



In the early 1900's the Limberlost Swamp was described as a "treacherous swamp and quagmire, filled with every plant, animal and human danger known — in the worst of such locations in the central states." Stretching for 13,000 acres the vast forest and swampland was legendary for its quicksand and unsavory characters. The swamp received its name from Limber Jim Corbus, who went hunting in the swamp and never returned. The familiar cry locally was "Limber's lost!"

To famed Indiana author Gene Stratton-Porter, the swamp was her playground, laboratory and inspiration for her acclaimed articles, fiction and photographs. Geneva (Gene) Grace Stratton was born in 1863, near Wabash. Her parents passed along a love of the unspoiled outdoors — a love she kept throughout her life as a respected author, naturalist, photographer and illustrator. In 1886, Gene married Charles Porter, owner of a drug store in Geneva. After the birth of their daughter, Jeannette, they moved in 1888 to Geneva, near the Limberlost Swamp. Gene designed a 14 room, Queen Anne rustic log "cabin" completed in 1895. The interior is finished in both Victorian and Arts and Crafts styles. The Porters lived here until the swamp was drained in 1913. She then built a new home on the shore of Sylan Lake near Rome City.



### Spaces available for use

#### Interior

- Visitor Center classroom: 50 seated, 20 with tables and chairs
- Visitor Center exhibit area: 40 people seated

#### Exterior

- Around the house and visitors center: 200+ people
- Friends Pavilion at the Loblolly Marsh holds 30 people with tables (restrooms available)



### Hours

Limberlost State Historic Site is open year-round.

- **Tuesday–Saturday** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Sunday** 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed on Mondays

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