**ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES**

**BOATS, CANOES, PADDLEBOATS, BICYCLES**—For rental by day or hour. Life jackets are available. Boats and canoes may be launched only at the designated launch locations.

**CAMPING**—Electric and primitive youth tent sites for approved groups only. Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Campsites limited to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites will accommodate trailers. No full hookups, but water station and dump station available. Fee required. Information available through the Central Reservation System.

**FIRE TOWER**—A 100-foot tower offers scenic views of the entire area. A nature trail leads to the top of the tower, which is staffed on a rotating basis.

**FISHING**—Miles of moderate trails—no bicycle or vehicle permitted on hiking trails. Bass, bluegill, etc. State license required.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and nature programs. Seasonal naturalist on staff. Program schedules at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov

**PAVED BIKE TRAIL**—2½ miles, asphalt trail connects east end of park south of campground to bridge at 450 motors, powered by no more than 12-volt batteries, are rental by day or hour. Lifejackets available. A lake permit of the entire area. An adult must accompany children swimming pool, both of these courts are equipped with baskets and wading pool. Open the Saturday before Memorial Day to no later than Labor Day. Limited hours during late May, early June and late August. 

**PICNICKING**—Two modern picnic shelters, one open shelter, many tables, and charcoal grills. Playground equipment throughout the park and softball field with backstop. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

**SWIMMING**—Olympic-size pool and wading pool. Open the Saturday before Memorial Day to no later than Labor Day. Limited hours during late May, early June and late August. 

**TENNIS / BASKETBALL COURTS**—Located near the swimming pool, both of these courts are equipped with lights and available first-come, first-served.

**WILDFIRE**—A 20-acre exhibit consisting of American bison in a natural setting.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Please don't feed wild animals. Feeding of all wild animals 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 up all windows tightly. Visitors should report raccoon or otherи other wildlife activity to the park office.

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

**CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS**

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

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**SPECIAL NOTE**

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

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**THIS IS YOUR PARK**

**Please stay on marked trails.**

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**INTERPRETIVE SERVICES**

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**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

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