



Information Paper

Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Weston Bend, MO

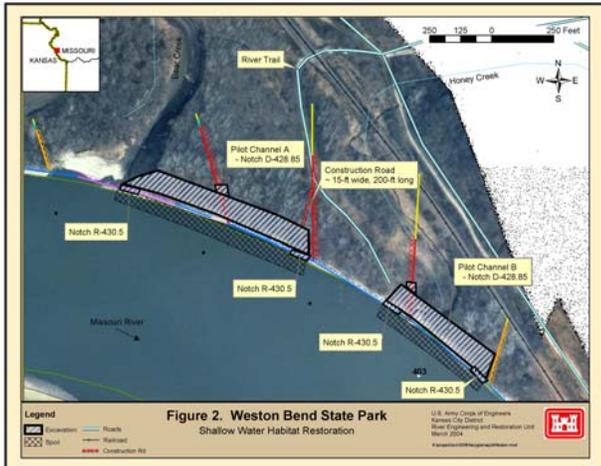


Diagram of the work completed at the Weston Bend State Park in July, 2004

The mitigation work at Weston Bend created approximately 5 acres of riverine habitat but will vary over time, hopefully growing to a full 12-acre site. It is located at river mile 403 on the left descending bank of the Missouri River.

Current Status

The Weston Bend State Park is owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). MDNR maintains the park features at the site. The Corps will maintain the river structures at this location to assure adequate flows remain in the main river channel while the riverine habitat forms. Meanwhile, the site is available to the public for a variety of outdoor activities including picnicking, site seeing, bird and wildlife watching.

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Location

One mile south of Weston, in Platte County, Missouri.

Description

This mitigation site is located within the Missouri River along the bank of the Weston Bend State Park. Two pilot channels were constructed in the existing river structures in the spring of 2004. These modifications were completed to increase the diversity of the riverine habitat at this location for a wide variety of fish, including the endangered pallid sturgeon. The increase in shoreline will also benefit native shore birds and amphibians.