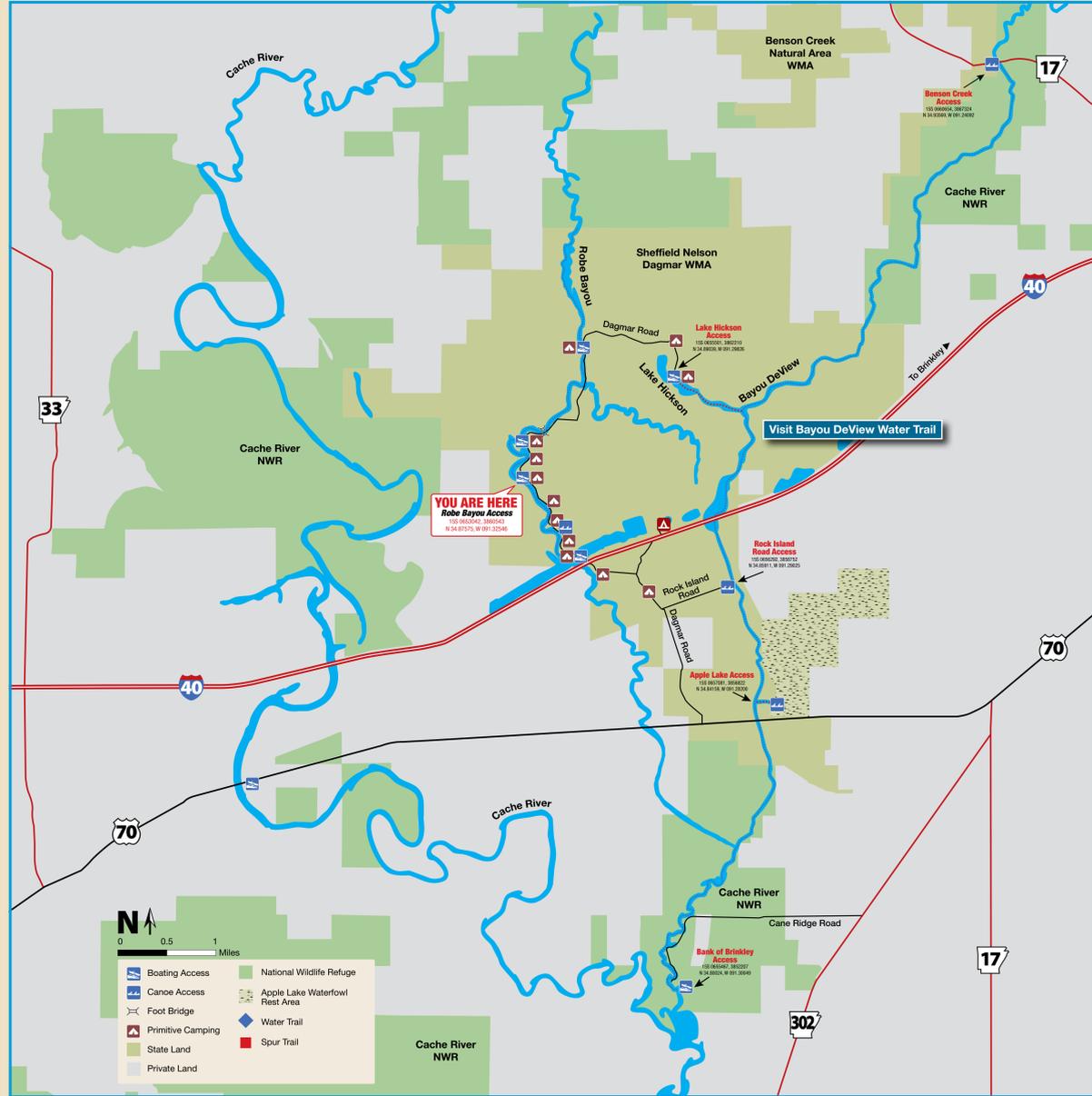




Robe Bayou Water Trail

The Arkansas Canoe Club is a partner in this project.



Robe Bayou Water Trail's distinct channel runs between the WMA's northern boundary and a weir that holds water near Interstate 40 south of here. Visit Bayou DeView Water Trail for more paddling adventure.

ROBE BAYOU ACCESS

Water Trail Length – 4.5 miles (Robe Bayou flows south).

Float Time – Expect to travel 1-2 miles per hour.

River Conditions – Robe Bayou usually is a flat-water float, although heavy rain and high water create dangerous conditions. Watch for snags and logjams. Paddle upstream or downstream from this access. The trail ends at a weir that holds water in the bayou near Interstate 40. Respect private property marked by fences, signs or purple paint.

Warning – A footbridge blocks the channel about 1 mile north of the boat launch. Portage around this bridge to paddle farther north on the bayou.

Don't Get a Ticket! – According to Arkansas law, children 12 and under must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket and anyone in a boat must have one ready to use. Vessels 16 feet and longer must have a throwable life preserver aboard. Glass containers are illegal in boats such as canoes and kayaks that can be easily swamped. Paddlers must securely fasten cooler lids, and use attached mesh litter bags and floating holders for beverages.

Wildlife and Habitat – Watch for barred owls, prothonotary warblers, red-headed and pileated woodpeckers, great blue herons, wintering bald eagles and a variety of waterfowl. Beavers, muskrats, deer and raccoons travel and feed in and around the bayou.



Bullfrog Mike Wintroath

Cypress-tupelo brakes are scattered throughout low-lying areas; some cypress trees are more than 850 years old. The forest is sweetgum, and overcup, water and Nuttall oaks. Bottomland hardwood forests have become fragmented. The Cache-Lower White Rivers Wetland of International Importance includes Sheffield Nelson Dagmar Wildlife Management Area and Cache River National Wildlife Refuge.

Fishing – The bayou offers fishing for crappie and bream. Minnows, jigs, spinners and light line



Mike Wintroath



Great blue heron Mike Wintroath

are recommended. Fish for catfish on the bottom with worms, minnows and stink baits. Check AGFC regulations.

Hunting – Hunters seek small game, deer and waterfowl on the WMA. Be aware of hunting seasons and wear hunter orange when appropriate. Avoid the area during permit deer hunts. Check current regulations for season dates and details.

Camping – Free, primitive campsites (marked by blue paint) are available along the water trail (see map). The sites, occupied on a first-come, first-served basis, offer no amenities.

Safety – Check weather forecasts and file a float plan; tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return. Plan your trip so your paddling skills are equal to the water conditions.

Points of Interest – Lake Hickson, Bayou DeView and Apple Lake Waterfowl Rest Area offer other local paddling opportunities (check AGFC regulations for seasonal access).

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Monroe County EMS 911
Monroe County Sheriff 870-747-3811
Wildlife Hotline 800-440-1477

AGFC Brinkley Office 870-734-4581
Cache River National Wildlife Refuge 870-347-2614

