

SEPTEMBER 9-2021

# GRAFTON FERRY



GREAT  
**RIVERS  
& ROUTES**  
OF SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS



● The Great Rivers and Routes region is the only place in America where the Mother Road of Route 66 meets the Great River Road. The region celebrates three of the nation's great rivers (the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois) alongside famous roads, history and small town charm.

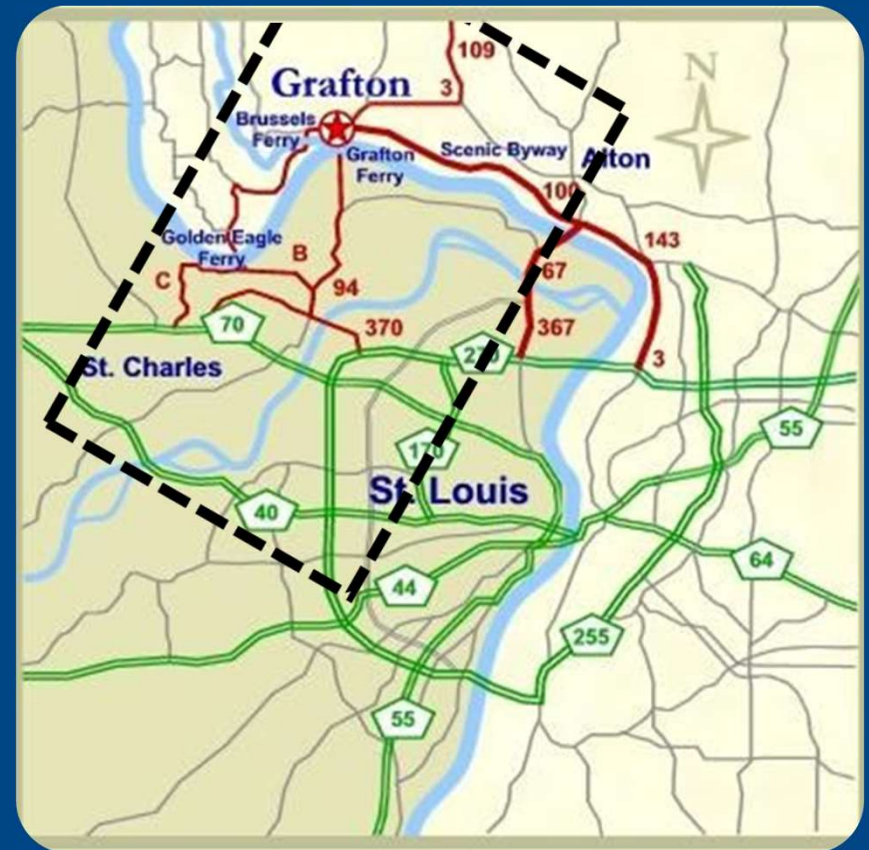
02 Return to a time of simplicity and American values along the Meeting of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway where the Mighty Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois Rivers converge. The 33-mile Meeting of the Great Rivers Byway begins in Hartford. The byway winds west and north via Illinois Routes 3, 143 and 100. Illinois Route 100 leads you through Alton and bends along the forested river bluffs, approximately 25 miles, to its ending point in Grafton at Pere Marquette State Park.

Meeting  
of the  
**Great  
Rivers**



# Ferries in the Region

The Grafton, Golden Eagle & Brussels Ferries connect Southwest Illinois to Northwest Missouri from I-70 and I-270 East-West Corridors, bringing thousands of visitors and spending into the National Scenic Byway region of Illinois.



# Grafton Ferry

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The Grafton Ferry is located on the Illinois side at the foot of Illinois Route 3, just upriver of the Grafton public boat ramp.

On the Missouri side, the Ferry terminates just off of Grafton Ferry Road alongside the St. Charles County Airport. From there, it is a short ride to Highway 94 and 10 miles to City of St. Charles.



# Travel today

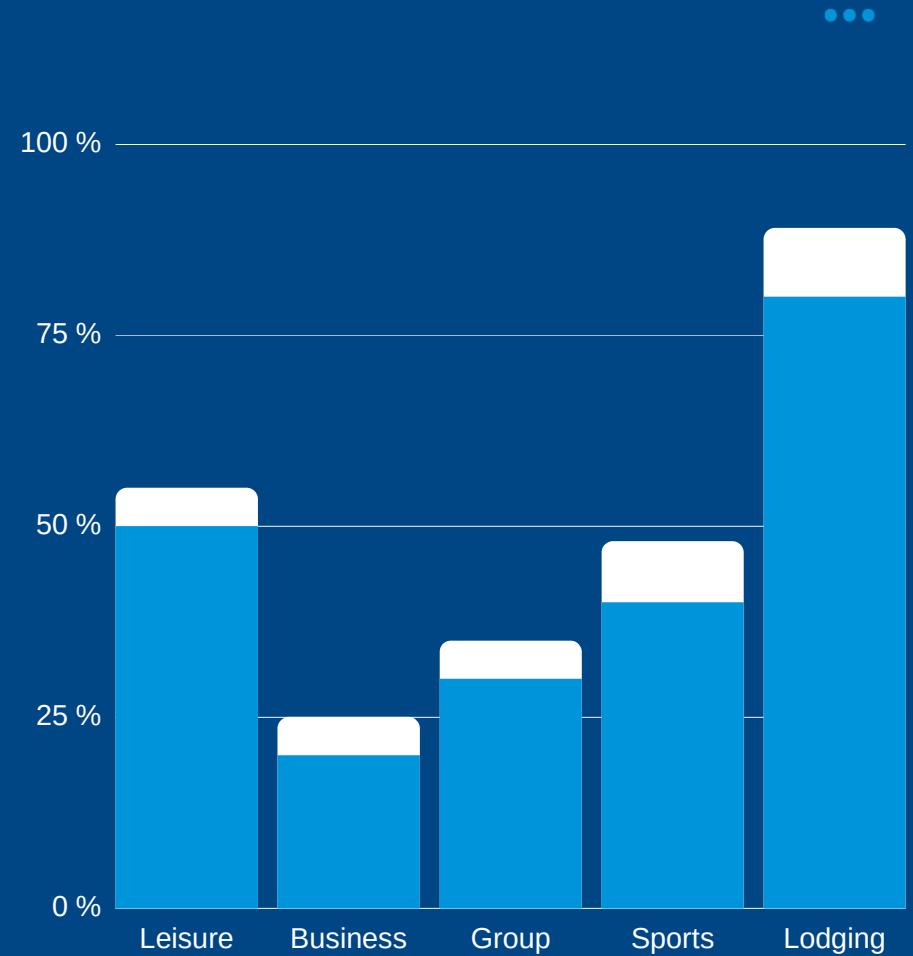
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We continue to see a strong leisure demand to the region up more than 50% YOY. Outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism continues to be the driving factor.

Consumers staying closer to home, taking a road trip with family & friends.

Midweek travel has seen an increase YOY.

The Byway Region is an all season destination.



# the Power of Travel in Southwest Illinois

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**2017**

\$540 Million in visitor spending

\$15 Million in local & state tax revenues generated



**2018**

\$580 Million In visitor spending

\$17 Million in local & state tax revenues generated



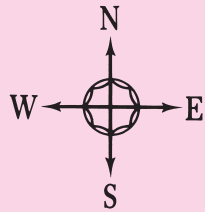
**2019**

\$690 Million in visitor spending

\$21 Million in local & state tax revenues generated















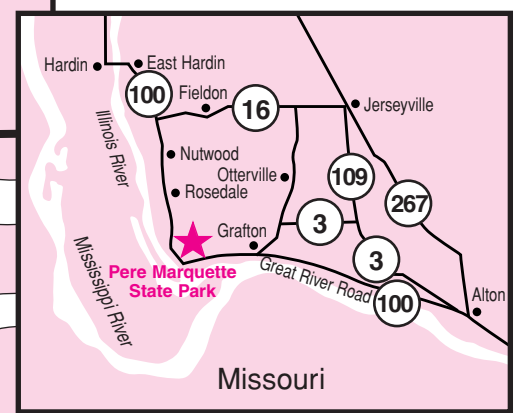
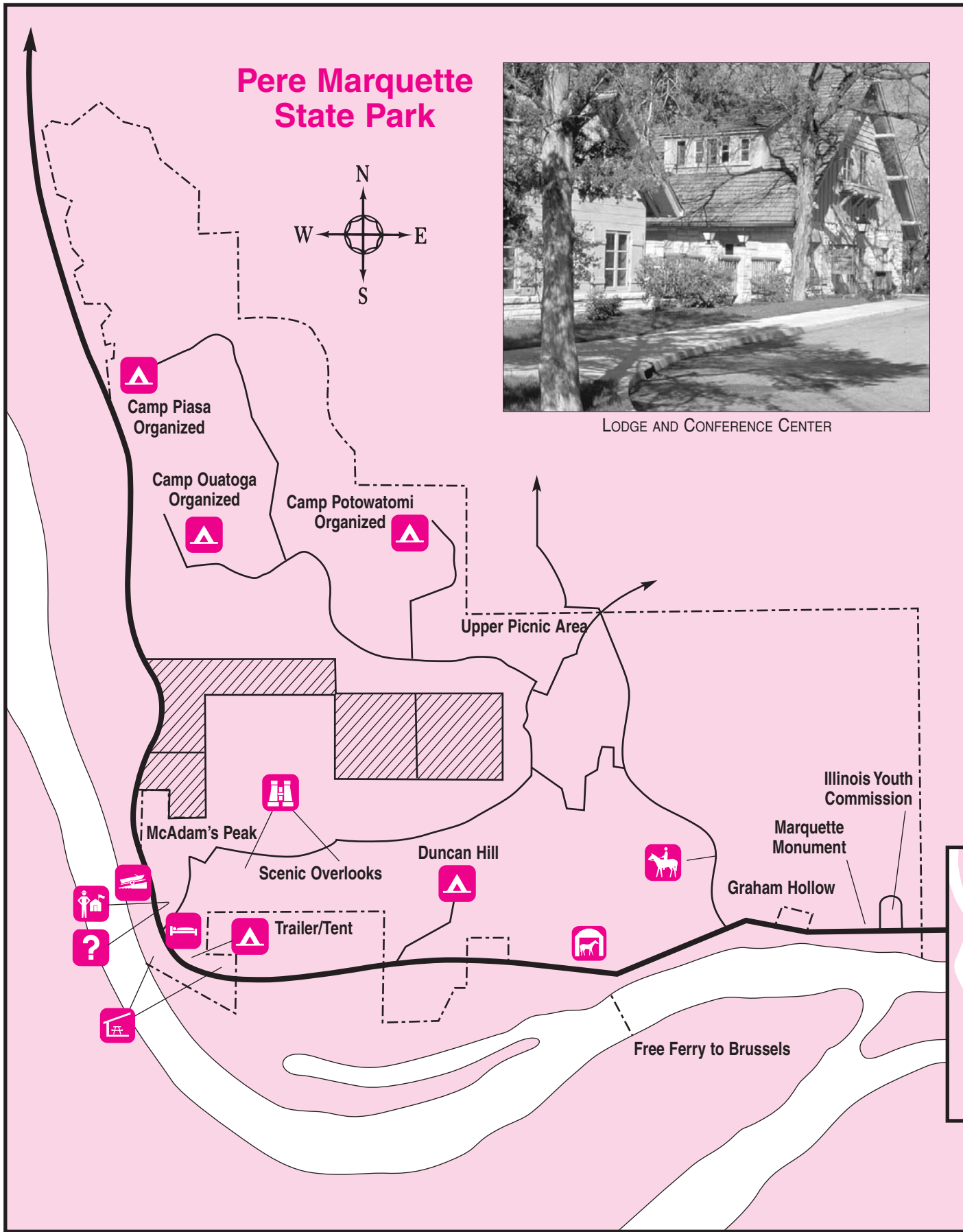
# Pere Marquette State Park



LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER

## Legend

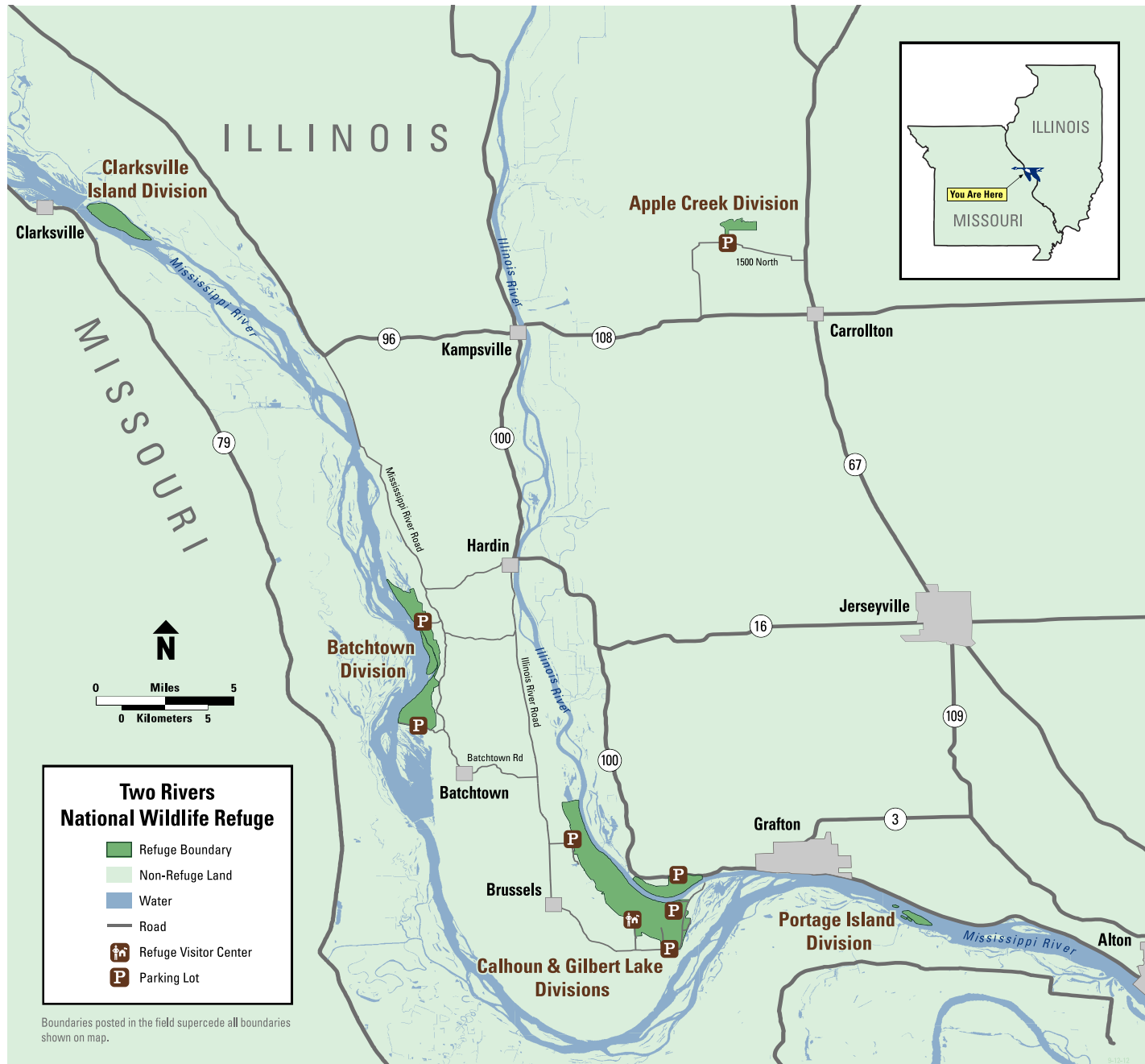
-  Park Office
-  Campground
-  Horse Stable/Rental
-  Horse Trail
-  Lodging
-  Boat Ramp
-  Overlook
-  Park Boundary
-  Picnic Area
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Private Property
-  Visitor Center





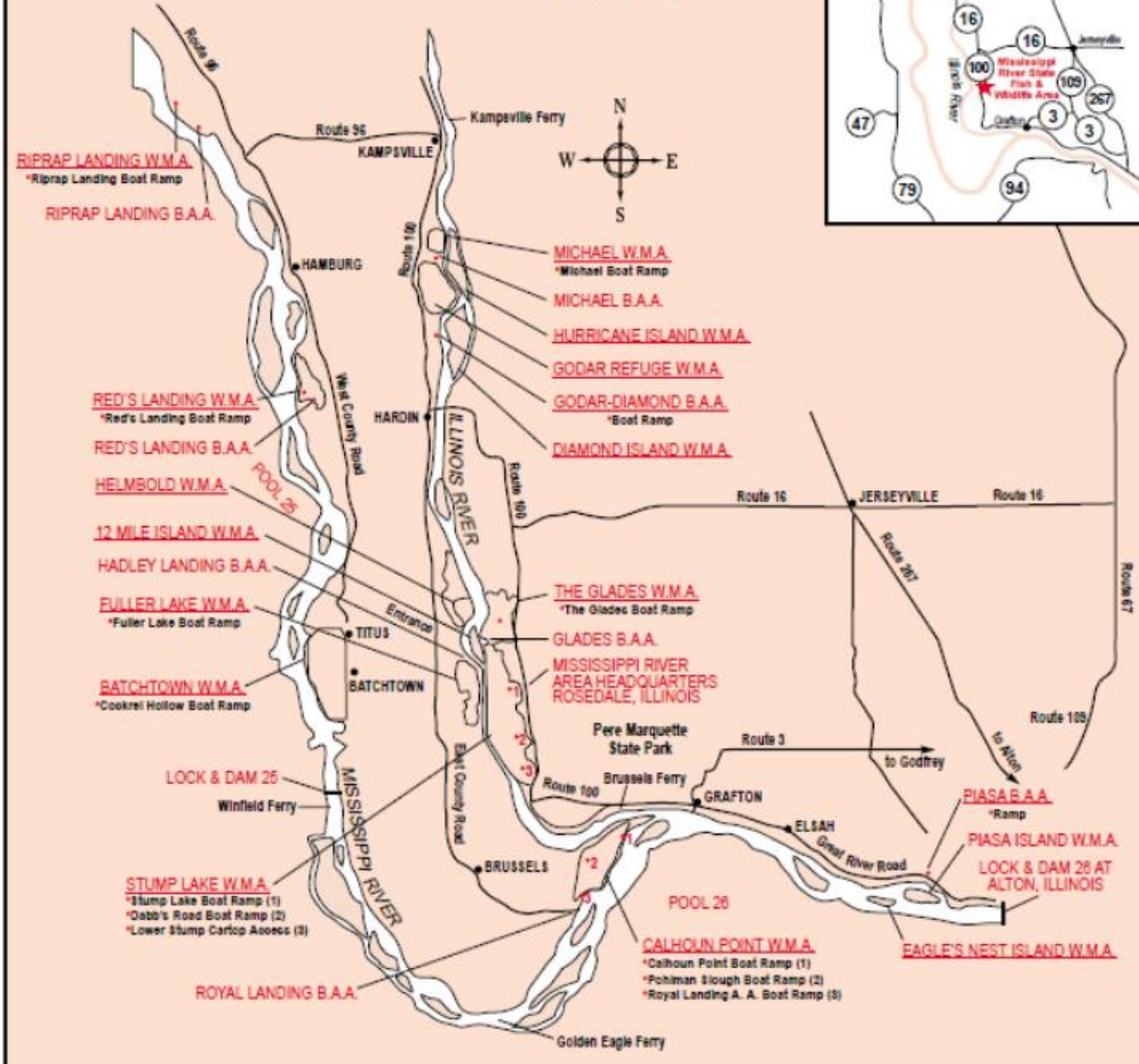
# Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge

## Refuge Map





# Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area



**STUMP LAKE W.M.A.**  
 \*Stump Lake Boat Ramp (1)  
 \*Dobb's Road Boat Ramp (2)  
 \*Lower Stump Carlop Access (3)

**CALHOUN POINT W.M.A.**  
 \*Calhoun Point Boat Ramp (1)  
 \*Pohman Slough Boat Ramp (2)  
 \*Royal Landing A. A. Boat Ramp (3)

**PIASA ISLAND W.M.A.**  
 \*Ramp  
 LOCK & DAM 26 AT ALTON, ILLINOIS