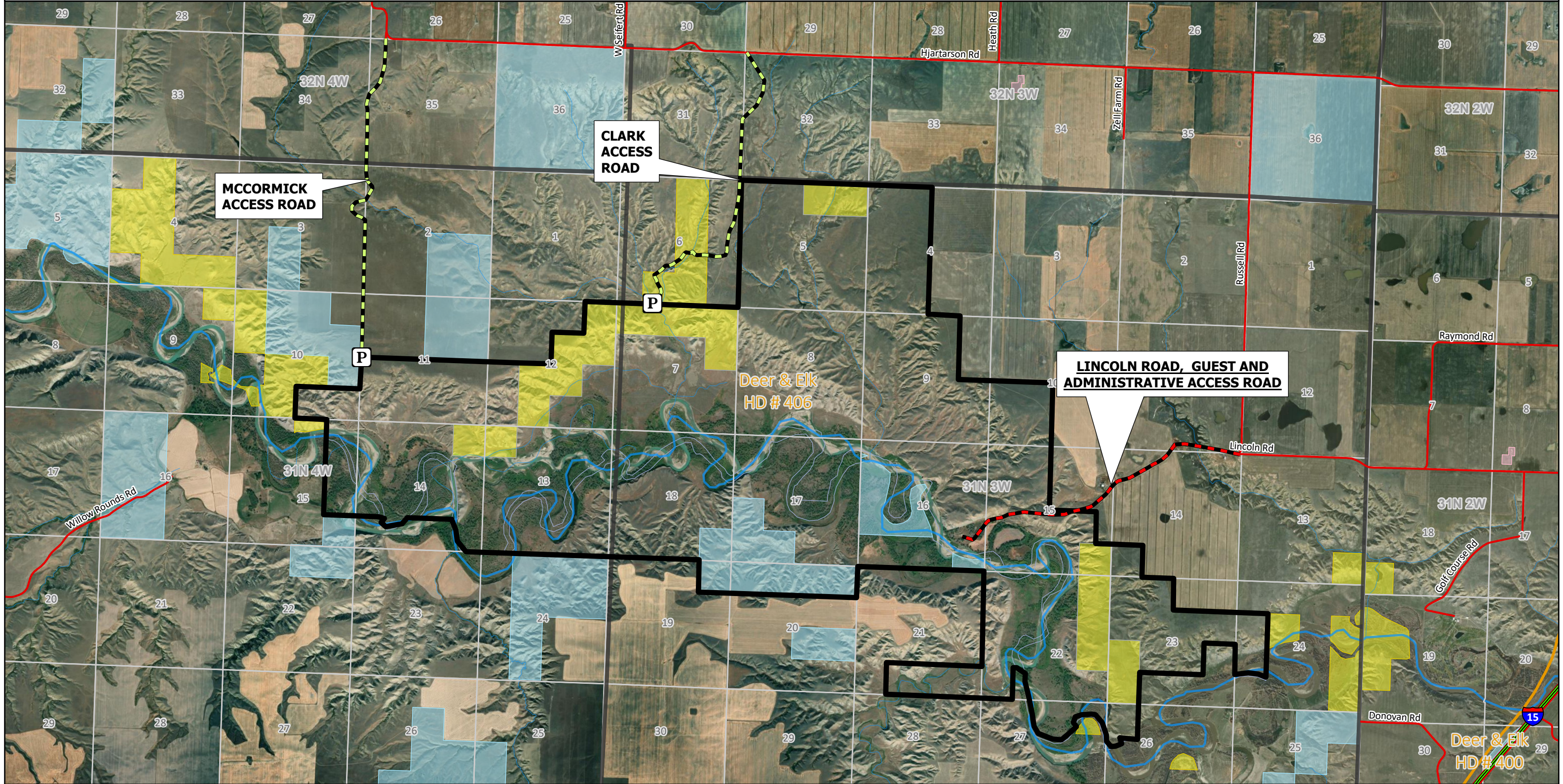


Marias River Wildlife Management Area



Rules- See Reverse Page



Legend

- WMA Boundary
- Lincoln Road, Guest and Administrative Access Road
- Montana State Trust Land
- US Bureau of Land Management
- Hunting Districts (Deer, Elk, Lion)
- Other Federal Land
- Access Road
- Parking

Area of Interest

Date: 3/28/2024
 Map Produced by: FWP Region 4
 BLM 100k Map(s):
 Billings, Bridger

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 Miles

Possession of this map does not constitute legal access to private land. This map may not depict current property ownership outside the access area. It is every hunter's responsibility to know the land ownership of the area he or she intends to hunt, the hunting regulations, and any land use restrictions that may apply. Check the FWP Hunt Planner for updates: <http://fwp.mt.gov/gis/maps/huntPlanner/>

MARIAS RIVER Wildlife Management Area

Deer/Elk Hunting District: 406

Access Dates: Noon April 1st—January 15th

GENERAL INFORMATION

Acres	County	Ownership
8,865	Toole/Pondera	Fish, Wildlife & Parks

All species may be hunted on this Wildlife Management Area with valid licenses during legal hunting seasons unless otherwise restricted. See hunting regulations for species specific regulations and license/permit types.

PRIMARY HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES: Mule/Whitetail Deer with permit only, Upland Game Birds, and Waterfowl

HOW TO GET THERE:

The MRWMA can be accessed by three access roads or floating the Marias River.

Lincoln Access Road

Access through this road is limited to MRWMA deer hunting access permit holders ONLY for the 2024 hunting season.

McCormick and Clark Access Roads:

From Hjartarson Rd., the McCormick Road leads to the northwest corner of the WMA. The Clark Access Road leads to the north central portion of the WMA.

River Floating:

Put-In Access: Public put-in access is available at the Sullivan Bridge via Sullivan Bridge Road, located approximately 13 miles north of Valier, on undeveloped BLM property.

Take-Out Access: The public take-out is located at Williamson Park, 1.2 miles downstream from the I-15 Bridge.

What to Expect: The Marias River is a Class I river, suitable for beginners its entire length during normal river flows. The upper Marias River is slow moving and typically becomes too low to float beginning mid to late July. Canoes and kayaks are the recommended watercraft. Rafts can also be used but often result in slow progress and long days on the water.

River Flows: Very little information on minimum, optimum, and maximum river flows is available for reliable and safe floating for the upper Marias River. Optimum flows below Tiber Reservoir have been estimated to be between 700 and 1500 cubic feet per second (cfs), with flows below 500 cfs estimated to be too low to float. FWP will be gathering additional information relating to optimum flows during the next few years. River flow for the upper Marias River is available on-line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?06099500>.

River Mileages

- Sullivan Bridge to WMA boundary: 9 miles
- WMA western boundary to eastern boundary: 13 miles
- WMA eastern boundary to take-out at Marias Valley Rd. Bridge (I-15): 9 miles
- Total Mileage - Sullivan Bridge to Williamson Park: 31 miles

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

General Recreation:

1. Respect adjacent private property – DO NOT TRESPASS
2. Non-motorized access only beyond designated parking areas.
3. Camping permitted in designated parking areas at McCormick and Clark Access Roads. No open fires.
4. No littering – pack it in – pack it out.
5. Properly dispose of human waste (cat hole method or packing out)
6. Please practice “Leave No Trace” principles.
7. Certified weed seed-free hay and forage required.
8. Pets must be on a leash in designated camping/parking areas, elsewhere pets must be on leash or under control.
9. Discharge of weapons for lawful hunting only during established hunting seasons.
10. Disturbing or removing botanical, geological or cultural resources prohibited.
11. Discharge of fireworks prohibited.
12. Permit required for authorized commercial use, and groups over 10 persons.

Hunting:

1. Deer Hunting allowed by limited access permit only (see fwp.mt.gov for current rules and regulations).
2. Antelope (as specified in antelope HD 404 regulations), upland bird and waterfowl hunting allowed.
3. Furbearer trapping will be prohibited (includes coyotes, badgers, foxes).



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FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN EVICTION FROM THIS PROPERTY AND/OR A CITATION FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN LANDOWNER PERMISSION FOR HUNTING.

REPORT VIOLATIONS: 1-800-TIP-MONT

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