

*See website for WLCC open weekend schedule with details on campground, horseback riding, and fishing use.

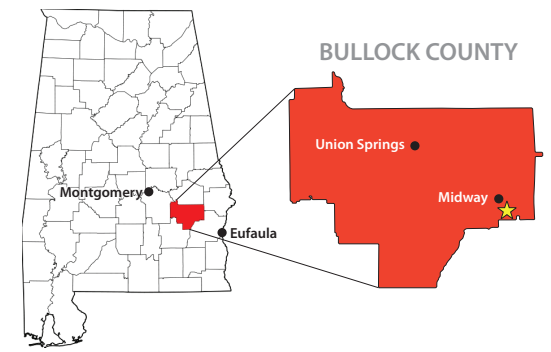


FOREVER WILD TRAILHEAD: 32.04599, -85.46914

WLCC GATE: 32.03214, -85.45632

From Montgomery: Travel north on I-85. Take exit 15 to AL-110 towards Union Springs. Stay on AL-110 until it ends at U.S. 82. Turn left onto U.S. 82E and travel through Union Springs to Midway. In Midway, turn right (south) onto AL-51, proceed ½ mile then turn left onto Pleasant Hill Road. Travel 3.5 miles to the Forever Wild trailhead and 4.8 miles to the WLCC entrance.

From Eufaula: Travel west on U.S. 82 for 16.7 miles. Turn left onto Barbour Co. Rd. 49. Travel 4.4 miles and turn right on Mt. Pleasant Rd. Travel 2.7 miles to WLCC entrance or 4.0 miles to the Forever Wild trailhead.



WEHLE LAND CONSERVATION CENTER

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WEHLE LAND CONSERVATION CENTER



A Facility of Alabama State Lands
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

The Wehle Land Conservation Center (WLCC)

contains 1,550 acres of rolling pine hills and hardwood bottoms near Midway in Bullock County, Ala. The property was formerly owned by Robert G. Wehle (1920-2002), who was renowned for his prestigious line of English Pointers, known as the "Elhew Pointer." As a passionate conservationist and outdoorsman, he wanted to ensure his property would be preserved for future generations to enjoy. To achieve this, he sold it to the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust in 1994. Mr. Wehle generously negotiated the sale to Forever Wild at a discounted price of half the appraised value while retaining ownership of small inholdings that included his home and other buildings under a life estate agreement.



Robert G. Wehle

After Mr. Wehle's death, the remaining inholdings were transferred to the Alabama State Lands Division. The State Lands Division established the WLCC in 2004 to facilitate

outdoor recreation, environmental education, and conservation opportunities on the property. The Wehle family also established a charitable trust that provides support to the facility in perpetuity.



Field Trial Champion Elhew Snakefoot

Multiple recreational and facility use opportunities are available for visitors. Free camping, fishing and horseback riding is available on select open weekends each year. The Forever Wild trailhead provides hiking trail access to the property seven days a week. Visitors may additionally request to rent facilities for meetings or group use by contacting us in advance.

OPEN WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

CAMPING

- Gate opens at 2 p.m. on Friday with checkout by 3 p.m. Sunday.
- 10 campsites with power and water hook-ups (no sewer); first-come, first-served.
- Additional space is available with no power or water.
- Amenities include horse stable, paddocks, covered pavilion, showers and restrooms.

HORSEBACK RIDING

- Three trails totaling 10.3 miles.
- Stables, paddocks, and campsites available for overnight use on camping weekends (first-come, first-served basis).

FISHING

- Allowed only in Nature Center, Blue Heron, and Wood Duck Lakes.
- State fishing license laws apply.
- Catch limits are available at www.AlabamaForeverWild.com and posted at the campground.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

HIKING AND WILDLIFE VIEWING

- Four trails totaling 8.0 miles.
- The Forever Wild trailhead is open daily. Parking is available on Pleasant Hill Road north of the entrance to WLCC.

- On open weekends, visitors are encouraged to visit Blue Heron Lake where they may see a variety of wildlife. Parking and trail access is available at Blue Heron Lake.

WIREFRASS BIRDING TRAIL

- The Forever Wild trailhead is a stop on the Wiregrass Birding Trail with over 175 species documented on the property.
- Species of interest include Northern Bobwhite, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Red-headed Woodpecker, Kentucky Warbler, and Bachman's Sparrow. Visit alabamabirdingtrails.com for more information.



HUNTING

- Hunting is not available at WLCC, but opportunities are available on the adjacent Barbour Wildlife Management Area
- Visit www.outdooralabama.com for WMA hunting information.

OPEN WEEKEND SCHEDULE

First and third weekends in March, April, May, Sept., Oct. and Nov.

- Camping/Horseback Riding/Hiking
- Fishing on Saturday only

First and Third Saturdays in February

- Fishing/Horseback Riding/Hiking

Third Saturdays in June and July

- Fishing/Horseback Riding/Hiking

***WLCC is closed to Camping, Fishing, Horseback Riding in Jan., Aug. and Dec.**
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FACILITY RENTALS

Select facilities may be rented for meetings and group events. These include the Nature Center, Dining Hall, Dormitory and Picnic Pavilion. Facility descriptions and rental rates are on our website:

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Facility use and visitation is subject to ADCNR State Lands Division's Administrative Code regulation 220-4-.15.
- Dogs must be kept on leashes while on the property.
- All trash must be packed out.

Northern Bobwhite



Photo By: Randy Stephens