2019 MONPS Fall Field Trip – Poplar Bluff, MO vicinity

We'll finish off the 2019 field trip season by visiting the Mississippi River Lowland Ecoregion. The weekend will begin on September 6th with an afternoon field trip to the Mark Twain National Forest in an area leased by the Missouri National Guard, known as the Wappapello Training Site. Here, we will see the forested floodplain and marsh communities associated with Peppermint Creek and its tributaries. We'll listen to the evening speaker at the Holiday Inn in Poplar Bluff talk about how their feral hog management approach and provide information on Mingo National Wildlife Refuge and the lowland communities we can expect to see. Saturday, September 7 will begin with a trip to Mingo NWR and visit Big Cane Conservation Area in the afternoon. We'll finish the day with MONPS Board meeting beginning at 7:00PM at the Holiday Inn in Poplar Bluff. Our last trip of the weekend will be to the Bradyville Natural Area at Otter Slough Conservation Area. By the end of the weekend, you'll get to see and experience a slice of what large areas of Missouri's Bootheel once was.

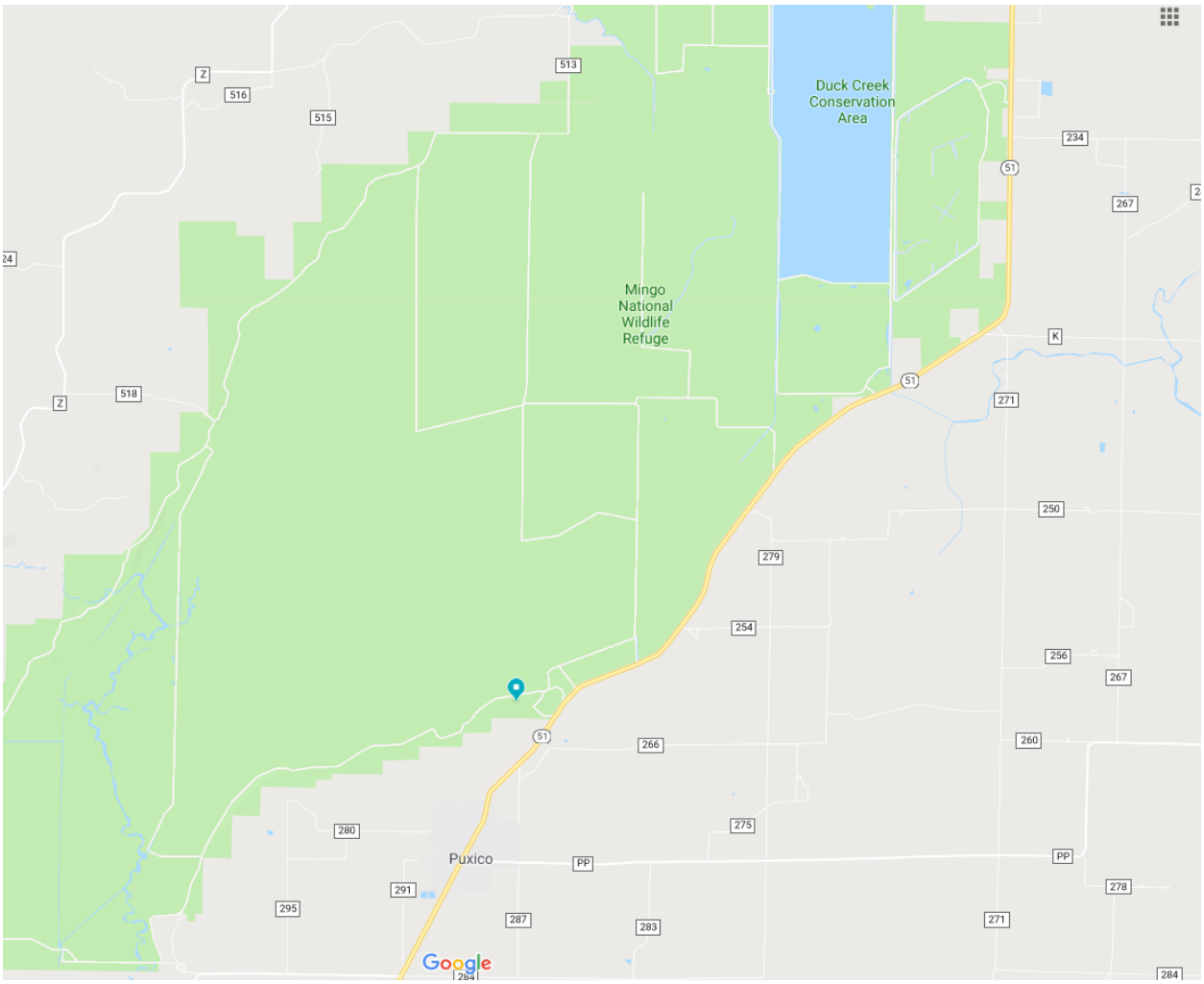
You are welcome to join in for all of the field trips, or just come to the ones that fit your schedule. If you'll only be attending some of the forays, it's best to join the group first thing in the morning, as we can be difficult to locate if you attempt to join during the middle of the day. Please note: Bring your own lunch, water and folding chair on Saturday and we'll picnic in the field. Changes to the schedule could occur! Keep an eye on the following links for the most current info and for detailed maps to each site.

Lodging is available with a group discount ($89) at the Holiday Inn in Poplar Bluff (2781 N Westwood Blvd.). This is a convenient location to stay as our Friday and Saturday night gatherings are located at the hotel. Please also help us gather 15 reservations at the hotel to have the meeting space for free. Another hotel in the area with a group discount ($82.45) is the Comfort Inn (2582 N. Westwood Blvd, Poplar Bluff, MO). Be sure to mention the MO Native Plant Society when reserving at either hotel. The reservation deadline to receive the discount is August 23.

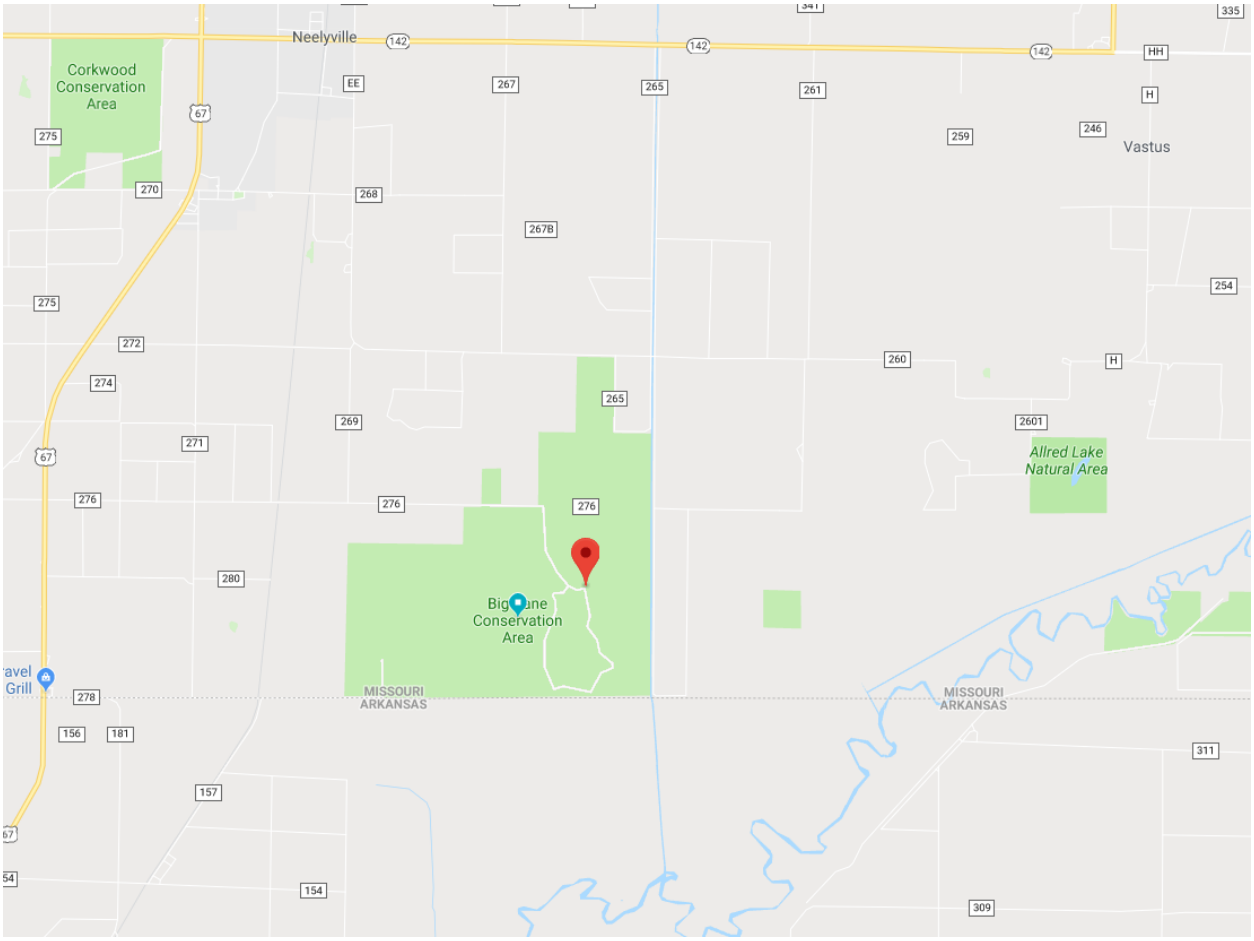
Fall 2019 Field Trip Itinerary			
	Friday, Sept. 6	Saturday, Sept. 7	Sunday, Sept. 8
8:30 a.m.		Mingo NWR Visitor's Center Leave Holiday Inn at 8:00	Otter Slough CA Leave Holiday Inn at 8:00
11:30 a.m.		Picnic at the Mingo NWR Visitor's Center Pavilion	
1:30 p.m.	Wappapello Training Site 741128, 4087310	Big Cane CA	
7:00 p.m.	Evening Presentation Holiday Inn, Poplar Bluff	MONPS Board Meeting Holiday Inn, Poplar Bluff	

Wappapello Training Site – Friday, September 6th at 1:30 p.m.
36°54'02.9"N 90°17'37.9"W
36.900808, -90.293858

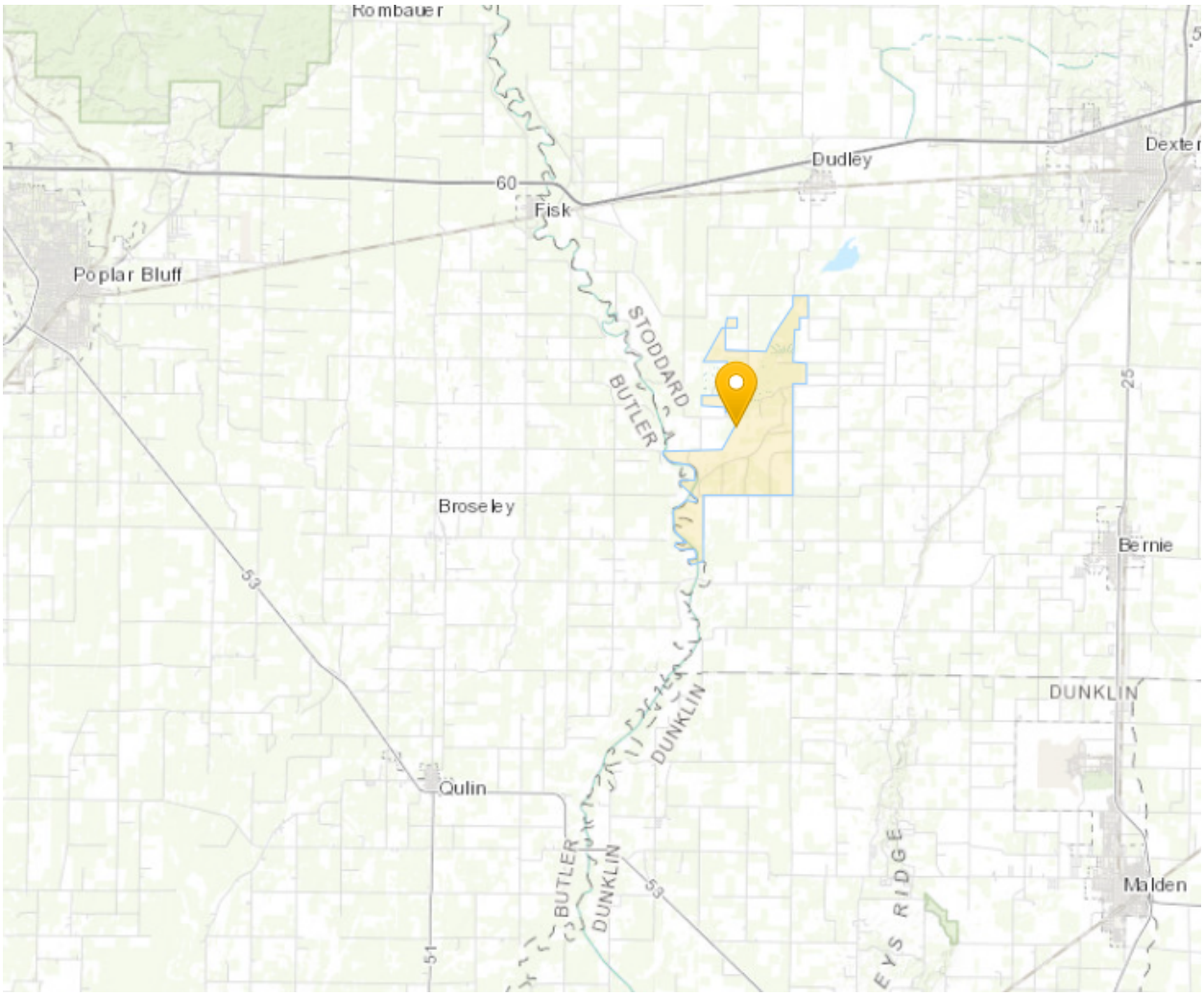
Mingo NWR Visitors Center- Saturday, Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m.
36°58'09.5"N 90°09'00.3"W
36.969313, -90.150073



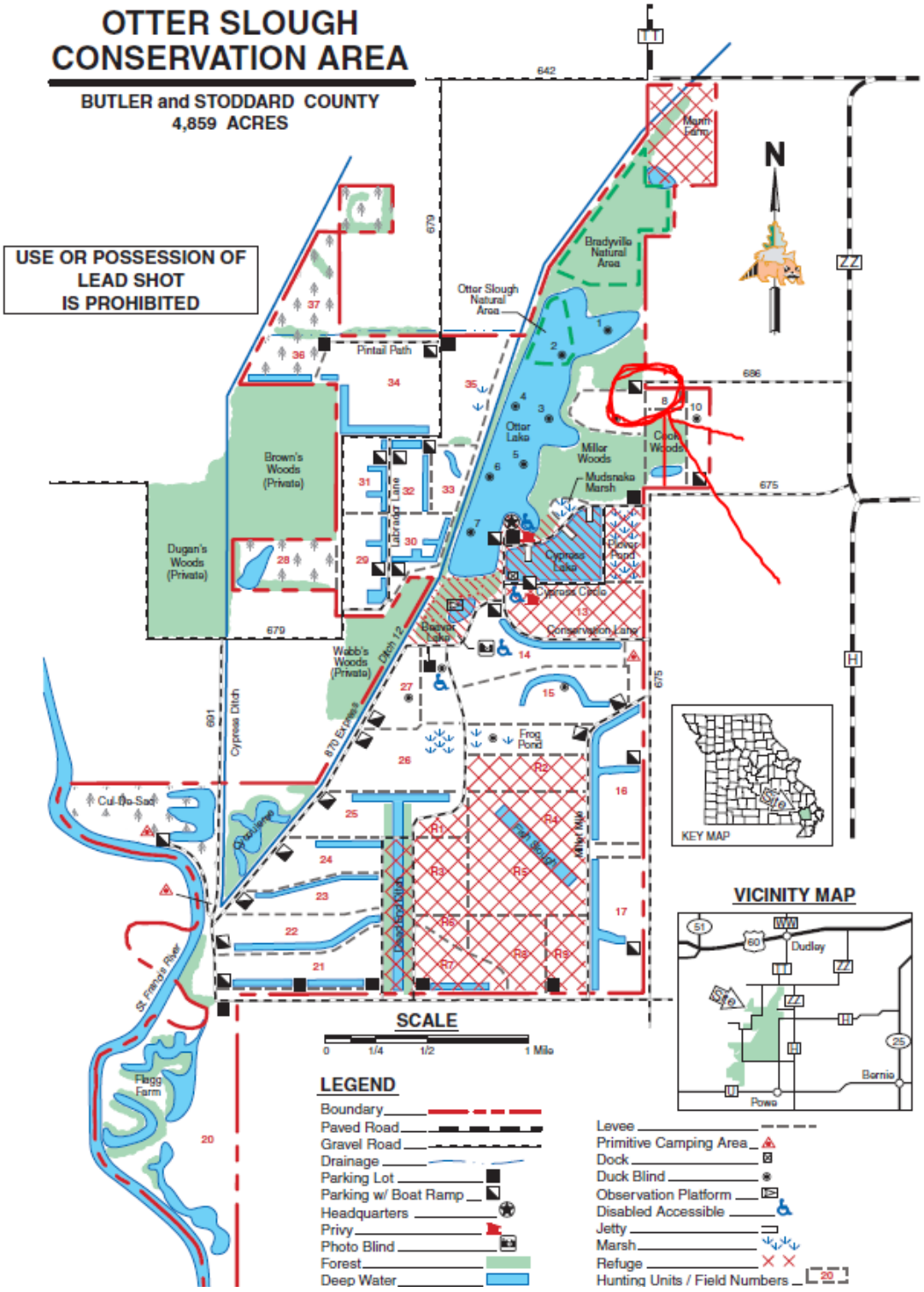
Big Cane Conservation Area – Saturday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m.
36°30'32.3"N 90°28'30.9"W
36.508959, -90.475256



Otter Slough Conservation Area – Sunday, Sept. 9 at 8:30 a.m.
36°43'55.8"N 90°06'04.1"W
36.732166, -90.101146



Meeting Location



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