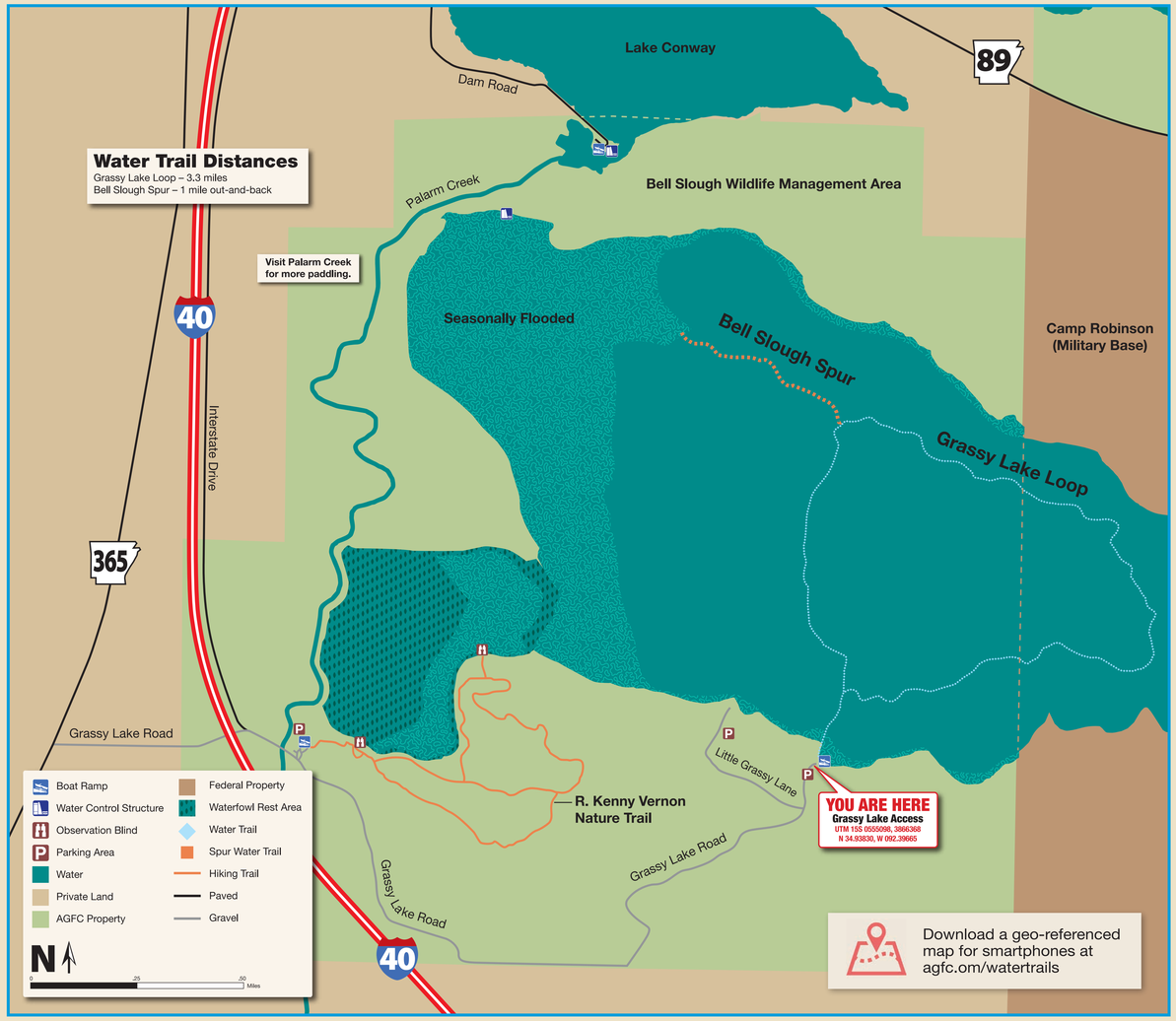
# Grassy Lake Water Trail



American bullfrog — Chris Newberry

Jeff Williams

## GRASSY LAKE ACCESS

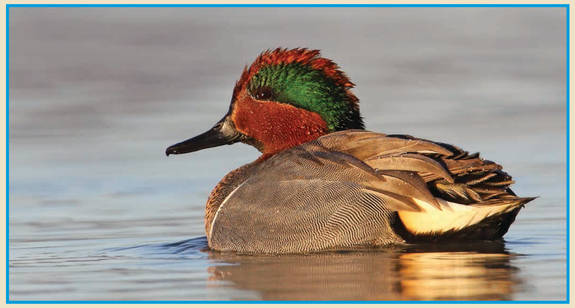
**Grassy Lake Greentree Reservoir is a wetland with seasonal paddling. Water is held during winter to provide habitat for waterfowl and released during spring to avoid damage to hardwood trees (call the AGFC Russellville Office for details). Always keep a trail marker in sight; the route is not always distinct so a GPS unit, map and compass are needed.**

**Alert:** The Grassy Lake Water Trail passes through Camp Robinson on the eastern side of the loop (see map). Boaters must stay in their vessels on this section of the trail.

**Don't Get a Ticket:** According to Arkansas law, children 12 and under must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket and anyone on a boat must have one ready to use. Vessels 16 feet and longer must have a throwable life preserver (type IV) aboard. Class containers are illegal in boats such as canoes that can be easily swamped. Paddlers must securely fasten cooler lids, and use attached closeable trash containers and floating holders for beverages.

**Wildlife and Habitat:** Cypress-tupelo lakes and sloughs provide excellent opportunities to see wildlife. Watch for nesting herons in spring—along with migrating songbirds—and listen for gobbling wild turkeys. This area is rich in reptile and amphibian life, from cottonmouths to harmless water snakes. Listen for booming calls of bullfrogs and the high-pitched chorus of spring peepers, while beavers sun atop lodges. Migrating waterfowl such as mallards, northern shovelers and gadwalls stop during their travels.

Great blue heron — Chris Newberry



Green-winged teal — Chris Newberry

**Hunting:** Boating hours are limited during waterfowl hunting seasons. Check www.agfc.com or the *Arkansas Waterfowl Hunting Guidebook* for regulations.

**Fishing:** Fluctuating water does not provide a stable environment for most fish, although tolerant fish such as carp, bowfin, gar and buffalo are common in Grassy Lake. Nearby Palarm Creek is a good place to catch crappie and catfish, and Lake Conway also offers largemouth bass, bluegill and redear sunfish.

Beaver — Chris Newberry

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Faulkner County EMS ..... 911
Faulkner County Sherriff..... 501-450-4914
AGFC Russellville Office..... 877-967-7577
Stop Poaching Hotline..... 800-482-9262

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