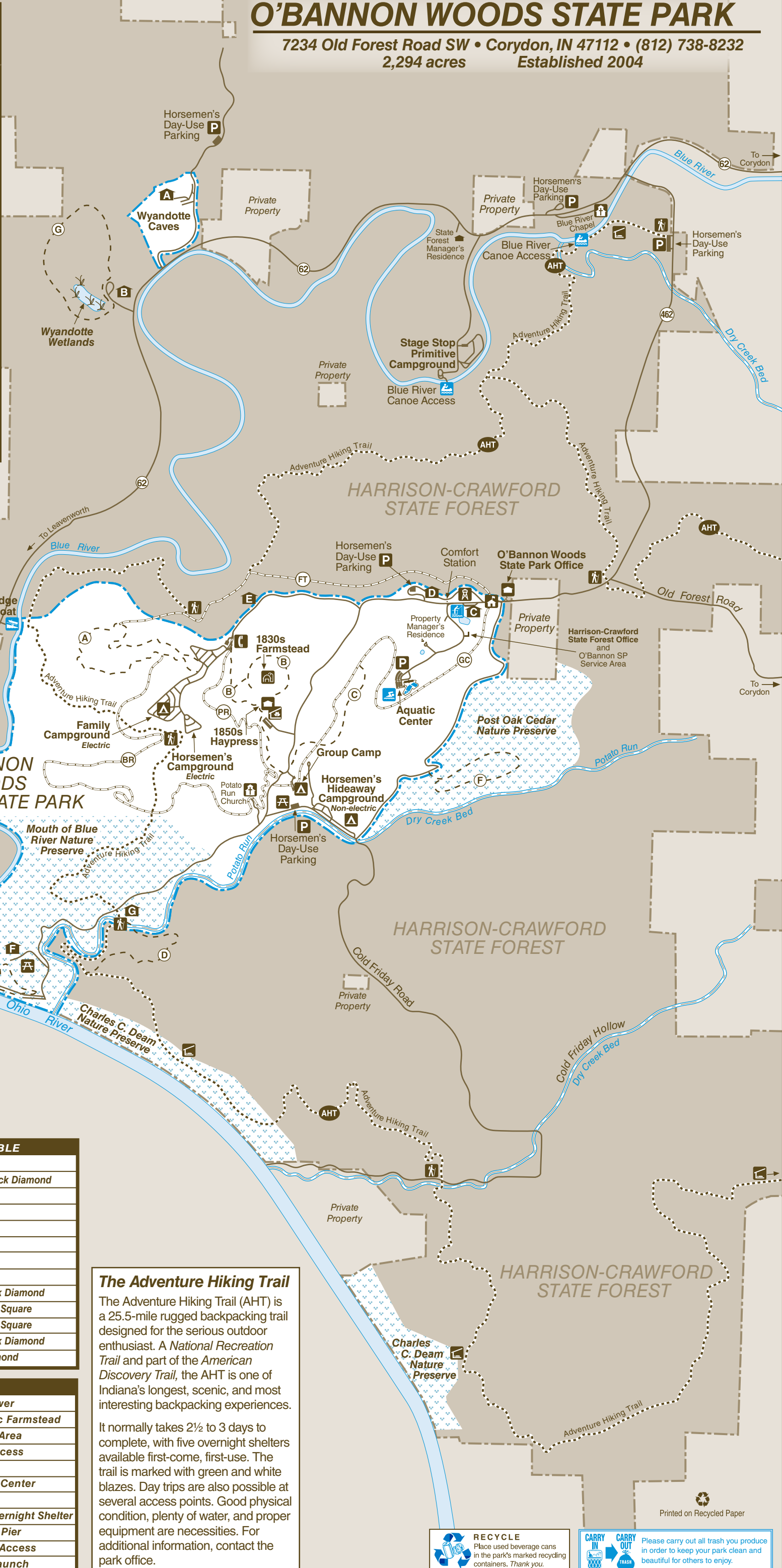
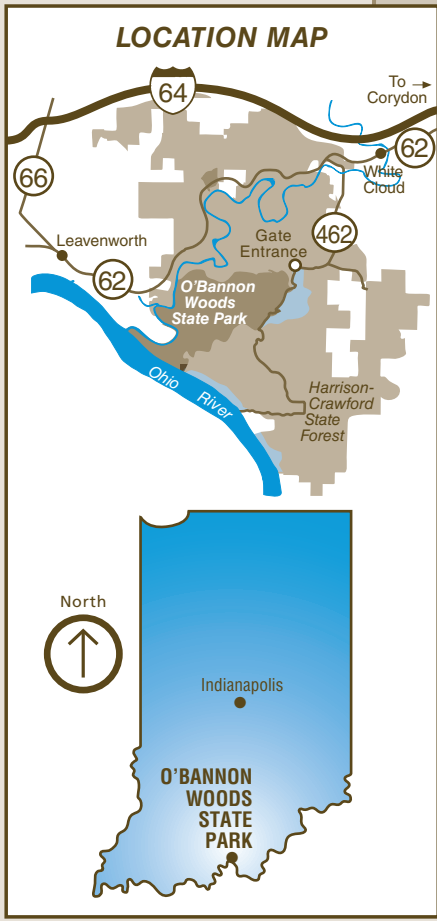


O'BANNON WOODS STATE PARK

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2,294 acres Established 2004



SHELTERS	
A	Wyandotte Caves
B	Wyandotte Wetlands
C	Pine Pond
D	Shelter 4
E	Sassafras
F	Ohio River Overlook, S2
G	Pioneer Cabin

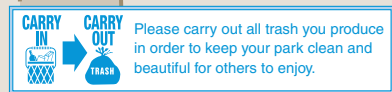
DAY-USE HIKING TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
A	2	Moderate/Most Difficult/Black Diamond
B	2	Moderate
C	1.25	Rugged
D	1.75	Moderate
E	1.5	Rugged
F	.8	Rugged
G	1	Easy to Moderate
BR	2.8	Rugged/Most Difficult/Black Diamond
PR	1.2	Rugged/More Difficult/Blue Square
FT	2	Rugged/More Difficult/Blue Square
GC	3.5	Rugged/Most Difficult/Black Diamond
AHT	2.4	Rugged/Double Black Diamond

LEGEND			
	Boundary		Fire Tower
	Road		Historic Farmstead
	Hiking Trail		Picnic Area
	Bike/Hike Trail		AHT Access
	Adventure Hiking Trail		Shelter
	Forest Boundary		Nature Center
	Nature Preserve		Church
	Dry Creek Bed		AHT Overnight Shelter
	Gatehouse		Fishing Pier
	Telephone		Canoe Access
	Campground		Boat Launch

The Adventure Hiking Trail

The Adventure Hiking Trail (AHT) is a 25.5-mile rugged backpacking trail designed for the serious outdoor enthusiast. A *National Recreation Trail* and part of the *American Discovery Trail*, the AHT is one of Indiana's longest, scenic, and most interesting backpacking experiences.

It normally takes 2½ to 3 days to complete, with five overnight shelters available first-come, first-use. The trail is marked with green and white blazes. Day trips are also possible at several access points. Good physical condition, plenty of water, and proper equipment are necessities. For additional information, contact the park office.



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Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding wildlife is prohibited and can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock all food and coolers inside cars or campers.

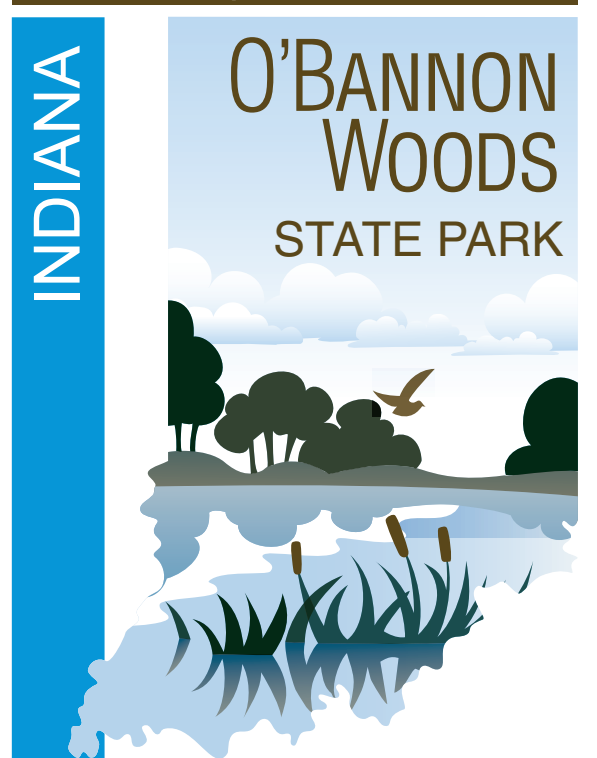
southern Indiana at O'Bannon Woods State Park. The wild diversity, long history and rugged beauty of cultural resources. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy for viewing multiple-use management of natural and vast, working state forest provides a unique opportunity. This combination of a state park surrounded by a exhibits.

accurate, 1850s hay press and barn with accompanying Also featured is a one-of-a-kind, restored, historically living-history demonstrations at a pioneer farmstead. and turtles, bird viewing, an outdoor wetlands pond and Center offers resource and cultural displays, live snakes and other programs for visitors and groups. The Nature Interpretive naturalists offer year-round hikes, talks state park.

Harrison-Crawford State Forest, but not inside the established seasons, continues to be permitted in column of this brochure. Hunting, in compliance with of activities and facilities as described in an adjacent and returning visitors. Guests can enjoy a wide range to offer high-quality activities and facilities for both new With the development of this state park, we continue recreation.

hunting, fishing, birding, swimming and other outdoor a source of timber and a place for canoeing, hiking. The state forest, one of Indiana's largest, serves as was operated by the Indiana DNR's Division of Forestry. with the 24,000 acre Harrison-Crawford State Forest. It established in 1980 in a peaceful and secluded setting, natural resources and history. The 2,294 acre site was contributions to this community and to the area's the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon and his family for their The property name was changed in 2004 to honor where the group camp is located today.

Indiana's few African-American CCC companies, sat retaining walls. The 517th camp, which hosted one of manager's residence, the service area and numerous built facilities, including shelter house 2, the property near the park entrance and throughout the forest. They beginning in 1934. These men planted many of the trees the work of the 517th Co. Civilian Conservation Corps state forest in 1932. The area became popular through Natural Resources, bought the first parcels of land for a Department of Conservation, now the Department of



Nestled among the hills, rivers, and forests of extreme south central Indiana, O'Bannon Woods State Park is rich with resources dating back to prehistoric Native Americans. The stories of the region's history live on in the facilities and natural features of the park, which was formerly known as Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area.

Native Americans mined the valuable blueish-grey Harrison County chert or flint from caves and fields for thousands of years to make spearpoints, knives, arrowheads and other tools.

Pioneer settlers traveled through the Ohio valley in the early 1800s to establish towns, businesses and early trading with riverboats coming up the Ohio River. A local button factory, lime kilns and haypress barns were sources for river-related income during the mid-to-late 1800s. Even today, visitors find stone foundations, cemeteries and historical structures scattered among the hillsides.

By the early 1900s, much of the area had been overfarmed and was bare of trees. The

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

A. FIRE TOWER TO ROCKY RIDGE BIKE AND HIKE (8 miles), MODERATE TO RUGGED—Begins at the fire tower and travels west, intersecting with the Rocky Ridge Trail in the Class A campground. Follow paved road to the Group Camp to reconnect with the trail, then turn north passing the Aquatic Center before returning to the fire tower.

A. ROCKY RIDGE BIKE AND HIKE (2 miles), MODERATE—Begins and ends near campsite 35. This loop trail passes through deep ravines and up scenic, rocky slopes. Parking and water are available at the campground.

B. TULIP VALLEY (2 miles), MODERATE—Begins across from the Group Camp, passes through the woods in front of Hickory Hollow Nature Center, and continues up the ridge to the campground. One mile of this trail is universally accessible from the Nature Center.

C. CCC GHOST (1.25 miles), RUGGED—This trail begins and ends at the Group Camp and follows both sides of a dry creekbed. Be prepared for long, steep climbs and rocky descents. Parking is available at the Group Camp.

D. CLIFF DWELLER (1.75 miles), MODERATE—This loop trail crosses a dry creekbed, follows a beautiful, spring-fed creek and has some long stretches of climbing. Parking is available at the Pioneer Shelter House.

E. OHIO RIVER BLUFF (1.5 miles), RUGGED—This loop trail captures vistas of what the early settlers saw while traveling down the Ohio River. Follow the rocky escarpment bluff, as it meanders down to the horse trail from Shelter House 2 and back to the lower parking lot. It then skirts under the edge of the bluff and up the rock staircase, built by the CCC, back to the shelter.

F. POST-OAK CEDAR NATURE PRESERVE (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.

G. SHARP SPRING TRAIL (1 mile), EASY to MODERATE—This trail loops around the perimeter of Wyandotte Wetlands and passes Sharp's Spring on the lake's backside. The parking lot shelter provides a beautiful spot for a picnic.

BR. BREEDEN RIDGE (BR) BIKE AND HIKE (2.8 miles) RUGGED—Begins at intersection of Rocky Ridge with a hand-built rock garden. A rolling climb takes you to the top of Breeden Ridge. A log jump sends you toward a small woodland pond, the

RULES AND REGULATIONS

highest point on the trail. Twisting turns and other features lead to a horse trail crossing, where the trail descends to Potato Run. After a climb up the other side of the creek, the trail levels out and joins the Potato Run Trail.

PR. POTATO RUN BIKE AND HIKE (1.2 miles) MODERATE—Begins at the campground, sharing access with the Tulip Valley hiking trail. At Battleship Rock, the trail splits to the right and flows along the ridge behind the campground before descending into the valley. Bikers should yield to horses at two horse crossings. The trail intersects with the Breeden Ridge Trail, then twists and winds along the edge of Potato Creek before crossing the creek bed.

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood be- cause they rebuild the natural humus.
- 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-locked 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.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the De- partment of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. No youth groups are permitted in the family campground.
- 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 and park only in designated areas.
- 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 anglers and to campers at their site.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

ACCESS SITES—Four public-access sites are available in the area. The Lock and Dam 44 access site at the mouth of the Blue River provides a concrete ramp for access to the Ohio River.

CANOEING—Eleven miles of Blue River downstream from S.R. 462 bridge are available for canoeing, tubing and boating.

CAMPING—The modern electric campground with 234 reservable sites is equipped with modern restrooms, hot water and showers. There are an additional 36 electric sites with modern facilities reservable for horse camping only. Fresh water fill-up available throughout the modern campground, along with 50-amp service and 45-foot pad. A 63-site, reservable, non-electric horse camp is available with a modern restroom, hot water and showers. Stage Stop primitive campground and youth rally camp, with 50 sites, is non-reservable. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

FISHING—At fishing pond and Blue River access sites. **GROUP CAMP**—100 person capacity with dining and recreation hall, bunkhouses and shower house. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

HIKING—18 miles of short day-use trails provide access to the Adventure Trail, a 25.5 mile backpacking trail through Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

HORSE TRAILS—The horse trail system includes 80 miles of marked loop trails through Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Open year-round. Program schedules are available online at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (812) 738-8234.

NATURE CENTER—Hickory Hollow Nature Center, authentic 1850s hay press, 1830s farmstead. Hours vary.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, grills, toilet facilities.

SHELTERS—Nine shelters. Three shelters are reservable through the Central Reservation System.

SWIMMING—Family Aquatics Center. Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

WYANDOTTE CAVES—Open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. Reservations available. Call (812) 738-8232 for information.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

Visitors shall observe property 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.

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



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