Luther Lake was created in 1952 by the Grand River Conservation Commission by construction of the Luther Dam across Black Creek.

The primary purpose of the reservoir was originally, and remains today, to meet flow targets at Grand Valley as necessary for water treatment plant operation. The lake also contributes to reservoir storage at Belwood Lake, the next reservoir downstream, and provides some flood control function.

But this area is more than a significant reservoir at the headwaters of the Grand River watershed. The Luther Marsh Wildlife Management Area includes the large Luther Lake as well as the surrounding wetlands and covers over 5,900 hectares. It is home to many birds and wildlife and is one of southern Ontario’s most significant natural areas.

Luther Marsh is jointly owned and managed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Grand River Conservation Authority.

ATTENTION

Important Information

ZONE A
- Monticello Project
- Mandatory parking stake use
- Mandatory dog use when hunting migratory birds
- Closed to hunting during early goose season
- Closed to hunting at noon as posted

ZONE B
- Area north of Wellington 15 hunt zone

ZONE C
- Controlled hunting area
- Mandatory parking stake use

ZONE R
- Restricted area, no entry

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
- Do not enter between March 15 and Nov. 16.

THIS MAP WAS UPDATED IN JULY 2019.
Keep safety a priority and respect other area users. Obey all laws and regulations.

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Grand Valley, ON L9W 0H2
519-928-2832

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
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519-826-4955

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**FISHING:** Fishing is permitted outside the sanctuary areas. Only perch, bullheads and minnows are found in the lake.

**WILDFOWL SANCTUARIES** are indicated with red signs or buoy markers. “No Entry” is enforced from March 15 until Nov. 16 annually. There is no hunting allowed at the Damascus Conservation Area or in Wildlife Sanctuaries as posted.

**MANDATORY USE OF PARKING STAKES (ZONE A & C):** To create a safer hunt, all vehicles must park in designated parking lots at stakes. Once a particular lot is full, please go to the next parking area where a vacant stake exists.

**TREE STANDS** and blinds must be of a portable design. They may be erected 4 weeks prior to opening day and must be removed within one week of the season’s end. GRCA assumes no responsibility for stands/blinds or their contents. It is an offence to cut vegetation in Conservation Areas.

**INTERIOR ROADS:** Use caution when driving on park interior roads. It is a serious offence to discharge a firearm from or across any roadway. Area roads are not maintained in the winter and may be closed to motor vehicles at any time. Off-road vehicles and ATVs are strictly prohibited. It is an offence to operate a motor vehicle off-road or to enter the Wildlife Management Area from any location other than the main entrance.

The speed limit is 25 KPH. Water on roads may be deep. Roads may not be suitable for all vehicles.

**HUNTER ORANGE** is mandatory when hunting small game or deer using a gun. Wear vest or jacket and hat. Non-compliance will result in eviction.

**WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS:** Waterfowler Heritage Days provide young hunters under 18 years of age with the opportunity to practise hunting and outdoor skills, learn about wildlife conservation, and reinforce safety training in a structured, supervised environment. Licensed adult hunters who serve as mentors have an opportunity to pass on their skills and knowledge by offering guidance and advice to younger hunters. Rules and restrictions apply. For details see the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations Summaries at www.ec.gc.ca.

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**CRIME STOPPERS** at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

**ON-SITE REGULATIONS:**

- **Access:** All visitors must enter and register at the main gate, dam site. Daily self registration or season passes are required and are strictly enforced.
- **Motor Vehicles:** Interior roads and parking areas are seasonally open to motor vehicles. Off-road vehicles and ATVs are strictly prohibited.
- **Boating:** Non-motorized watercraft including canoes, kayaks and rowboats are allowed starting July 31. After September 1, interior roads open to motor vehicles and motorboats are permitted (max. 25 HP). There are four marked boat launch sites. Take caution - Luther Lake is shallow, weedy and full of stumps. Winds can create dangerous conditions. Keep all safety equipment current. All boaters must complete a boat access form which includes emergency contact information.
- **Camping:** No Camping. Camping is available at Grand Valley Lion’s Park. Call 519-928-3126.
- **Horses:** Horseback travel is prohibited.
- **Dogs:** Dogs must be kept on a leash in closed hunting seasons and on closed hunting days. It is an offence to pursue game in a closed season.
- **Snowmobiles:** Snowmobile travel is restricted to the OFSC trail. Trail passes are mandatory.
- **Alcohol:** Alcohol is prohibited at all times. Non-compliance will result in eviction.
- **Fires:** Absolutely no open fires are permitted; BBQs can be used. It is an offence to start fires in Conservation Areas.

**HUNTING AT LUTHER MARTH**

PERMITS AND LICENCES:

- Hunters must possess a GRCA hunting permit in addition to the appropriate Provincial and/or Federal hunting licence(s) and stamps and/or tags.
- **Licence Validation** for the controlled deer hunt (gun) and selective harvest (archery) are administered through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry lottery for WMU #80.
- **Hunt Only in Designated Areas:** See map. Trespassers will be charged and fined, and the hunting permit will be confiscated.

**ACCESS:**

- All visitors must enter and register at the main gate, dam site. Daily self registration or season passes are required and are strictly enforced. To report poaching and other resource violations, please call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (1-877-847-7667) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

**LUTHER MARSH GAME SPECIES - WMU #80**

Hunting occurs during the seasons outlined in the Provincial and Federal Regulations Summaries. Also check the summaries for bag and possession limits.

**Migratory Birds:**
- Ducks, rails, gallinules, coots, snipe, geese, woodcock, mourning dove.
- *Day passes are not issued during the November controlled deer hunt. Only season pass holders are permitted entry.*

**Small Game:**
- Ruffed grouse, rabbit/hare, wild turkey (fall only).
- Deer:
  - Archery, shotgun, muzzleloader seasons (no dogs). Report banded birds at 1-800-327-BAND (2263)

**Deer Hunting Season:**
- Open season for WMU #80 is Nov. 16 annually. There is no hunting during the Damascus Conservation Area or in Wildlife Sanctuaries as posted. See map. Trespassers will be charged and fined, and the hunting permit will be confiscated.

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