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Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Marion Bottoms, MO



USGS TerraServer Aerial View of Marion Bottoms site, 1995

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Location

Twelve miles northwest of Jefferson City, in Cole County, Missouri.

Description

This mitigation site is located within the Missouri River along the bank of the Marion Bottoms Conservation Area. Several dike notches were made in the existing river structures in 2001 and again in 2004. The river has created deep scour holes and shallow water areas. This site now contains a diverse and dynamic riverine habitat for a wide variety of fish, including the endangered pallid sturgeon.

The riverine habitat at the site is now approximately 36 acres in size but will vary over time, hopefully growing to a full 54-acre site. It is located at river

miles 160 to 159 on the right descending bank of the Missouri river.

Current Status

The Marion Bottoms Conservation Area is jointly owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. MDC maintains the wetland, forest, and other terrestrial habitats at this 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. During 2005, the Corps and MDC will evaluate additional mitigation at the Marion Bottoms site including installation of a side channel. Meanwhile, the site is available to the public for a variety of outdoor activities including bird and wildlife watching, hunting, photography, and fishing.



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