acre Conaway Run Lake. The area is predominately bottomland and rolling hills with low ridges. Habitat types include oak-hickory woodlands, brushlands and some open land.

Viewing Information: White-tailed deer and ruffed grouse are visible year-round. Many species of small mammals are present including squirrel, rabbit, red and gray fox, raccoon, mink, muskrat and an occasional beaver. Planting of conifers and fruit-producing shrubs several years ago created food and cover for small mammals.

Conaway Run Lake provides 30 acres of trout fishing in the spring, and warmwater fishing throughout

the year. Catchable-sized trout are stocked once a month from February through May and fingerling channel catfish are stocked annually in the fall. Self-sustaining populations of largemouth bass and blue-



The red fox can sometimes be observed at Conaway along with squirrel, muskrat and mink.

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gill provide opportunities for the year-round angler.

A foot trail surrounds the lake

which offers easy access for bank fishing and wildlife viewing. Migratory game birds such as woodcock, several species of duck including wood duck, and Canada geese provide viewing and hunting opportunities. Overnight, primitive camping facilities are available, as well as a 150-yard rifle range and a small-boat ramp. Please note that only electric motors are permitted on the lake and the use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.

Directions: Conaway Run Lake Wildlife Management Area is located in Tyler County, approximately eight miles south of Middlebourne off state Route 18.

Ownership: West Virginia DNR (304) 420-4550.