

The U.S. Corps of Engineers has developed a partnership in the management of the public land at Mississinewa Lake. Under a lease agreement, the Indiana DNR operates and maintains the recreational facilities and wildlife areas at the lake, except for the areas noted on the map.

## PARTNERSHIPS

Indicated on the map side of the brochure.

The site of the present cemetery and memorial is that area was named the Frances Slocum Cemetery. In May 1900, sons in the cemetery next to her cabin. In May 1900, and was buried next to her husband and two small her case in Congress. She died on March 9, 1847, because John Quincy Adams eloquently defended ces and her family were permitted to stay in Indiana land, including their mother's original homestead. Fran- In 1838 her two daughters were given 640 acres of by the Treaty of 1826 since she was a "white woman." eligible, as an Indian, for the pension made possible scar on her left hand. As a result she was no longer when her brother, Issac Slocum, identified her by a identification was not learned until September 1837 of her husband and two small sons. Frances Slocum's room cabin across the road, next to the burial place Deaf Man died in 1833 and Frances built a two- only for the residents but also for the white men. area. Deaf Man's Village became a social center, not far exceeded that of the early white man in the same wealthy Native Americans had a standard of living that miles above Peru on the Mississinewa River. These a trading post called "Deaf Man's Village" about nine became deaf and resigned as chief, they established tried Shepocannah, War Chief, and when he later to "Ma-con-a-quah" - Little Bear Woman. She mar- up to be so strong that her name was later changed Delaware, who named her "We-let-a-wah." She grew from her Quaker home at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., by the Nov. 2, 1778, Frances, at the age of 5, was taken of a white woman raised by Native Americans. On The "Frances Slocum Trail" was named in honor Slocum Trail.

the riverbank reached via footpath from the Frances Pillars." This wonder of nature may be viewed from pillar-like formations known as "Cliffs of the Seven soft limestone of the riverbank, creating a number of Mischis-in-wah... water on a slope) washed away the is now known as the "Mississinewa" (Miami name Through the ages, the rushing waters of what

## HISTORY AND POINTS OF INTEREST

## THIS IS YOUR LAKE

Visitors shall observe DNR property regulations, which are designed to protect your property for future generations. Highlights of these regulations are listed below.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- No person shall conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs without a proper license.
- No person shall launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or other floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the DNR for those purposes. No person shall leave watercraft unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one-day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- A person who possesses a pet must attend the animal at all times and keep it caged or on a leash no more than 6 feet long.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the DNR 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 must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits, 30 mph maximum and park only in designated areas.
- No person shall possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a swimming beach.
- 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 property office.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors requires a special permit.
- Vehicles must operate on mapped roads only.
- For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at property office.

## DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

1. Easy Access Trail (0.4 mile) EASY—This paved loop is in the Frances Slocum picnic area. A brochure is available at the property office.
2. Lost Sister Trail (2.5 miles) MODERATE—This moderate self-guided loop trail winds through mature woods with excellent wildflowers in spring. A self-guided brochure is available at the property office.
3. Blue Heron Trail (2.5 miles) MODERATE—This loop trail traverses moderate terrain, is located in the Miami SRA and includes several scenic views of the lake and dam. A self-guided brochure is available at the property office.
4. Moswa Trail (1.5 miles) MODERATE—This loop trail crosses meadows, follows Troyer's Creek and includes a spur through woods to a pond.
5. SHEPOCONNAH TRAIL (1.0 mile) MODERATE—This trail begins behind the modern campground and wanders through open meadows and young forest. Look for deer, nesting birds and summer wildflowers.
6. Wildlife Area Hiking—Parking lots are provided near many areas, and access lanes provide paths. For more information, contact the property office. Hunting is allowed in many of these areas in season. Hunter Orange clothing is recommended.

## DAM

Type	Maximum height	Length	Drainage area above dam
earth fill	140 feet	8,000 feet	809 square miles

## OPERATING LEVELS

Elevation (feet mean sea level)	Area (Acres)	Length (Miles)
Winter Pool 712	1,280	11
Summer Pool 737	3,180	20
Flood Pool 779	12,830	31

## ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**BEACH**—Swimming is available during posted hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A modern beachhouse provides showers, changing area, restrooms and concession area. Shelter house, picnic tables, grills and volleyball courts area also available at the beach.

**LAKE USE**—An annual lake-use permit is required for both motorized and non-motorized watercraft using the lake from the LaFontaine car top access to the dam.

**BOAT RAMPS**—Each of the four state recreation areas has a concrete boat ramp. There are six car top access sites located in the resource management areas east of State Road 13.

**CAMPING**—Miami SRA has modern campgrounds with hot showers and flush toilets. Full Hookup (sewage, water and electric hookups), Electric and Non-electric sites. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Two playgrounds, horseshoe pit, volleyball and basketball courts and 18-hole disc golf course available. A mooring area is provided for boats, but it is not adjacent to the campsites. Reservations for all types of camping are available through the Central Reservation System.

**FISHING**—Many varieties of fish can be caught in the lake. Fishing piers are available in Miami SRA during May and into October.

**HIKING**—Marked trails are available all year.

**HUNTING**—All hunters are required by law to sign in and return a hunting permit card to a hunter sign-in station. Hunting is allowed in designated wildlife areas in season. No hunting is permitted within areas marked as safety zones, seasonal refuges or restricted areas. Hunters are not required to sign in and out of the Corps hunting area.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—Programs are presented in the summer at the Miami modern campground. Program schedules are available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (260) 468-2127.

**PICNIC AREAS and SHELTERS**—Both the Miami and Frances Slocum SRA provide shady and scenic views of the lake with access to picnic tables, grills and water. There are two shelters in the Miami SRA and one shelter in the Frances Slocum SRA. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System. The Corps of Engineers maintains two shelters, one at the Outlet Fishing Site and one at the Observation Mound Recreation Area. They can be used on a "first-come, first-served" basis, or reserved through the Corps of Engineers Office.

## CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM

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

[camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov)  
1-866-6campIN  
(1-866-622-6746)



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

[IndianalInns.com](http://IndianalInns.com)  
1-877-lodges1  
(1-877-563-4371)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Camping, boating, hunting, fishing and recreation:

Write: **Mississinewa Lake (DNR)**  
4673 S. 625 E.  
Peru, IN 46970-9745  
Call: (765) 473-6528  
Fax: (765) 473-7942

Lake levels, water releases, and the dam:

Write: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
5613 E. Mississinewa Dam Rd.  
Peru, IN 46970-9745  
Call: (765) 473-5946  
Fax: (765) 473-8643  
Irl.usace.army.mil/miss/

Public Affairs Office  
U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville  
P.O. Box 59  
Louisville, KY 40201-0059  
Call: (502) 315-6765

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

Call: **911** while visiting Mississinewa Lake



Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
[dnr.IN.gov](http://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.

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# MISSISSINEWA LAKE



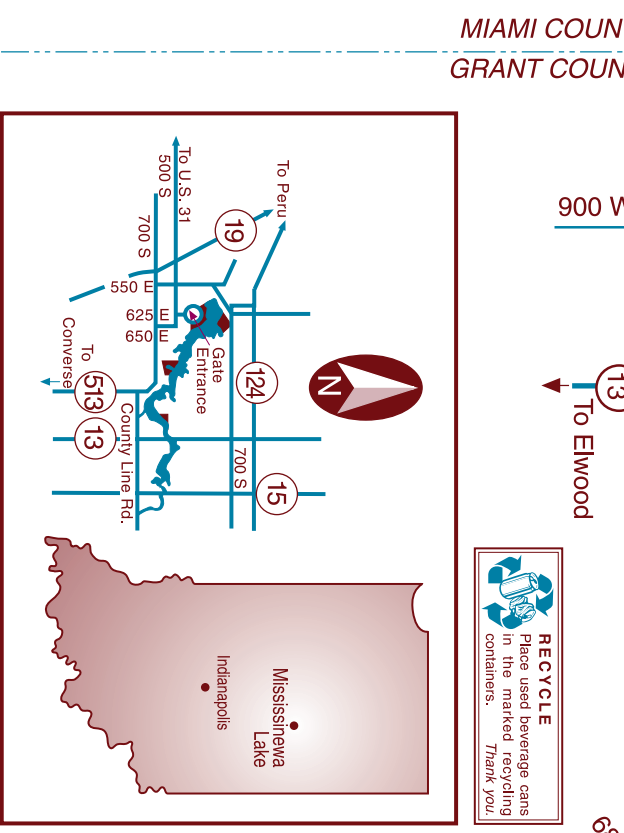
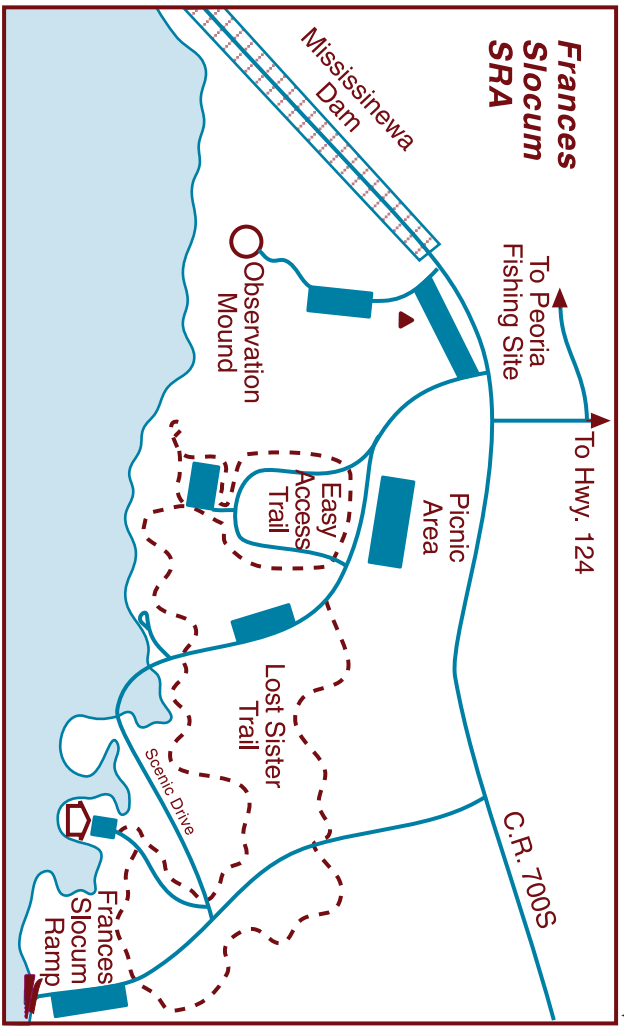
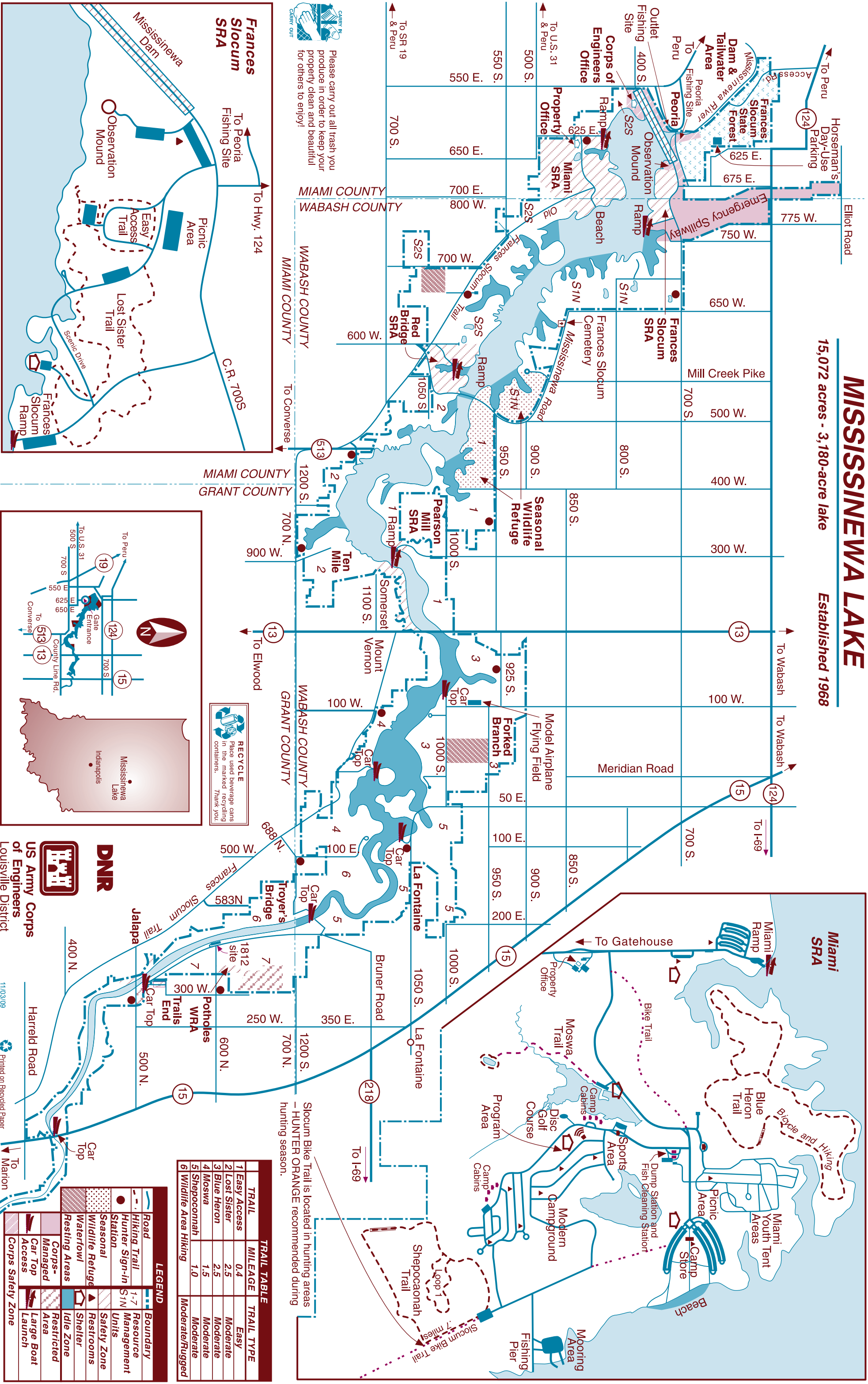
This lake operates as a unit with J. Edward Roush and Salamonie lakes to reduce flood stages in the Upper Wabash Basin and with other lakes downstream in reduction of Lower Wabash and Ohio River floods.

Situated seven miles southeast of Peru in north central Indiana on the Mississinewa River, Mississinewa Lake is located on Indiana 13 and is accessible from U.S. 31 on the west and Indiana 15 on the east.

Mississinewa Lake was designed and built by the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This map will acquaint you with the lake's two most-used recreation areas: the Miami and Frances Slocum state recreation areas (SRA). The entire property includes two other recreation areas, several small boat launch sites and over 9,000 acres of land managed for wildlife.

# MISSISSINIEWA LAKE

15,072 acres - 3,180-acre lake      Established 1968



**RECYCLE**  
Place used beverage cans in the marked recycling containers. Thank you!

**LEGEND**

	Boundary		Resource Management
	Hiking Trail		Safety Zone
	Hunter Sign-in		Restrooms
	Seasonal		Shelter
	Wildlife Refuge		Idle Zone
	Waterfowl Resting Areas		Restricted Area
	Corps-Managed Area		Large Boat Launch
	Car Top Access		
	Corps Safety Zone		

**TRAIL TABLE**

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1 Easy Access	0.4	Easy
2 Lost Sister	2.5	Moderate
3 Blue Heron	2.5	Moderate
4 Moswa	1.5	Moderate
5 Shepocoonah	1.0	Moderate/Rugged
6 Wildlife Area Hiking		Moderate/Rugged

Slocum Bike Trail is located in hunting areas - HUNTER ORANGE recommended during hunting season.

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

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