Information & County Contacts

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**Warrick County Soil & Water Conservation District:**
(812) 897-2840 ext. 3

Land, Water, & Biodiversity & Conservation Efforts:

**Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area**

Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area is a unique natural resource area because all of the land has been strip-mined. Blue Grass covers approximately 2,532 acres and features about 28 pits and lakes (600 acres of water). Blue Grass is dedicated to providing and maintaining quality hunting, fishing and wildlife watching opportunities. The area is named after Blue Grass Creek, which lies just east of the property. Amax Coal Company began mining operations in October 1973, and ceased operations in 1993. Re-vegetation was carried out using herbaceous cover and woody species planted in clumps and strips. This is a unique area, one that offers outdoor enthusiasts an array of opportunity.¹

¹[http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3099.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3099.htm)
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Interlake State Recreation Area

Interlake State Recreation Area (ISRA), former coal mine land straddling Pike and Warrick Counties, is now open as a multi-use recreational facility. Interlake is approximately 3550 acres of land with three separate areas of mining and reclamation. From steep rugged spoil banks to rolling hilly grasslands, man-made lakes and final cut strip pits, Interlake is a diverse array of topography and scenic views.²

Endangered Species:

Virginia Rail (Rallus limicola)

A secretive bird of freshwater marshes, the Virginia Rail most often remains hidden in dense vegetation. It possesses many adaptations for moving through its habitat, including a laterally compressed body, long toes, and flexible vertebrae. The forehead feathers of the Virginia Rail are adapted to withstand wear from pushing through dense marsh vegetation.³

²http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4226.htm
³http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Virginia_Rail/id