Indiana State Parks Campground Host
Summaries and Availability
As of March 1, 2015

If you have an interest in serving as a campground host, the best time to call your favorite property and ask for information is between Nov. 1 and March 1. By early spring, most host schedules are full. There are, however, some vacancies remaining for the 2015 camping season. You can read about the responsibilities of hosts at each location and see where openings still exist by reading through the list below.

Thanks for your interest in Indiana State Parks and Campground Host program!

Brookville/Whitewater Complex, (765) 647-2657
Brookville
Number of host sites: Four (one site at Quakertown and Whitewater, and two sites at Mounds).
Duties: Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash. Clean fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host." Assist management as needed with campground registration.
Status for 2015: Mounds SRA and Quakertown SRA Campground Host positions are currently filled, however we are still accepting applications in the event of unforeseen schedule changes and for future seasons. Whitewater Memorial SP is still accepting applications for July, August and September, as well as for unforeseen schedule changes and future seasons.

Brown County State Park, (812) 988-6406
Nashville
Number of sites: One VIP in Horseman’s camp and one in family camp; no campground host
Duties: Painting and other simple maintenance tasks, staff the nature/interpretive center, maintain flower beds throughout park, direct traffic at our campground registration booth, and clean rest rooms.
Status for 2015: VIP campsites are occupied for summer; accepting applications for future.

Chain O'Lakes State Park, (260) 636-2654
Albion
Number of host sites: Two.
Length of Stay: 30-60 days, depending on the season.
Duties: Typical duties are traffic control on Friday evenings and Saturday, providing toilet paper at comfort stations, cleaning up messes after hours, assisting campers in need of help, helping missing or lost children reunite with parents, delivering non-emergency messages and acting as sounding board for camper comments, questions and concerns. Volunteer one day per week at the nature center, in coordination with the seasonal naturalist.
Status for 2015: Accepting applications.

Charlestown State Park (812) 256-5600
Charlestown
Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: Variable.
Duties: Light restroom checking and cleaning, providing info to arrivals, assisting camper registration, litter pick up, acting as "information site" where campers can ask questions.
Status for 2015: Host positions filled for season.

Clifty Falls State Park (812) 273-8885
Madison
Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: 30 days minimum with extensions possible, late March – early November.
Duties: Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash. Clean fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host" for area. Assist management as needed with campground registration. Hosts must be on site on weekends during busy time in campground.
Status for 2015: Hosts spots available; accepting applications.

Falls of the Ohio State Park, (812) 280-9970
Clarksville
No campground on site; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive programs and other special projects.

Fort Harrison State Park (317) 591-0904
Indianapolis
No campground on site; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive programs and other special projects.

Hardy Lake (812) 794-3800
Scottsburg
Number of hosts: Two.
Length of stay: One month with extensions possible, from April 1- Dec. 1.
Duties: Clean fire rings, move tables for the mowing crew, restroom care, help with the raptor rehab center, help with programs and boat tours, assist staff in our gate houses and office, help the security patrolman when needed, assist staff as needed in repairs and maintenance, collect fees in campgrounds when gate is not open, act as our campground ambassadors and other duties as assigned.
Status for 2015: Hosts spots available; accepting applications.

Harmonie State Park, (812) 682-4821
New Harmony
Number of host sites: Three campground host sites and three VIP sites.
Length of stay: Minimum of one week, maximum of 4 weeks for campground hosts.
Duties: Hosts and VIP’s are required to be a goodwill ambassador. They will report camping infractions to security personnel, assist with traffic control on weekends and serve as an “information site” where campers can ask questions. They do various maintenance tasks in the campground such as litter pickup, clean the comfort stations, clean trash out of the fire rings, and assist with staffing the nature/interpretive center. They will assist with special events and other special projects around the park. Campground Hosts and VIP’s will be required to work a minimum of 20 hours per week.
Status for 2015: All of the campground host and VIP sites are filled for the 2015 season.

Indiana Dunes State Park, (219) 926-1952
Chesterton
Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: One month, time extensions possible. Require 20 hours/week for the VIP site for the first person and 10 hours for each additional. (i.e. a married couple would be required to work 30 totals hours/week)
**Duties:** Clean fire rings once a week and be available in the campground on Friday and Saturday from 4-9 p.m. Other duties assigned as needed.

**Status for 2015:** Season filled; April open.

**Lieber SRA (Cagles Mill Lake), (765) 795-4576**

**Cloverdale**

**Number of host sites:** Two (one campground host and one VIP).

**Length of stay:** Campground hosts may stay for one month. VIPs may stay seasonally.

**Duties:** Litter pickup, take/deliver messages, housekeeping, provide security, clean fire rings, make minor electrical repairs, traffic control, volunteer and staff nature center, assist with special events, and other duties as assigned.

**Status for 2015:** Hosts selected for 2015. VIP selected for 2015.

**Lincoln State Park, (812) 937-4710**

**Lincoln City**

**Number of host sites:** Two (one campground host and one VIP).

**Length of stay:** Minimum of two weeks, extensions possible.

**Duties:** Pick up trash, replenish toilet paper in comfort stations, help with traffic, run messages, campsite occupancy checks, sell firewood when camp store is closed, assist at nature center and other duties as assigned.

**Status for 2015:** Hosts selected for 2015. Accepting applications for VIP.

**McCormick’s Creek State Park, (812) 829-2235**

**Spencer**

**Number of host sites:** Two.

**Length of stay:** One month required.

**Duties:** General light labor and cleaning in the campground.

**Status for 2015:** Host selected for 2015. Waiting list available.

**Mississinewa Lake, (765) 473-6528**

**Peru**

**Number of host sites:** Six

**Length of stay:** 1 to 7 months depending on quality of work and applicants.

**Duties:** See below.

**Program 1** - Provide informal security in the campground (be eyes and ears!). Make sure restrooms are kept clean and toilet paper rolls filled. Keep litter picked up. Provide information to the general public. Assist and help employees when requested. Sometimes assist with special projects.

**Program 2 (new)** - Provide 20 - 24 hours of mowing per week in the campground. Mowers are Dixie 60" riding mowers.

**Program 3 (new)** – Provide general support for property staff. This includes helping in the office and front and campground gates when staffing is limited; helping with night security when needed; performing general maintenance to abilities of host. Position asking for 20-24 hours of work.

**Status for 2015:** Host positions available. Accepting applications.

**Monroe Lake, (812) 837-9967**

**Bloomington**

No campground host program available; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

**Mounds State Park (765) 642-6627**
Anderson

Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: 1 - 6 months.
Duties: Provide information to campers and relate their concerns to property staff; assist with severe weather procedures; site electrical troubleshooting; collect firewood left by campers; check restrooms and vault toilet throughout day; provide mild cleaning and alert staff if repairs are required; pick up litter, clear fire rings, sell firewood and ice when campstore is closed; collect registration fees in absence of a patrolman or when campground control station is closed.

O’Bannon Woods State Park, (812) 738-8232
Corydon

Number of host sites: 10 in Class A Campground; two in Horseman’s Hideaway (Primitive).
Length of stay: April-October; two weekends a month (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) and three of the four holiday weekends. (Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Halloween).
Duties: Our hosts are the eyes and ears of OBWSP campgrounds as well as representatives of IDNR & our park. Hosts communicate concerns and issues of campers directly to management. Primary responsibilities include ensuring cleanliness of comfort stations, assisting at gatehouse during peak times, helping patrons with campsite locations, picking up litter in the park and campground, cleaning fire rings, helping DNR staff on light maintenance projects, and promoting special events and interpretive programs at the nature center.
Status for 2015: Accepting applications.

Ouabache State Park, (260) 824-0926
Bluffton

Number of host sites: One full-hookup (water/sewage) site. (Second full hook-up site under construction, should be available summer 2015).
Length of Stay Required: One month.
Duties: Campground hosts often serve as the first point of contact for our visitors. We ask that they familiarize themselves with general information pertaining to the property and its facilities. Host responsibilities include; assisting with the sale of firewood and the collection of firewood fees, providing information and assistance to campground guests, routinely checking campground comfort stations and cleaning/restocking as necessary, trash/litter cleanup, checking and cleaning fire rings, and other light maintenance duties as assigned.
Status for 2015: Host selected for 2015.  Waiting list available.

Patoka Lake, (812) 685-2447
Birdseye

Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: Two to four weeks.
Duties: Campground hosts will: assist with light maintenance work throughout property as needed; be responsible for cleaning restrooms and filling toilet paper; work closely with DNR staff and report issues to staff; close electric boxes and pick up trash in fire rings, campsites, and around the property; ensure fires are put out after campers leave; notify campers of severe weather procedures and alert them as storms approach. Other duties include promoting interpretive programs, updating information on campground bulletin boards, hosting the visitors center, assisting with interpretive programs and special events, and assisting gatehouse staff with increased traffic flow and registration needs.
Status for 2015: Host spots available, accepting applications.

Pokagon State Park, (260) 833-2012
Angola
Number of host sites: Two.
Length of stay: Two weeks with extension possible.
Duties: Provide informal security in the campground (be eyes and ears); make sure restrooms are kept clean and toilet paper rolls filled; pick up litter; provide information to the general public; assist as needed with campground registration/traffic control; assist employees when requested.
Status for 2015: Accepting applications.

Potato Creek State Park, (574) 656-8186
North Liberty
Number of host sites: Two (one in the family campground; one in horse campground).
Length of stay: One month.
Family campground duties: Service comfort stations (replacing toilet paper and cleaning up minor messes); assist campground attendants on Friday evenings; be visible and approachable to campers; pull site cards; pick up trash; host Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week. Weekend hosting only is not allowed in family campground. In the horseman’s campground, however, weekend hosting only is available.
Status for 2015: Openings for July and August in family campground; openings in horseman’s campground for May - October. Weekend hosting only is also available in horseman’s campground.

Prophetstown State Park, (765) 567-4919
West Lafayette
Length of stay: One month to variable.
Duties: Traffic control and assisting campers; Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays are mandatory; sell firewood at site; spot check comfort stations for cleanliness and supplies; pick up trash in campground; be a model camper; work with security to ensure all have a pleasant camping experience; work with full-time naturalist assisting with programs; maintain designated landscape beds; close electric boxes and pick up trash in fire rings as sites are vacated; ensure fires are put out after campers leave; notify campers of severe weather procedures and alert them as storms approach.
Status for 2015: Hosts selected for 2015; accepting applications for waiting list.

Raccoon SRA/Mansfield Mill, (765) 344-1412
Rockville
Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: Variable, two weeks to one month.
Duties: Volunteers perform light maintenance work around Raccoon SRA and Historic Mansfield Roller Mill that may include cleaning campground comfort stations and restocking as needed after hours, assisting and educating visitors at the campground dumpsters, litter pickup, minor maintenance such as painting, electrical or plumbing, weeding and watering flowerbeds at Chapel Shelter and entrance/campground gates, delivering messages as requested by gate attendants, assisting interpretive naturalist in updating information on bulletin boards, presenting interpretive programming or mailing press releases and other duties as assigned.
Status for 2015: Hosts selected for 2015.

Salamonie Lake, (260) 468-2125
Andrews
Number of host sites: Two modern; one horsemen’s. VIP weekenders also encouraged. Contact managers for more information.
Length of stay: One month minimum
Duties: Check and clean the bathrooms; pass out info; serve as park management’s eyes and ears in the campground; pick up and burn any firewood left behind by campers that have checked; mowing may be required; maintenance.
Status for 2015: All campground host positions are filled. Contact property managers for unexpected vacancies throughout year. Applications accepted year round. Horse camp host must have horse and must be a horse rider. Availability is from May through October.

Shakamak State Park, (812) 665-2158
Jasonville
Number of host sites: One site.
Length of stay: Month at a time or longer depending on demand.
Duties: Pick up trash; keep toilet paper in the bathrooms; provide campers with information; and help campers as needed.
Status for 2015: Season filled.

Spring Mill State Park (812) 849-3534
Mitchell
Number of host sites: Two VIP sites.
Length of stay: One month minimum.
Duties: Cleaning campsites, fire pits and grills; assisting campground gate on traffic control; cleaning shelters; 22.5 hours per week, per person required. **To reserve a VIP site at Spring Mill State Park contact Coletta Prewitt. springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov
Status for 2015: VIP sites available, accepting applications.

Summit Lake State Park (765) 766-5873
New Castle
Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: Two weeks to one month.
Duties: Host meets and greets the campers; helps with electric problems; promotes the interpretive naturalist programs; cleans and stocks restrooms; cleans litter from campsites and grills when site is vacated. Hosts are trained to notify campers during severe weather and fire season. Host is our “goodwill ambassador” in the campground – where campers can come for information and express their concerns when full time staff is not available. Availability on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays is mandatory.
Status for 2015: Host sites have been reserved for 2015.

Tippecanoe River State Park, (574) 946-3213
Winamac
Number of host sites: One.
Length of stay: One month
Duties: The campground host maintains open hours to sell firewood and ice from the campground host site. The host is required to run a cash register, sell mosquito repellant, and fill out accounting forms. The camp host also answers questions for campers, checks comfort stations, and does moderate cleaning, sweeping pit toilets in the area, picking up trash and cleaning fire rings. Campground hosts may also rake leaves, paint signs, and give out information on weather, special events, and local attractions. The campground host will be visible, approachable, and report problems to park staff.

Turkey Run/Shades State Park complex, (765) 597-2654
Marshall
Number of host sites: One at Turkey Run; none at Shades.
Length of Stay: One month, one day off each week.
Duties: Run a small welcome center in host campsite; visit newly arrived campers in their sites to provide information and promote interpretive programs; assist campground gate staff as requested; replenish toilet
tissue in campground restrooms; assist with nature center duties, including information desk, and program and special event support. Hosts may also help with other projects that fit interests, skills and available time.

**Status for 2015**: Turkey Run still needs hosts for the month of June. We’re currently accepting applications for 2016, April through September.

**Versailles State Park, (812) 689-6424**

**Versailles**

**Number of host sites**: Three.

**Length of stay**: One to six months.

**Duties**: Welcome and assist campers; clean campground restroom; replenish toilet paper in campground restrooms; change trash in restrooms; check comfort stations for cleanliness especially in the evening; pick up trash throughout campground; clean trash from fire rings; provide information and be a good ambassador for campers.

**Status for 2015**: Host sites have been reserved for 2015.