



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Green River Wildlife Management Area

(Connecticut Valley District)

Towns: Colrain, Greenfield, Leyden

Acreage: 382

Wildlife Management Zone: 4N

Description of property:

This WMA consists of 5 separate parcels along Green River Road. They provide access for both hunting and fishing opportunities. The primary habitat types are upland forest consisting of mature transition hardwoods (oak, maple, beech) and white pine. There are about 30 acres of early successional habitat of primarily old fields and shrublands which can be found on the west side of the parcel abutting West Leyden Road.

Location/Access/Parking:

The property can be accessed from Green River Road and West Leyden Road in Colrain and River Road in Leyden. A dirt parking area for 4-6 vehicles is located on the west side of Green River Road approximately 1 mile south of where it meets West Leyden Road. Parking areas are not maintained in winter.

Habitat Management:

Approximately 30 acres of old field habitat is managed on the parcel off of West Leyden Road. Clusters of apple trees were released to provide food for wildlife. Mowing is repeated once every 3-5 years to maintain old field habitat and surrounding shrublands.

Hunting Opportunities:

The best hunting opportunities on this WMA are for White-tailed Deer, Black Bear, Wild Turkey, and Gray Squirrel. Other hunting opportunities exist for Eastern Coyote and Raccoon.

Fishing Opportunities:

The area includes the Green River, Workman Brook, and Strafford Brook. The Green River provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout, reproducing Brown Trout, stocked trout, Largemouth Bass, and Smallmouth Bass. Multiple pull-offs exist off of Green River Road for fishing access. Workman Brook provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout. For more information on trout stocking, visit [Mass.gov/Trout](https://www.mass.gov/trout).

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

The Green River, named as such for its translucent emerald-like water, is a spectacular coldwater stream that is popular with swimmers in the summer. Green River WMA provides habitat for two rare dragonflies, including the Ocellated Darner, which flies low over the water in late summer and fall.

Special WMA Regulations:

None.

Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

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