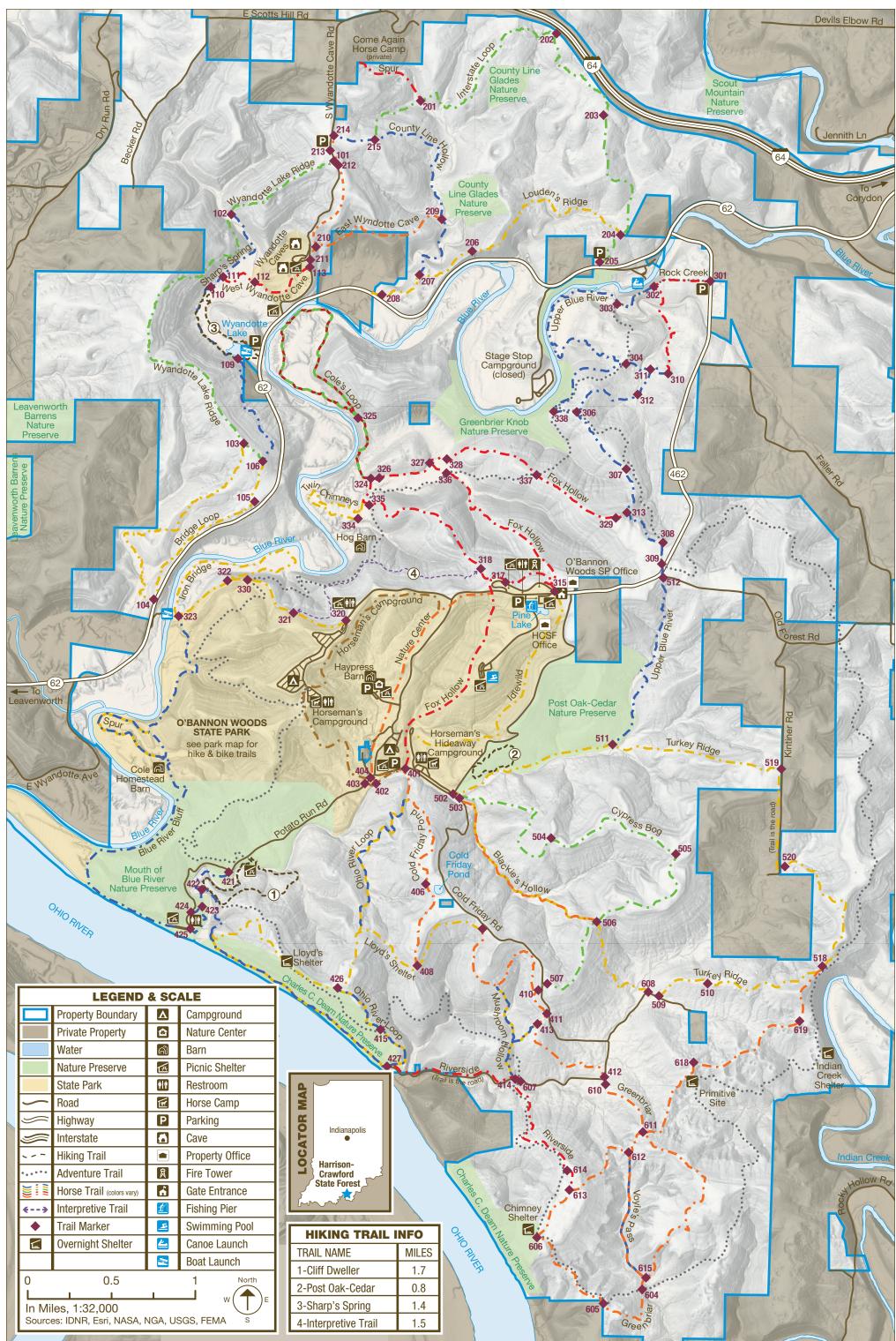
# Harrison-Crawford State Forest





## HORSE TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

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

<b>TRAIL &amp; DESCRIPTION</b>	DISTANCE	COLOR(S)
Blackie's Hollow	1.3 mile	Orange & Yellow

Blackie's Hollow Trail begins at the east end of the Horseman's Hideaway Campground. This trail follows a dry creek bed. The trail ends where the Cypress Bog Trail intersects the Turkey Ridge Trail. It is named after Blackie Flora, a longtime trail rider on the property.

#### **Blue River Bluff** 4.2 miles Blue

Blue River Bluff Trails starts at the iron bridge and ends when it intersects the Ohio River Loop Trail. It provides the rider with an aesthetic recreational experience overlooking the Blue and Ohio rivers. The climbs and descents along this trail can be steep. The Ohio River Trail provides the return to the Horseman's Hideaway Campground. During periods of heavy rainfall, Potato Run flash floods to become a raging torrent. If the creek is high at the horse campground, the trail crossings will be dangerous; wait until the water recedes before riding this trail.

**Bridge Loop** 3.1 miles Yellow

The Bridge Loop is the southernmost trail on the north side of State Road 62. It connects to the Wyandotte Lake Ridge Trail and the Sharp's Spring Horse Trail on its north end, while its south end is leads to the iron bridge over the Blue River. The trail leaving Sharp's valley is a somewhat steep climb until you reach the top of the hill west of the lake.

**Cold Friday Pond** 1.4 miles Orange

Cold Friday Pond Trail starts at the west end of the Horseman's Hideaway Campground and follows the ridge to the west of Cold Friday Pond. It goes through oak hickory timber and meets the Lloyd's Shelter Trail at its southern end.

Cole's Loop 2.5 miles Red & Green

Cole's Loop Trail splits off Fox Hollow Trail and heads north to Blue River. This trail partly follows an old roadbed that is rocky and narrow. Stay on the trail when the trail gets in the river bottoms. The segment along the Blue River is scenic but can be muddy or flooded. Note river levels before riding. 1.7 miles Blue

**County Line Hollow** 

The County Line Hollow Trail begins just north of the parking lot on South Wyandotte Cave Road. It runs east then south to its end point on the Louden's Ridge Trail. The trail passes by the County Line Glades Nature Preserve.

#### PLEASE LET WILD ANIMALS REMAIN WILD.

Feeding wildlife is prohibited. Feeding 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.

<b>TRAIL &amp; DESCRIPTION</b>	DISTANCE	COLOR(S)	
Twin Chimnevs	0.9 miles	Yellow	

The Twin Chimneys Trail is about a 1-mile loop trail that is often used as a diversion from Fox Hollow Trail. The chimneys are ruins of a former home with one still standing at either end. Part of this trail looks over the Blue River. Blue

**Upper Blue River** 6 miles Upper Blue River Trail starts at an intersection with Turkey

Ridge Trail just west of the second Potato Run creek crossing. The trail travels north toward the upper section of the Blue River. The descents and climbs of this trail, which follow Blue River for 1 mile, are long but less steep than other trails. Portions of the riverbank are gently sloped, providing solid footing for horses and river access to water them.

Voyle's Pass 0.9 miles Orange & Blue Voyle's Pass Trail splits off the Greenbriar Trail at Greenbriar

Cemetery. It reconnects with the Greenbriar Trail at its south end. This nice, easy trail is often used as a shortcut.

West Wyandotte Cave 0.7 miles Red

The West Wyandotte Cave Trail begins just south of Wyandotte Caves State Recreation Area, which does not accommodate horse trailers. It runs west and ends on the Sharp's Spring Horse Trail.

Wyandotte Lake Ridge 3.2 miles Green

<b>TRAIL &amp; DESCRIPTION</b>	DISTANCE	COLOR(S)
Cypress Bog	3.4 miles	Green
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Cypress Bog Trail begins at the east end of the Horseman's Hideaway Campground and leads the rider to one of the most distinctive ecosystems present on the property. The cypress trees were probably planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the early 1930s. The trail begins with a long but not too steep climb to the top of a horseshoeshaped ridge. At the top, the terrain is gentle, and the route follows a fire trail to Cold Friday Road.

#### East Wyandotte Cave 1.9 miles Orange

The East Wyandotte Cave Trail begins at the parking lot on South Wyandotte Cave Road. It travels south toward the cave itself, where another branch runs east and intersects the County Line Hollow Trail.

#### **Fox Hollow** 6.1 miles Red

Fox Hollow Trail begins at the northwest end of the Horsemen's Hideaway Campground and travels through O'Bannon Woods State Park before crossing into Fox Hollow valley. The renewed meadows and man-made forest openings provide habitat for native wildlife. Ride quietly to increase your chance of wildlife sightings. The descent and climb out of the valley are long and steep. Rest your horses along the way.

#### 7.8 miles Greenbriar Orange

The Greenbriar Trail begins off Cold Friday Road, branching south where the Lloyd's Shelter Trail travels west, passing a former farm community centered around the Cold Friday church and school. The old fields, pastures, and home sites of the 1930s are now a managed forest environment. This trail forms the property's southernmost loop and intersects the Turkey Ridge Trail on its east end. The scenery, history, and terrain make this trail an enjoyable full day's ride.

3.6 miles

Green

#### Interstate Loop

The Interstate Loop begins at a parking lot off State Road 62, north of Blue River Chapel and a quarter-mile west of the intersection with State Road 462. It runs north toward Interstate 64, then west to its endpoint on County Line Hollow Trail. A spur toward the west end with red trail markers connects to the Come Again Horse Camp, a private business.

#### **Iron Bridge** 2.7 miles Yellow

The Iron Bridge Trail begins at the east end of the modern campground at O'Bannon Woods State Park from the Campground Trail (Trail 17 or Trail D). It is a 3-mile trail that explores the rich bottomland forest of Blue River and brings the rider past a historic iron bridge. The bridge is closed to all traffic.

#### Lloyd's Shelter 2.5 miles Yellow

The Lloyd's Shelter Trail begins off Cold Friday Road, branching west where the Greenbriar Trail travels south. It leads the rider to the steep and rocky bluff region overlooking the Ohio River. The trail ends at an intersection with the Ohio River Loop Trail and the Blue River Bluff Trail.

## PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

## **HIKING TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS**

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
1. Cliff Dweller	1.7 mile	Moderate

Cliff Dweller Trail crosses Potato Run and makes a loop through the hills above the creek. The northwest section of the trail runs along the edge of the bluffs above Potato Run. Hikers should be particularly careful while taking in the views along this portion. Also, hikers should not attempt to cross Potato Run when the water is high. Parking is available at the Pioneer shelter house.

#### 2. Post Oak-Cedar **Nature Preserve Trail**

0.8 miles Rugged

This trail is on Cold Friday Road, 1.5 miles south of the main property office. The Division of Nature Preserves requests that you register at the trailhead before entering the nature preserve. Originally dedicated in 1970 at a size of 42 acres, the preserve now comprises more than 250 acres.

#### 3. Sharpe's Spring 1.4 miles Easy to Moderate This trail loops around the perimeter of Wyandotte Lake and

passes Sharpe's Spring on its north end. Sharpe's Spring is at the base of a towering cliff. The water, which stays around 50 degrees year-round, gurgles out from several outlets to create the rushing stream that feeds into the lake. To complete the loop, hikers must cross the spillway of Wyandotte Lake. Crossing should not be attempted during times of high water, and hikers need to be conscious of the potential for flash flooding.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	COLOR(S)
Louden's Ridge	2.1 miles	Yellow
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overlooks the Blue River valley at marker 206. Mushroom Hollow 0.9 miles Blue & Yellow

The Mushroom Hollow Trail splits off the Greenbriar Trail and goes down a steep hill to the bottom of Mushroom Hollow. This trail ends on Cold Friday Road.

3.4 miles **Ohio River Loop** Blue & Yellow The Ohio River Loop Trail branches off the Cold Friday Pond Trail just south of the Horsemen's Hideaway Campground. In conjunction with the Lloyd's Shelter Trail, it leads the rider to the bluff region overlooking the Ohio River. The trail to the river is steep and rocky. Riders can loop around and return to the campground along those two trails or create a larger loop using the Blue River Bluff Trail.

Riverside 1.7 miles Red

Riverside Trail splits from the Greenbriar Trail as a route to the Ohio River Loop Trail and a return to the Horsemen's Hideaway Campground. It travels downhill in a westerly direction through multiple wildlife openings and mature hardwood forest. To return to the Horsemen's Hideaway Campground, take either the Ohio River Loop Trail or the more adventurous Mushroom Hollow Trail.

#### **Rock Creek** 1 mile

The Rock Creek Trail begins at a parking lot off Highway 462 and runs west to an intersection with the Upper Blue River Trail. It then turns south where it ends at another intersection with the Upper Blue River Trail, crossing Rock Creek on a bridge that gives a scenic view of the little valley, with rocky ledges along the creek bank.

Red

Sharp's Spring 2.1 miles Blue

The Sharp's Spring Horse Trail begins and ends on the Wyandotte Lake Ridge Trail. It passes on the west side of Wyandotte Lake and runs concurrently with the west side of Sharpe's Spring Hiking Trail.

**Turkey Ridge** 5.6 miles Yellow Turkey Ridge Trail begins at the east end of the Horseman's Hideaway Campground and travels along the Potato Run drainage. It crosses Potato Run Creek twice then follows the fire lane uphill to Kintner Road. The trail follows Kintner Road southward until reaching the bottom of the hill. The trail returns to State Forest property at the fire lane gate, turning left. Once past the gate, follow the fire lane uphill to the east, until reaching the top. It turns right at that point, following the ridge to the south. The trail, which overlooks Indian Creek Valley, is long but the terrain is not overly difficult. The rider can return to the horse campground along the Blackie's Hollow Trail.

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## HARRISON-CRAWFORD STATE FOREST





The Wyandotte Lake Ridge Trail begins just south of the parking lot on South Wyandotte Cave Road. It travels southwest then southeast and ends at the intersection with the Bridge Loop Trail. This trail may provide opportunities for views of the landscape from the ridge top when the leaves are off the trees.

## ADDITIONAL HORSE TRAILS

These horse trails are within O'Bannon Woods State Park. A 1.5-mile stretch of the red Fox Hollow Trail is also in the park.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	COLOR
Horseman's Campground	2.7 miles	Brown
Idlewild	1.6 miles	Yellow
Nature Center	1.4 miles	Orange

## **ADVENTURE TRAIL**

The Adventure Trail is a 25-mile backpack and bike trail that runs through Harrison-Crawford State Forest and O'Bannon Woods State Park, A dedicated Adventure Trail map is available on each property's website. This map describes the overnight shelters and primitive sites available to backpackers. Dispersed camping is permitted along the trail.



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your property clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

#### 4. Timber Harvest Self-**Guided Interpretive Trail**

1.5 miles Moderate

The new Timber Harvest Self-Guided Interpretive Trail is a 1.5-mile section of the Fire Tower Mountain Bike and Hike Trail. This section runs through a portion of Harrison-Crawford State Forest that was harvested in winter 2014. The trail features 10 stops describing different aspects of the timber sale. The stops are oriented west to east but can be viewed from either direction.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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## 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.