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Description: Oak-hickory forest dominates this 387-acre wildlife management area. Natural and man-made clearings provide acres of edge habitat, and about 17 acres of scrub-shrub make a nice habitat mix for wildlife. The terrain is mostly low, steep-sided hills surrounding the stream that gives the WMA its name. The campground consists of six primitive campsites with pit toilets.

A one-acre pond provides anglers the opportunity to fish for stocked trout, along with warm water species including bass, catfish and sunfish.

Wildlife Viewing Information: Look for white-tailed deer, squirrels, ruffed grouse and turkeys in the forest and along the forest edges. The following bird species have all been noted from Edwards Run WMA: turkey vulture, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, yellow-billed cuckoo, pileated and hairy woodpeckers, Northern flicker, Eastern wood peewee, Acadian flycatcher, Eastern phoebe, Eastern kingbird, tree swallow, Northern rough-winged swallow, white-breasted nuthatch, gray catbird, cedar waxwing, red-winged blackbird and common grackle.

Songbirds like the tufted titmouse, yellow-throated vireo, wood thrush, American robin, yellow warbler, song sparrow, indigo bunting, Baltimore oriole, American goldfinch and Louisiana waterthrush can be observed and heard, especially during the spring and summer nesting season.

Butterflies abound, most noticeably during midday in the summer. Species include: falcate orangetip, Eastern tiger swallowtail, spring azure, cabbage white, Eastern pine elfin, juniper hairstreak and Juvenal's duskywing.

Edwards Run and the one-acre pond are stocked with trout, and also support sunfish, bass and catfish. These bodies of water can also be good places to spot birds such as Canada geese, mallards and other ducks, and green herons. Visitors can also observe a variety of turtles, salamanders and frogs.



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Green herons may be seen as they stalk fish to eat in Edwards Run and Edwards Run Pond.

Directions: From U.S. Route 50 at Capon Bridge in Hampshire County, turn north on Route 15 and go two miles.

NOTE: Edwards Run WMA is a public hunting area. Please check the current West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations or call the number listed below for hunting season dates.

Ownership: WV Division of Natural Resources. 304-822-3551