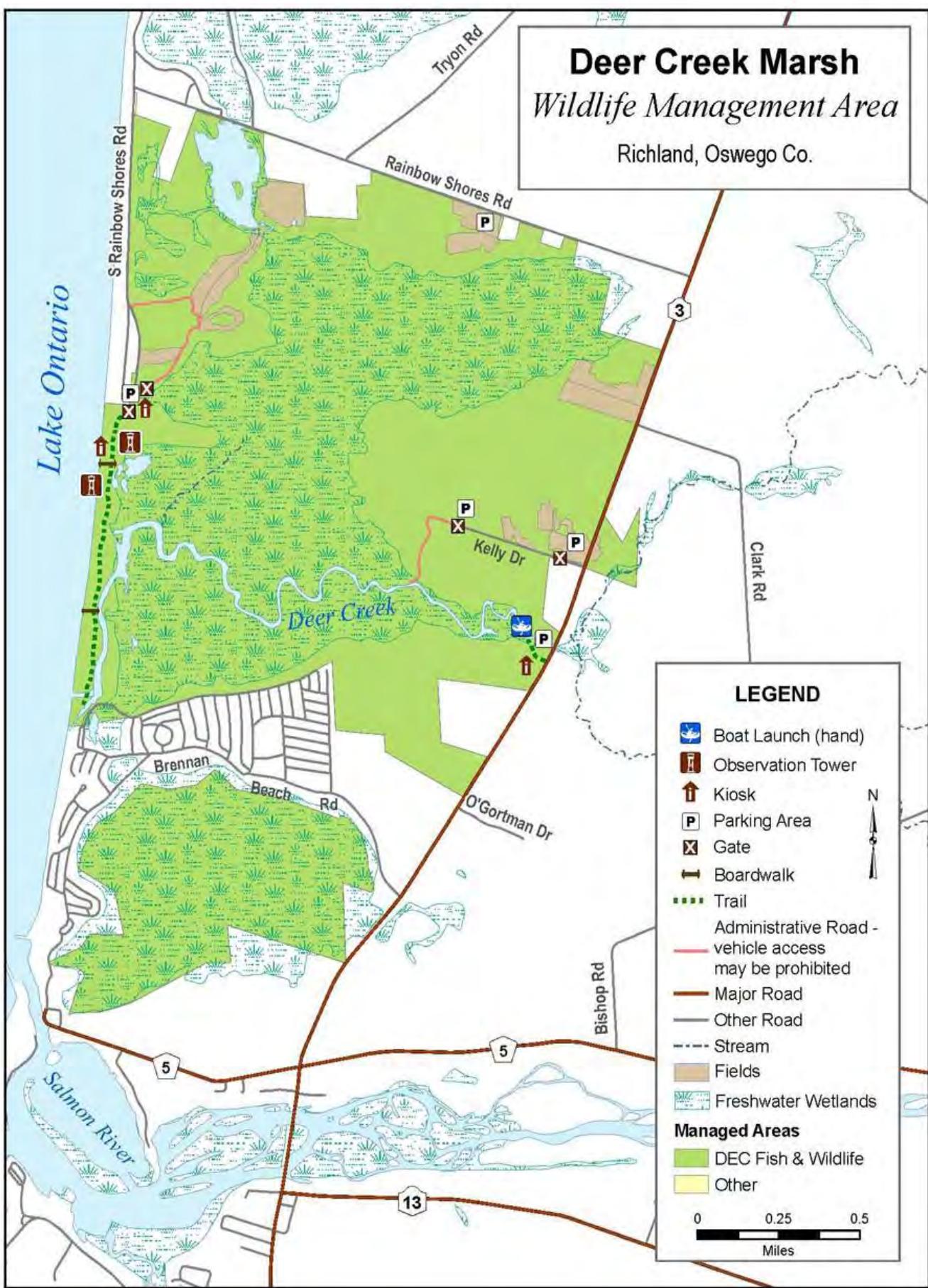


Deer Creek Marsh Wildlife Management Area

Richland, Oswego Co.



LEGEND

-  Boat Launch (hand)
-  Observation Tower
-  Kiosk
-  Parking Area
-  Gate
-  Boardwalk
-  Trail
-  Administrative Road - vehicle access may be prohibited
-  Major Road
-  Other Road
-  Stream
-  Fields
-  Freshwater Wetlands

Managed Areas

-  DEC Fish & Wildlife
-  Other

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Deer Creek Marsh Wildlife Management Area (WMA), totaling 1,771 acres, is located in the northwest corner of Oswego County along the shore of Lake Ontario. Deer Creek Marsh can be reached by taking the Pulaski exit off of Interstate 81 and proceeding west on State Route 13. Turn north (right) onto State Route 3 at Port Ontario about three miles west of Pulaski. Proceed north on State Route 3 and Deer Creek Marsh WMA will be on your left, accessible by Kelly Drive and Rainbow Shores Road.

Deer Creek Marsh WMA is a combination of wetland types that include open cattails and a bog. The dominant feature, though, is an extensive barrier beach and sand dune system that separates and protects the marshland from the ravages of Lake Ontario. The water elevation in the marsh is determined to a large extent by the level of Lake Ontario and whether the outlet of Deer Creek is plugged by sand or open to flow into Lake Ontario. Wildlife associated with wetlands dominate this area as all species of waterfowl that migrate up and down the Atlantic coast occur here either as a resident species or a visitor during the spring and fall migrations. In addition,

beaver, mink, white-tailed deer and even wild turkeys live at Deer Creek.

Current objectives for the area are to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species and to permit wildlife related recreational uses compatible with wildlife. Special emphasis is placed on the protection of the fragile barrier beach environment. Public education through interpretive signing and the presence of dune stewards to speak with the users of the area are the main focus of effort.

Numerous recreational opportunities associated with wildlife exist. Hunting, trapping and fishing are permitted in accordance with statewide regulations. Canoeing, birding, nature study, hiking, cross country skiing and wildlife observation are popular activities.

Since Deer Creek Marsh is a Wildlife Management Area, activities not compatible with the Area are prohibited. Prohibited activities include (but are not limited to) swimming, overnight storage of personal property, and any use of motorized vehicles (including cars, travel trailers/RVs, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc.) on terrain other than a maintained public road.

Deer Creek Marsh Wildlife Management Area



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