



# GREEN BOTTOM WMA




## DID YOU KNOW?

- Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area is considered one of WV's Exemplary Wetlands, home to globally significant biodiversity and a refuge for an unusual number of rare wetland species.
- Birding hotspot! The water levels of the marshes are managed by WVDNR throughout the year to benefit wildlife, making this area a magnet for water birds.
- Green Bottom WMA is on the former plantation lands of U.S. Congressman and Confederate General Albert G. Jenkins.



Damming of the Ohio River means that the wetland no longer receives sediment deposits and overflow waters from natural floods, thus altering the natural disturbance regime and changing the plant and animal communities. Periodic fires set by Native Americans along the Ohio River prior to European settlement would have maintained the stands of now-rare Giant Cane. The Ohio River and its tributary, Guyan Creek which flows through Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area, are both listed as impaired with pollution as of 2021.


Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area is a unique ecosystem because:




rare species of plants and animals, including the bowfin fish, reside in this wetland.



organic-rich soils and dense vegetation capture pollutants, helping to purify the water.



there are very few natural wetlands left along the highly developed Ohio River.



it is a mosaic of forested and shrub wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, and open water.



Public use of the area includes hiking, fishing, photography, birdwatching, hunting, and outdoor classrooms for Marshall University and other educational institutions.

### BIRDS YOU MAY SEE:

- Northern harrier
- Common yellowthroat
- Great blue heron
- Least bittern
- Red-winged blackbird
- Wood duck
- Yellow warbler



Green Bottom WMA is located in Cabell and Mason Counties in WV along highway WV-2. 38.58554, -82.26233