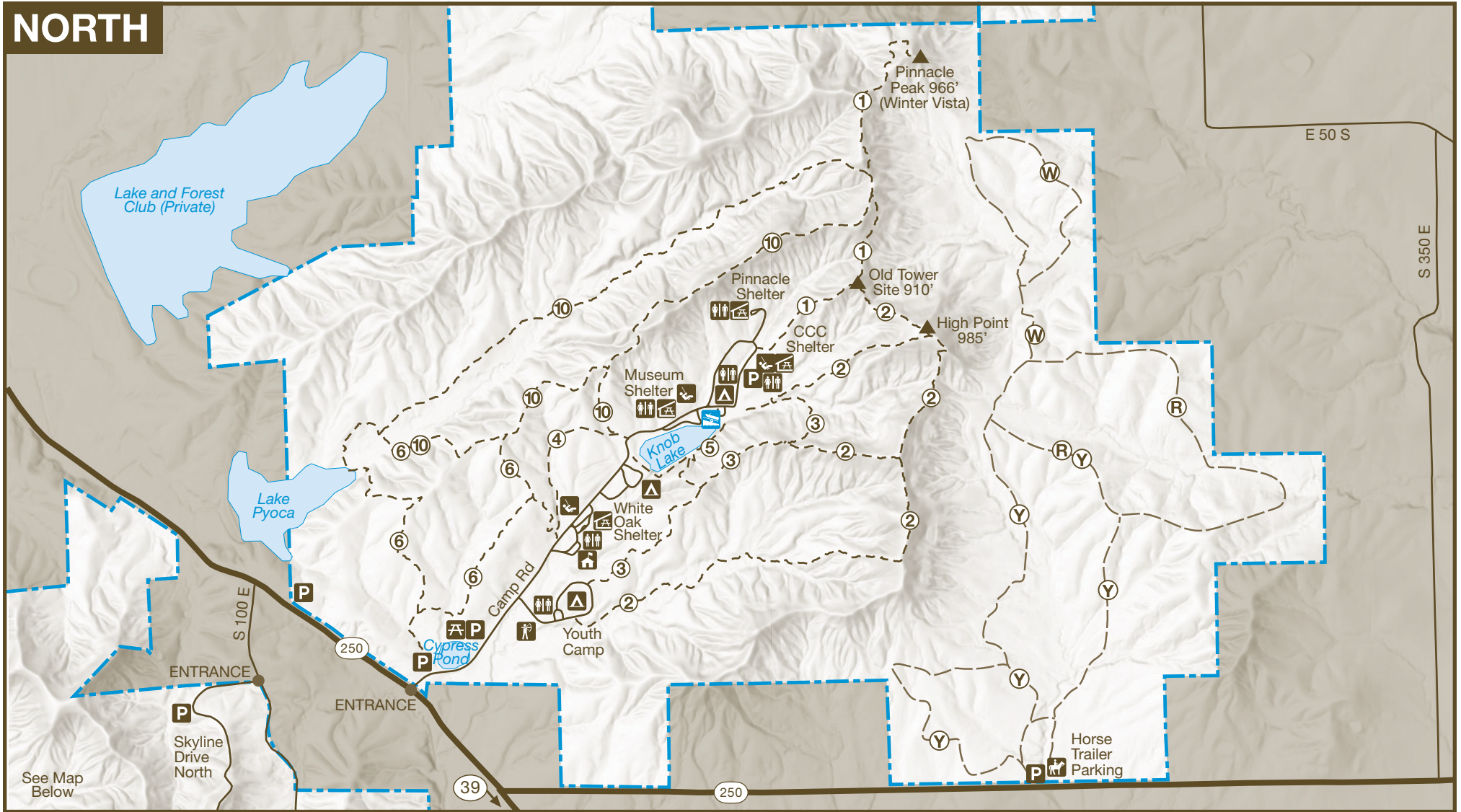


Jackson-Washington State Forest

NORTH



LEGEND			
	Boundary		Parking
	Private Property		Campground
	Road		Picnic Shelter
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	Horse Trail		Fire/Lookout Tower
	Park Office		Boat Launch
	Archery Range		Horse Trail
	Picnic Area		Restroom
	Scenic Overlook		Peak

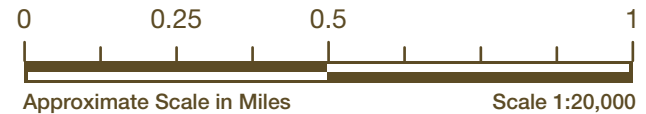
HIKING TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE
1	Pinnacle Peak	1.0
2	Overlook	2.5
3	Youth Camp	1.1
4	Beginner's Loop	0.7
5	Knob Lake	0.3
6	Sawmill Hollow	2.1
7	Fire Tower	2.5
10	North Loop	3.1

NORTH HORSE TRAILS TABLE		
TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE
Y (yellow)	Boot Loop	2.9
R (red)	Gobblers Loop	1.8
W (white)	White Pine Loop	1.3

SOUTH HORSE/BIKE TRAILS TABLE		
TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE
B (blue)	Cedar Tree Loop	3.4
G (green)	Orchard Ridge Loop	3.0
O (orange)	Turkey Hollow Loop	2.2

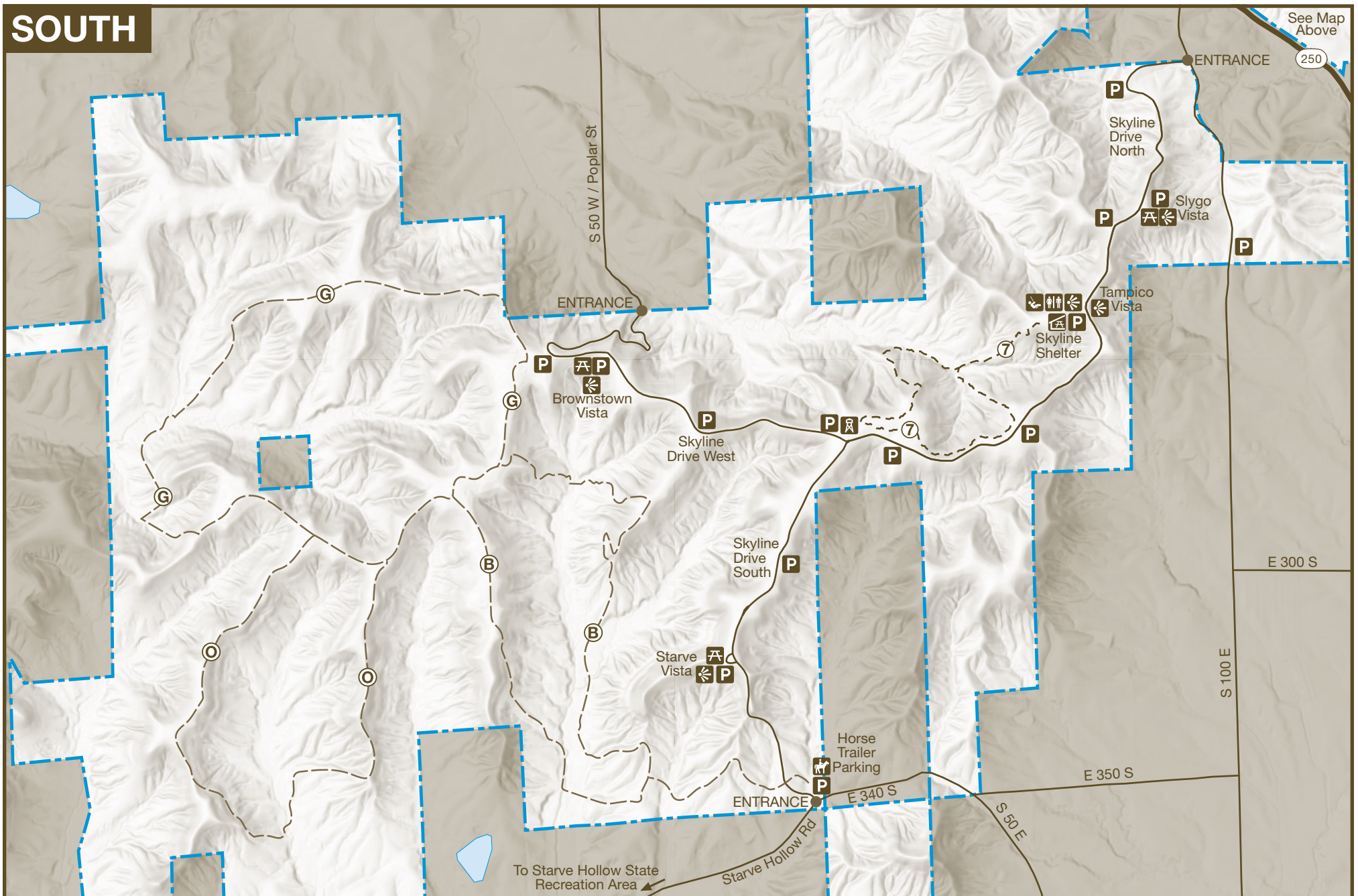
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SOUTH



DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

Hikers are advised to wear hunter orange or other bright clothing while using the trails, especially during hunting season. Check with the forest office or visit the property website for announcements or advisories.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Pinnacle Peak (Trail 1)	1.0 mile	Rugged

Starts at the CCC picnic/playground area and runs northeast to the old observation tower. From there, the trail turns north and joins Trail 10 for a short distance, then angles off again. The last 1/4 mile traverses a steep slope to a scenic vista. Hiking boots and water are recommended. Take your time and enjoy the view.

Overlook (Trail 2)	2.5 miles	Mod. Rugg.
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Leaves from the southeast corner of the CCC picnic/playground area. The first climb of the trail rises 360 feet to the top of the highest point in the area: 985 feet above sea level. The trail then heads southeast and winds up and down the ridge. There are some scenic views of the valley from this trail. Stop at the overlook for a view of the valley east of the state forest. The remainder of the hike runs through some stands of white oak in the valley bottom and ends at the CCC barn. Sturdy hiking boots and water are recommended for this hike; during certain times of year, wet creek crossings are possible.

Youth Camp (Trail 3)	1.1 miles	Moderate
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Begins behind the CCC barn next to the youth camp. The trail runs along a ridge overlooking the campground and provides a beautiful view of the lake, especially during fall. The trail ends where Trail 2 starts. Tennis shoes are adequate footwear for this trail.

Beginners Loop (Trail 4)	0.7 mile	Easy
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This short and easy trail begins next to the gatehouse and winds through the woods to the Knob Lake Dam. Return to the starting point by walking alongside the main road.

Knob Lake (Trail 5)	0.3 mile	Easy
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This lake-access fishing trail runs along the east side of the lake. Access is from the dam on the east side or the northeast corner of the lake. Look for a footbridge as the access point. Numerous fishing spots are located along the trail. Bait and fishing tackle are recommended!

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

ARCHERY RANGE

The archery range provides four targets for shooters to practice from known distances of 15, 20, 30, and 40 yards and seven different target stations of distance unknown to the shooter. The entire range is wooded, with each of the seven stations providing a different shooting opportunity. Target #7 has an elevated platform to simulate a tree stand shot.

CAMPING

Primitive camping is available for a small fee; sites 1 and 48 are wheelchair accessible. Campers can choose from any available sites. Some are waterfront on Knob Lake, while others provide camping among hardwoods or towering Eastern white pines. Firewood can be purchased at the property office during business hours only, from Memorial Day weekend through Fort Vallonia Day weekend in late October.

A youth tent campground is available by reservation for scouts and other groups. The youth camping area is located near the forest office in Jackson County at the Trail 3 trailhead. Dispersed camping is available along the Knobstone Trail in Washington County.

HUNTING

Jackson-Washington provides hunting for white-tailed deer, Eastern wild turkey, rabbit, quail, dove, squirrel, fox, coyote, and raccoon. A valid hunting license is required. Trapping is allowed only by written permit by the property manager.

LAKES

Seven lakes are open to fishing; a valid Indiana fishing license is required. Jackson County lakes include Knob Lake (7 acres) and Cypress Pond (1 acre). Washington County lakes include Plattsburg Pond (8 acres), Spurgeon Hollow Lake (12 acres), Saylor Lake (7 acres), Potter Lake (10 acres), and Apple Lake (7 acres).

Boat ramps are on Knob Lake and Spurgeon Hollow Lake; boat motors are limited to electric trolling motors only. Knob Lake has wheelchair-accessible docks. Plattsburg Pond, Saylor Lake, Potter Lake, and Apple Lake are walk-in lakes. All boats require annual lake use permits, and swimming is not permitted in any of the lakes.

PICNICKING

Jackson-Washington offers four shelter houses that can be reserved for a small fee: White Oak, Museum, Pinnacle, and Skyline Drive. Reservations can be made through the forest office. There is an oven shelter at the CCC playground, and several day-use picnic areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Some picnic areas are designated for individual families. Others will accommodate large groups. Playgrounds are located near all picnic shelters except the Pinnacle Shelter.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
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Sawmill Hollow (Trail 6)	2.1 miles	Moderate
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This trail includes a boardwalk over scenic Lake Pyoca and goes through a beautiful stand of white oak trees. Hiking boots are recommended because some of the usually dry creek beds may be wet during parts of the year.

Fire Tower (Trail 7)	2.5 miles	Rugged
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Located between the shelter house and the fire tower on Skyline Drive, this trail winds up and down through dry sites and wet sites from flat bottom soils and steep hillsides. Notice the different types of trees that grow in this wide variety of soils. Wearing sturdy hiking boots and bringing drinking water are recommended. Please note that Skyline Drive may be closed in winter months.

North Loop (Trail 10)	3.1 miles	Moderate
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Trail begins at the Knob Lake dam, traverses the ridgeline west of the campground, and includes a few steep hills. The trail turns west into the valley bottom where large trees may be found growing in the fertile soil, and wildlife habitat areas have been added along the route. Hikers are encouraged to take drinking water on this hike.

KNOBSTONE TRAIL

The Knobstone Trail is a 60-mile backpacking hiking trail that passes through southern Jackson-Washington State Forest, Elk Creek Wildlife Management Area, and Clark State Forest. Full-color, 24" x 36" maps of this trail can be purchased at the State Forest office or downloaded from the property website.

STARVE HOLLOW TRAILS

The Starve Hollow State Recreation Area map shows additional hiking trails in Jackson-Washington State Forest. This map is available at Starve Hollow SRA and online.

PLEASE LET WILD ANIMALS REMAIN WILD.

Feeding wildlife is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

ABOUT THIS STATE FOREST

Jackson-Washington State Forest encompasses more than 18,000 acres in Jackson and Washington counties in the heart of southern Indiana. This part of the state contains unique topography known as the "knobs" region and has scenic views from Skyline Drive and some breathtaking hiking trails. The main forest area, including the forest office and campgrounds, is located 2.5 miles southeast of Brownstown on State Road 250.

Most of the land that now makes up the state forest was purchased by the State of Indiana in the 1930s and 1950s. The President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust program, which uses funds from the sale of Environmental License Plates, Division of Forestry funds generated from portions of timber sales, and assistance from other conservation partners has made the acquisition of additional state forest land possible.

State Forest Mission

To manage, protect and conserve the timber, water, wildlife, soil and related forest resources for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, and to demonstrate proper forest management to Indiana landowners.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM



Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made online or by calling toll-free.

Call: 1-866-6campIN (1-866-622-6746)
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DESCRIPTION OF HORSE TRAILS

Riding horses on state property requires a daily or annual horse tag. You may purchase the tags at the Starve Hollow SRA office during business hours.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Boot Loop (Yellow)	2.9 mile	Easy

This area has wide trails that run through old field sites, pine plantations, and wildlife ponds. Most of this area of the forest has been harvested to improve the health of the forest.

Gobblers Loop (Red)	1.8 miles	Moderate
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The trail winds through old field areas, semi-permanent wildlife openings, and bottomland areas that were planted with red oak and sweet gum. Many wild turkey can be heard or seen during different parts of the day. Most of the trail is wide, but it narrows on the northern part of the loop. There are also some short slopes and stream crossings to navigate.

White Pine Loop (White)	1.3 miles	Moderate
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This trail's large area of pine was planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps to reforest an old field that had started to erode. The trail is wide except for some areas where it crosses creeks, and a couple of slopes must be navigated with care.

DESCRIPTION OF HORSE/BIKE TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Cedar Tree Loop (Blue)	3.4 mile	Mod. Rugg.

The trail runs through areas of old fields containing large cedar trees. Sections of the trail run along the ridge top where wildlife openings are located. These openings provide habitat for many game and nongame animals. Morel mushrooms can be found on the ridgetops during spring.

Orchard Ridge Loop (Green)	3.0 miles	Mod. Rugg.
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The old field sites were once peach tree orchards. During fall or early spring, when the leaves are off the trees, you can notice the old peach tree rows. Wildlife openings dot the ridgeline to enhance habitat. Chestnut oak is the common tree species on the ridgetops, while yellow poplar will be seen on the better sites in the old field areas and valley bottoms.

Turkey Hollow Loop (Orange)	2.2 miles	Mod. Rugg.
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This loop provides a scenic vista of Starve Hollow Lake at one of the picnic sites along the trail. Wild turkey were first seen in this area as they migrated north from the spot where the species was reintroduced, a process that started in 1956.

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TRAIL MAP

