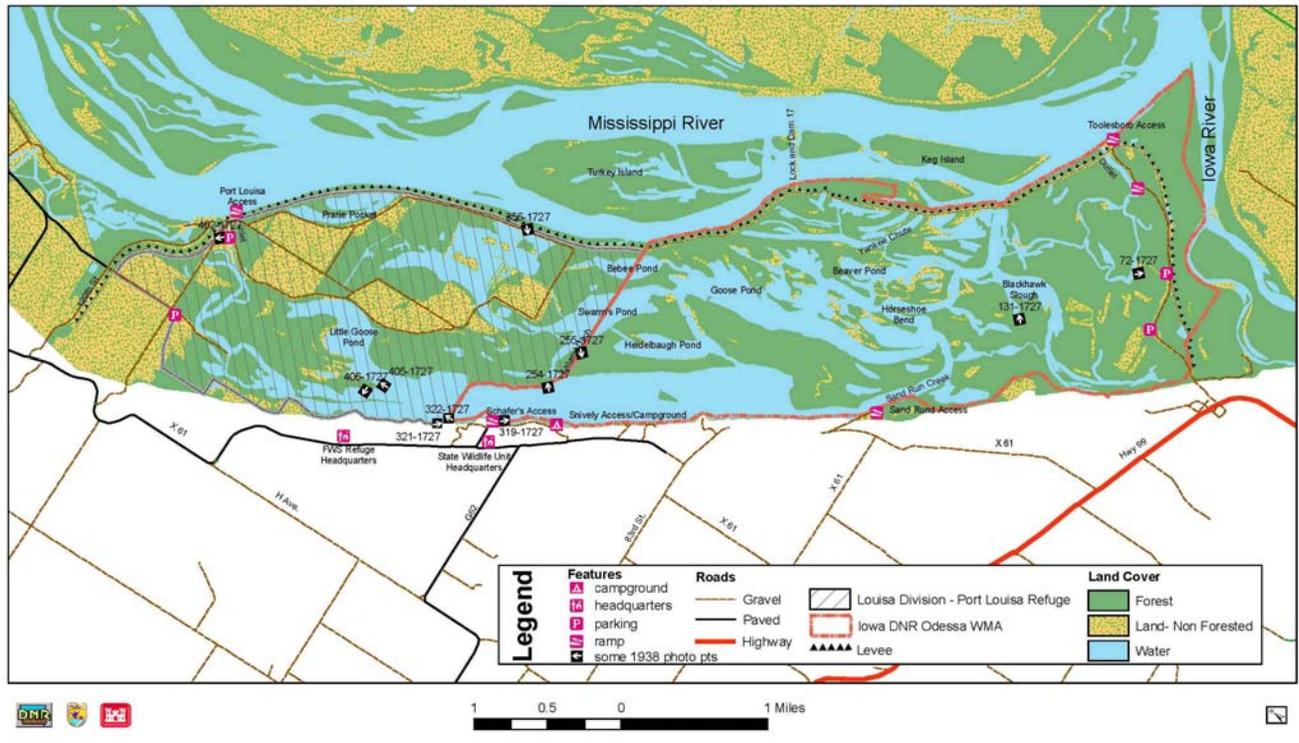


Historic Photos of the Odessa Wildlife Complex



This map of the complex shows the location and direction of historic Army Corps of Engineers photos taken in conjunction with original land acquisitions for the creation of Lock and Dam 17. Click on the arrows to view a photo and read a description of that particular location.

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Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
Looking southeast across Tract No. F1a-115 from near tract corner about
230' east and 325' north of northeast corner of Tract No. F1a-113. May 1, 1940
72-1727

72-1727:
May 1, 1940

The photo was taken near Black Slough which is currently referred as Burris Ditch looking southeast. Notice the farmer on plowing the field with a team of horses. Currently this area is part of a moist soil unit and dredge material is being placed onsite through the current habitat project.



U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE WAR DEPARTMENT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS
Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
Looking northwesterly at building No. 17.1B4 on Tract No. F1a-176. May 5, 1940
462-1727

462-1727:
May 5, 1940

The photo location was near what is now the Refuge parking lot alongside the inlet canal to the complex and was looking to the northwest.



U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE WAR DEPARTMENT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS
 Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
 Looking westerly across Tract No. Fla-162 from tract boundary about
 30' west and 450' north of east quarter corner of section 18. May 4, 1940
 406-1727

406-1727:
 May 4, 1940

The photo was taken just west of the entrance to Goose Pond looking westerly. Currently the photo location and much of the area depicted is typically flooded except for a narrow forested ridge.



U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE WAR DEPARTMENT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS
 Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
 Looking north across Tract No. Fla-162 from south boundary about 180' east of westernmost corner of Tract No. Fla-145. May 4, 1940
 405-1727

405-1727:
 May 4, 1940

The photo was taken near the mouth of Goose Pond looking north. Currently the photo location and much of the area depicted is typically flooded.



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Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
Looking northeasterly across Tract No. FIA-145 from about 60' east
and 20' north of southeast corner of Tract No. FIA-152.

254-1727

May 4, 1940

254-1727:
May 4, 1940

The photo was taken not far from the entrance to the lateral ditch looking northeast. Currently the area is a mix of young floodplain forest along with saturated areas of willow and buttonbush.



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Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
Looking southwest across Tract No. FIA-145 from about
60' south of east quarter corner of section 20.

255-1727

May 4, 1940

255-1727:
May 4, 1940

The photo location was just south of the lateral ditch where it connects to a ditch running north and was taken in a southwesterly direction. Again, notice the farmer plowing the field using horses. The area is currently a mix of young floodplain forest.



U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE WAR DEPARTMENT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS
Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
Looking southwest across Tract No. F1a-159 from east
boundary at south sixteenth line of section 16. May 4, 1940
356-1727

356-1727:
May 4, 1940

The photo was taken near the levee across from the upstream end of Turkey Island looking southwesterly. Currently the area is part of a seasonally flooded management unit of the Refuge.



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Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)
Looking northeasterly at building No. 17.126 on Tract No. F1a-124. May 5, 1940
131-1727

131-1727:
May 3, 1940

The photo was taken near Blackhawk Slough looking northeast at the log cabin. Currently the area is forested with mature silver maple with some persimmon nearby. Persimmon is not normally found at this latitude, and is so far north from its normal range; it was presumably planted by the occupants of this cabin.



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Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)		
Looking southeast across Tracts No. F1a-152 and F1a-154 from northwest corner of Tract No. F1a-154.		
319-1727		May 5, 1940

319-1727:
May 3, 1940

The view is from what is now Schafer access ramp looking southeast. The flooded brush in the background indicates previous dry conditions (prior to acquisition and Lock and Dam 17 impoundment). Currently this same area is aquatic.



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Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)		
Looking north across Tracts No. F1a-152 and F1a-156 from northwest corner of Tract No. F1a-155.		
322-1727		May 5, 1940

322-1727:
May 5, 1940

The view is 1/3 mile upstream of the Schafer access ramp looking northeast. The flooded brush in the right side of the photo indicates previous dry conditions (prior to acquisition and Lock and Dam 17 impoundment). Currently this area is aquatic.



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Land Acquisition, Lock and Dam #17, Louisa County, Iowa (4)		
Looking southeasterly across Tracts No. F1a-152		
and F1a-155 from northwest corner of Tract No. F1a-155.		
321-1727		May 5, 1940

321-1727:
May 5, 1940

The view is 1/3 mile upstream of the Schafer access ramp looking southeast. The flooded brush in the left side of the photo indicates previous dry conditions (prior to acquisition and Lock and Dam 17 impoundment). Currently this area is aquatic.