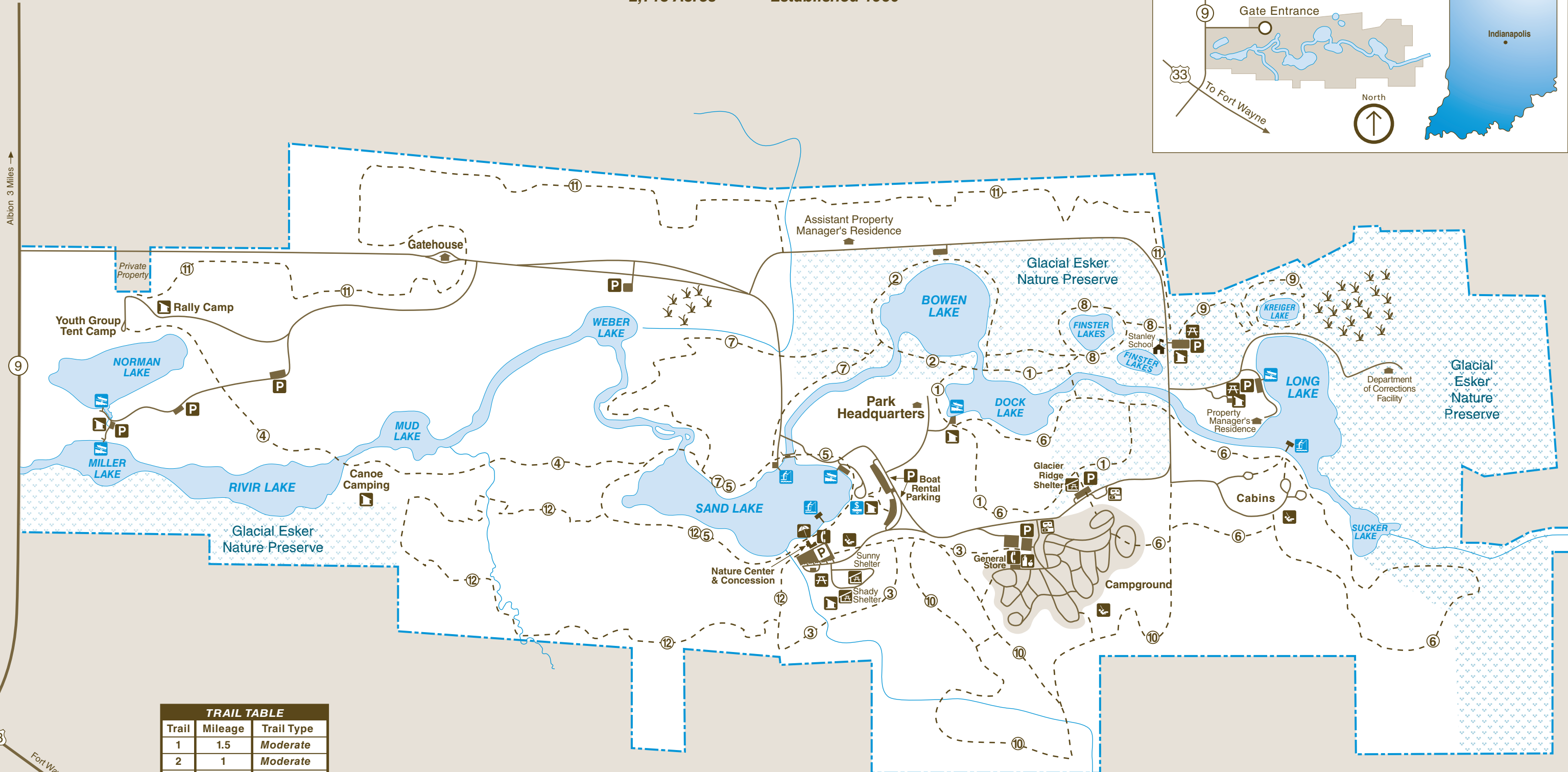
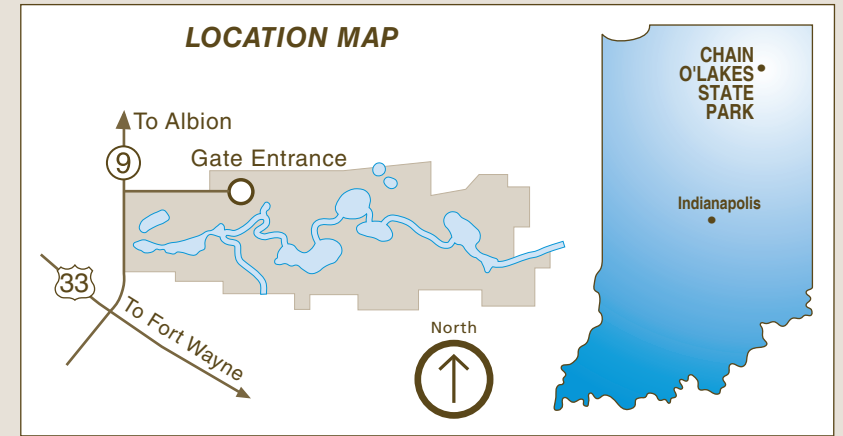


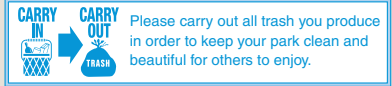
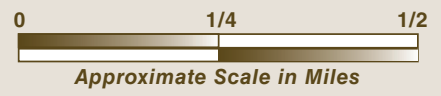
CHAIN O'LAKES STATE PARK

2355 E. 75 South • Albion, Indiana 46701 • (260) 636-2654
2,718 Acres Established 1960



TRAIL TABLE		
Trail	Mileage	Trail Type
1	1.5	Moderate
2	1	Moderate
3	1.3	Easy
4	1.5	Moderate
5	1.3	Easy
6	3	Rugged
7	1.8	Easy
8	.5	Moderate
9	.75	Rugged
10	2.5	Moderate
11	4.4	Easy
12	3.5	Moderate

LEGEND			
	Boundary		Picnic Shelter
	Road		Picnic Area
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	Marsh		Telephone
	Nature Preserve		Vault Toilet
	Boat Launch		Dump Station
	Fishing Pier		General Store
	Boat Rental		Parking



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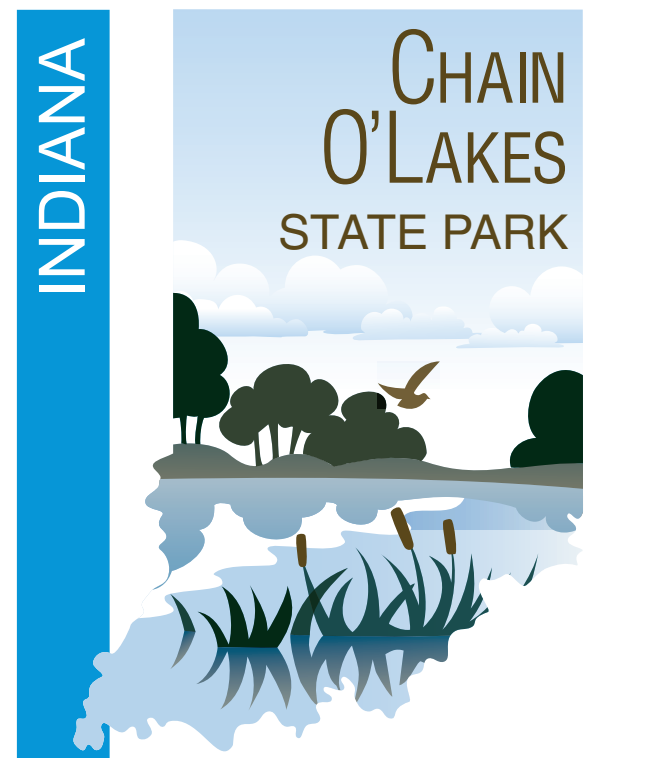
Age, are evident. The steeply rolling hills, bogs and interconnected lakes bear witness to the massive ice sheets that advanced over and then melted from this part of the Midwest near the end of the Pleistocene between 13,000 and 14,000 years ago. The lakes in this chain are kettle lakes formed when the glaciers were still huge blocks of ice. Rivers of water resulting from melting ice carved the channels, which connect nine of the 13 lakes in the park.

The 732-acre Glacial Esker Nature Preserve was dedicated in 2012 to protect the glacial features in the park. An esker is a long winding ridge of stratified sand and gravel of peculiarly uniform shape that was deposited under a glacier. There was a tunnel conducting the melt water out of the glacier, and as the melt water flow waned it deposited the esker. This esker is considered the best example of the geological feature in the state.

Before its settlement by pioneers, the area was inhabited by the Miami. A village of about 30 bark wigwams was located on the north shore of what was once called Indian Lake. William Bowen was one of the first settlers in the area in the 1830s. In 1840 he constructed a home on the north shore of the lake, which eventually became known as Bowen Lake.

One of the unique buildings in the park is the restored one-room Stanley Schoolhouse. The current building was constructed in 1915 and was the fourth school in the same location since 1848. In Indiana, schools were originally placed in the center of four sections within a township. The idea was to prevent children from having to walk more than two miles to get to school. As school systems developed and consolidated, the schoolhouse went from serving grades one through eight to serving grades four through six. The 1954 public school year on June 12, 1960.

When Chain O'Lakes State Park was being established in the 1950s, the area was populated by farms, mostly orchards and pasture, and families with lake cabins.



This is lake country and a small boater's paradise. Nine connecting lakes will be the center of your adventures at Chain O'Lakes. Paddle through the chain of serene kettle lakes, hike the 23 miles of forested trails, fish the electric-motors-only lakes, stay overnight in a hillside family cabin, visit the park's historic one-room schoolhouse, or explore the Nature Center. Other facilities available for visitors to enjoy include a campground, beach and picnic shelters.

One of the most interesting features at Chain O'Lakes is its shape, about two miles wide and four miles long. Within its boundaries are 2,718 acres, including 212 surface acres of water and more than seven miles of varying shoreline.

The park owes much of its surface form and geologic makeup to the action of glaciers during the Ice Age (Pleistocene Epoch). The effects of the most recent major ice advance, the continental glacier of the Wisconsin

For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at park office.

- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets are not allowed in the family cabins or their immediate vicinity.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day-use areas. Overnight guests shall put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to the beach at Sand Lake.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- The park is closed from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m., except to campers at their site, and to cabin guests with a receipt or key.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Visitors shall observe the following rules, which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the public's use and enjoyment.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

Today there are 18 modern cabins and a 413-site shaded campground with up to 50-amp electric service. We hope you enjoy your stay at Chain O'Lakes and invite you to take advantage of all it has to offer.

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.

Online: camp.IN.gov
 Call: **1-866-6campIN**
 (1-866-622-6746)

Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by calling toll-free.

Reservations: **1-877-lodges1**
 (1-877-563-4371)
 Online: IndianalInns.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: Chain O'Lakes State Park
 2355 E. 75 South
 Albion, IN 46701
 Call: (260) 636-2654
 Online: dnr.IN.gov

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the lake office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington Street, W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.



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

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

1. MODERATE (1.5 miles)—Begins north of campground, follows a ridge through the woods before dropping down in a valley, crosses two channels as it circles around the north side of Dock Lake, and returns to the campground.
2. MODERATE (1 mile)—Begins at the parking lot on the north shore of Bowen Lake, follows the lakeshore through the woods and returns to the parking lot.
3. EASY (1.3 miles)—Links the campground with the beach and nature center.
4. MODERATE (1.5 miles)—Takes you past four lakes, wooded areas, swamps and open fields.
5. EASY (1.3 miles)—Follows shore around Sand Lake.
6. MODERATE (3 miles)—Trail 6 can be accessed from the cabins, campground or Dock Lake boat ramp. Follows the southern shoreline of both Dock and Long lakes, and the channel between the two.
7. EASY (1.8 miles)—Begins at Sand Lake fishing pier, follows along the channel to Bowen Lake, then turns west to connect with Weber Lake and returns along the channel to Sand Lake. It winds through lowlands, along two different channels, and through an upland forest.
8. MODERATE (.5 mile)—A self-guided nature trail. It begins at the Stanley Schoolhouse, circles Finster Lake and crosses a glacial kame, and returns to the schoolhouse.
9. RUGGED (.75 mile)—Starts at the Stanley Schoolhouse parking area, travels through the Henslow's sparrow restoration area open field, through a wetland, to the top of wooded glacial hill, and around Kreiger Lake, a beautiful small kettle lake.
10. MODERATE (2.5 miles)—This trail travels through open rolling hills, making it excellent for cross-country skiing in the winter.
11. EASY (4 miles)—Connects the Stanley School and Youth Group Tent/Rally campgrounds. This turf-covered trail is excellent for cross-country running or skiing.
12. MODERATE (3.5 miles)—Begins and ends at beach, travels through glacial topography, hardwood forest, and follows ridge line of a deep ravine with a meandering stream.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BOATS & CANOES—Boats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are rented by the hour or day. Life jackets are also available. Only electric trolling motors are allowed.

CAMPING—Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites accommodate trailers. Electricity and dump stations available. A rally campground and youth group tent camp area are available. Camping reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

FAMILY CABINS—Family cabins may be rented from April through October. Cabins are rented by the week from Saturday to Saturday during June, July and August. They may be rented by the night during April, May, September and October. Cabins are non-smoking. Cabins are not rented to persons younger than 21.

FISHING—Bass, bluegill and other small gamefish are common. A state fishing license, which may be purchased at the park office, is required.

GENERAL STORE—Located in the campground. Firewood, ice, groceries and souvenirs are available.

HIKING—More than 23 miles of easy to rugged hiking trails are available.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—A naturalist is available through the summer months. Hikes, Junior Naturalist and Hoosier Ecologist programs, plus evening activities are offered. Program schedules are at the gatehouse, park office or nature center or online at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields.

REFRESHMENT STAND—Soft drinks, ice cream and snacks are available at the beach refreshment stand. Operating hours are posted.

SHELTERS—Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

SWIMMING—There is no charge for swimming. The bathhouse and beach are open the Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day.

TELEPHONE—Public phones are located near the campground control station and the beach.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about activities and facilities is available at the park office.