

Location: Venango, Green and Waterford townships, Erie County, Pa.

Size: Approx. 582 acres

Dates acquired: 1990-2012

Notable features: Natural lake, wetlands, old fields

Recreational activities (see inside for details): Non-motorized boating, fishing, hunting and wildlife watching

Directions: Located approximately 8 miles south of the City of Erie and I-90. Follow Lake Pleasant Road to the intersection of Valley Road. From there, Valley Road leads to the western side of the lake and WPC's accessible parking area, boardwalk, dock and canoe/kayak launch (look for the entrance on the left). Lake Pleasant Road continues around the eastern side of the lake and provides access to a PA Fish and Boat Commission parking area and boat launch.

Please use caution and watch for traffic along Lake Pleasant Road.

Please note: Portions of the Conservation Area are currently closed to the public (see map for details).

Description: Lake Pleasant is an approximate 64-acre natural lake. The Conservation Area includes most of the lake's shoreline, as well as wetlands, upland forests, old fields and reclaimed gravel mines.



LAKE PLEASANT CONSERVATION AREA



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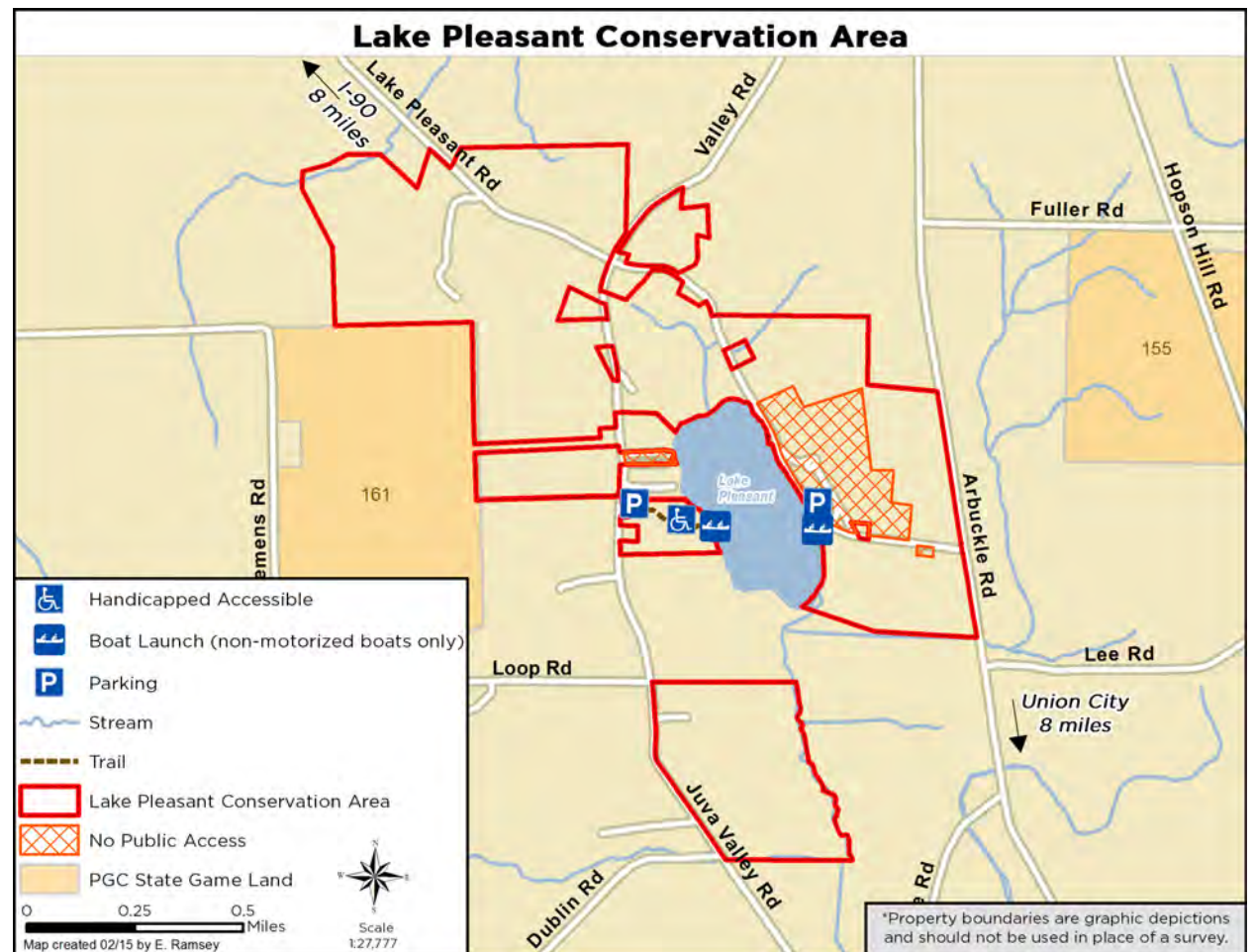


Recreational activities: Non-motorized boat access is available at a PA Fish and Boat Commission launch located off Lake Pleasant Road. In addition, a **universal access trail, boardwalk and canoe/kayak launch*** is located along the western shoreline. *To avoid spreading invasive species, boats and other gear should be thoroughly cleaned and allowed to completely dry prior to entering the lake.*

Wildlife watchers can explore the many habitat types found throughout the Conservation Area. Beavers are abundant at the lake outlet and within numerous small wetlands. Bird observations have included osprey, bald eagle, American bittern, green heron, swamp sparrow, eastern bluebird and veery.

Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with state regulations. Please exercise caution and wear blaze orange during hunting season.

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Forming part of the headwaters of French Creek, Lake Pleasant is considered the finest example of a natural, glacially formed inland lake in northwest Pa. The lake is recharged primarily by groundwater traveling through glacial sediments containing large amounts of limestone. This natural filtration helps maintain water quality and provide habitat features for rare and unique plant communities. In fact, the lake and surroundings support at least nine Pennsylvania Endangered species.

When visiting Lake Pleasant Conservation Area, please remember:

- Only non-motorized boats are permitted.
- To avoid spreading aquatic invasives, thoroughly clean and dry boats and other gear before entering the lake.
- Vehicles, including ATVs and bicycles, are prohibited.
- Camping and campfires are prohibited.
- If you carry it in, carry it out.
- Dogs must be on a leash or otherwise kept under control at all times.
- Collecting (animals, plants, rocks, etc.) without WPC permission is prohibited.