



State Parks and Forests Campground Host Summaries and Availability As of Feb. 1, 2017



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If you have an interest in serving as a campground host, the best time to call your favorite property and ask for information is before April 1. By early summer, most host schedules are full.

This list shows where campground host openings still exist and what the responsibilities are at each location.

State Forests are generally more primitive camping experiences. Only Deam Lake and Starve Hollow have comfort station facilities.

For more information on the State Forest properties, visit dnr.IN.gov/forestry/3631.htm.

For more information on State Park properties visit stateparks.IN.gov/2392.htm

Brookville/Whitewater Complex, Brookville, (765) 647-2657

Number of host sites: Five—one site at Quakertown SRA; two sites at Whitewater State Park; and two sites at Mounds SRA.

Duties: Check shower houses and pits for cleanliness and toilet paper; pick up trash; clean out fire rings after campers leave; provide information and be a helpful host; assist with campground registration.

Status for 2017: Accepting applications for all sites.

Brown County State Park, Nashville, (812) 988-6406

Contact: Kevin Snyder at ksnyder@dnr.IN.gov.

Number of sites: One VIP in Horseman's Camp and one VIP in Family Camp; 3 possible campground host spots.

Length of stay: Minimum one month, April-October.

Duties: Painting and other simple maintenance; staff the nature center; maintain flower beds; direct traffic at campground registration booth; check shower houses and pits for cleanliness and toilet paper; pick up trash; clean out fire rings after campers leave; provide information and be a helpful host; assist management and be a good ambassador for the park and campers. Hosts are expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week/couple. Availability on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays is mandatory.

Status for 2017: Accepting applications for hosts.

Horseman's Campground status for 2017: Openings in horseman's campground for May–October, November.

Chain O'Lakes State Park, Albion, (260) 636-2654

Number of host sites: Two.

Length of stay: One to six months.

Duties: Traffic control on Friday evenings and Saturday; stock toilet paper at comfort stations; clean up messes after hours; help missing or lost children reunite with parents; deliver non-emergency messages; act as sounding board for camper comments, questions and concerns; and volunteer every weekend at the Stanley Schoolhouse.

Status for 2017: Accepting applications.

Clark State Forest, Henryville, (812) 294-4306, clarksf@dnr.IN.gov

Number of host sites: One at primitive horse camp. Dump station nearby. Water and electric hook-up available.

Length of stay: One to seven months, April-November. Weekend and Holiday hours required

Duties: Serve as eyes and ears of the campground; act as liaisons between the campers and the management; provide informal security by reporting problems; pick up litter; clean out fire rings; notify campers of severe weather and emergency procedures; keep pit toilets clean and stocked with toilet paper; possibly occasional mowing; assist with campground registration and payment.

Status for 2017: Host spot available; taking applications.

Charlestown State Park, Charlestown, (812) 256-5600.

Number of host sites: One.

Length of stay: Variable.

Duties: Light restroom checking and cleaning; provide info to arrivals; assist camper registration; litter pick up; act as "information site" where campers can stop and ask questions.

Status for 2017: Host positions filled for season.

Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, (812) 273-8885.

Number of host sites: Two.

Length of stay: Thirty days minimum with extensions possible, April-October.

Duties: Check shower houses and pits for cleanliness and toilet paper; pick up trash; clean out fire rings after campers leave; provide information and be a helpful host; assist management with campground registration; assist naturalist with special events and interpretive programs. Hosts must be on site on weekends and during busy times in the campground.

Status for 2017: Hosts spots available; accepting applications.

Deam Lake State Recreation Area, Borden, (812) 246-5421, deamlakesra@dnr.IN.gov

Number of host sites: Two electric campsites; water hook-up available. (One equestrian campsite and one family campsite.)

Length of stay: 1-7 months, April-November. Weekend and Holiday hours required.

Duties: Serve as the eyes and ears of the campground; act as liaison between the campers and the management; provide informal security by reporting problems; clean comfort stations; help patrons locate campsites; pick up litter; clean out fire rings; sell ice and firewood; collect camping fees when gatehouse is closed; promote special events and interpretive programs; notify campers of severe weather and procedures; and volunteer at nature center.

Status for 2017: Hosts spot available; taking applications

Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville, (812) 280-9970.

No campground on site; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, (317) 591-0904

No campground on site; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Greene-Sullivan State Forest, Dugger, (812) 648-2810, GreeneSF@dnr.IN.gov

Number of host sites: One electric campsite. Water and electric hookup available. Dump station nearby.

Length of stay: One month minimum, May-October.

Duties: Provide campers with information; help with check ins/checkouts, cabin lockouts and camping fee payments; clean restrooms and stock toilet paper; pick up litter; clean camping cabins and campfire rings after campers leave; provide information to general public; light maintenance.

Status for 2017: Hosts spot available; taking applications.

Hardy Lake, Scottsburg, (812) 794-3800

Number of hosts: One.

Length of stay: One month with extensions possible from April 1- Dec. 1.

Duties: Clean out fire rings; move tables for the mowing crew; restroom care; help with the raptor rehab center; help with programs and boat tours; assist gatehouse and office staff; help the security patrolman; assist in repairs and maintenance; collect fees in campgrounds when gate is not open; and act as campground ambassador.

Status for 2017: Season filled, accepting applications for future.

Harmonie State Park, New Harmony, (812) 682-4821

Number of host sites: Three campground host sites and two VIP sites.

Length of stay: Minimum of one week and maximum of four weeks for campground hosts.

Duties: Be goodwill ambassador; answer camper questions; report camping infractions to security personnel; and assist with traffic control; pick up litter; clean the comfort stations; clean trash out of the fire rings; and assist with staffing the nature/interpretive center. Campground hosts and VIPs will be required to work a minimum of 20 hours per week.

Status for 2017: All of the campground host and VIP sites are filled for 2017.

Indiana Dunes State Park, Chesterton, (219) 926-1952

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 out the fire rings once a week; be available in the campground on Friday and Saturday from 4-9pm; other duties assigned.

Status for 2017: Host positions available; accepting applications.

Lieber State Recreation Area (Cagles Mill Lake), Cloverdale, (765) 795-4576

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.

Status for 2017: Hosts and VIP selected for 2017.

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

Number of host sites: Two—one campground host and one VIP.

Length of stay: One to seven months.

Duties: Provide information to campers and relate their concerns to property staff; assist with severe weather procedures; electrical troubleshooting; collect firewood left by campers; check restrooms and vault toilets throughout day; pick up litter; clean fire rings; assist with firewood sales when camp store is closed; help with traffic; run messages; perform campsite occupancy checks; and help at the nature center.

Status for 2017: Hosts and VIP selected for 2017.

Martin State Forest, Shoals, (812) 247-3491, martinsf@dnr.IN.gov

Number of host sites: One primitive campsite.

Length of stay: One to seven months.

Duties: Providing informal security; clean restrooms and stock with toilet paper; pick up litter; check campsite posts for display of receipts; clean fire rings after campers leave; provide information; be a helpful host; assist employees on various property needs and projects.

Status for 2017: Hosts spot available; taking applications.

McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, (812) 829-2235

Number of host sites: Two.

Length of stay: One month required.

Duties: General light labor and cleaning in the campground.

Status for 2017: All positions filled.

Mississinewa Lake, Peru, (765) 473-6528

Number of host sites: Six.

Length of stay: One to seven months.

Duties:

Program 1 - Provide informal security; clean restrooms and stock toilet paper, pick up litter; provide information to the general public; assist employees when requested.

Program 2 - Provide 20-24 hours of mowing per week in the campground. Mowers are Dixie 60-inch riding mowers.

Program 3 – Provide general support for property staff, including helping in office; staffing front and campground gates; helping with night security; performing general maintenance to abilities of host. Position asking for 20-24 hours of work.

Status for 2017: Host positions available; accepting applications.

Monroe Lake, Bloomington

Contact: Corey Rieman, (812) 837-9546, crieman@dnr.IN.gov.

Number of host sites: One 50-amp site at Paynetown SRA.

Length of stay: Minimum one month, April-October

Duties: Paint; maintain flower beds; engage patrons; direct traffic at the campground gate; pick up litter; clean fire rings; move tables; answer questions; collect unused or confiscated firewood; assist with severe weather notification and/or evacuation; be a model camper and assist with

programming. Hosts with strong trade skills may be called upon to assist with projects meeting their skill sets. Hosts are required to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours per week per person.

Status for 2017: Accepting applications.

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

Number of host sites: One.

Length of stay: One to six months.

Duties: Provide information to campers and relate their concerns to property staff; assist with severe weather procedures; electrical troubleshooting; collect firewood left by campers; check restrooms and vault toilets; clean; sell firewood.

Status for 2017: Positions filled for 2017.

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

Number of host sites: 10 in the Class A Campground; 2 in Horseman's Hideaway (primitive).

Length of stay: April-October, two weekends a month (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) and three out of the four holiday weekends (Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day & Halloween).

Duties: Communicate concerns and issues of campers directly to management; clean comfort stations; assist at gatehouse during peak times; helping patrons with campsite location; pick up litter in the park and campground; clean fire rings; help with light maintenance; and promote special events and interpretive programs at the nature center.

Status for 2017: Season full; accepting applications for future.

Ouabache State Park, Bluffton, (260) 824-0926

Number of host sites: Two full-hookup (water/sewage) site.

Length of stay required: One month.

Duties: Sell firewood and collect firewood fees; provide information and assistance to campers; clean comfort stations; pick up litter; clean fire rings; and other light maintenance.

Status for 2017: Host spots available; accepting applications.

Patoka Lake, Birdseye, (812) 685-2447

Number of host sites: Two.

Length of stay: Two-four weeks.

Duties: Clean restrooms and stock toilet paper; report issues to staff; close electric boxes; pick up trash; ensure fires are put out after campers leave; notify campers of severe weather procedures and alert them as storms approach; promote interpretive programs; update information on campground bulletin boards; host the visitor center; assist with interpretive programs and special events; help gatehouse staff with traffic and registration.

Status for 2017: Host spots available; accepting applications.

Pokagon State Park, Angola, (260) 833-2012

Number of host sites: Two.

Length of stay: Two weeks with extension possible.

Duties: Provide informal security; clean restrooms and stock toilet paper; pick up litter; provide information to the general public; help with campground registration and traffic control; host at the nature center on Saturday from 2-5 p.m.

Status for 2017: Host spots available; accepting applications.

Potato Creek State Park, North Liberty, (574) 656-8186

Number of host sites: Four—two in the family campground; two in the horse campground.

Length of stay: VIP—weekend or more; Host—one month, 25 volunteer hours per week.

Duties: Clean and stock comfort stations; assist gatehouse attendants on Friday evenings; be a goodwill ambassador and information provider for campers; clean campsites and fire rings; report issues; utilize skills such as painting, electrical, plumbing, etc.; staff nature center; promote events; conduct site occupancy checks; assist with severe weather procedures; spray weeds; maintain flower beds; and mow. Host duties are required Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week.

Status for 2017: Openings available; applications accepted year round.

Prophetstown State Park, West Lafayette, (765) 567-4919

Length of stay: One month to variable.

Duties: Traffic control; sell firewood; clean and stock comfort stations; pick up trash; work with security; assist naturalist with programs; maintain landscape beds; close electric boxes; ensure fires are put out after campers leave; notify campers of severe weather procedures and alert them as storms approach. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays are mandatory.

Status for 2017: Hosts selected for 2017; accepting applications for waiting list.

Raccoon Lake/Historic Mansfield Roller Mill, Rockville, (765) 344-1412

Number of host sites: One.

Length of stay: Variable; two weeks to one month.

Duties: Clean and stock comfort stations; pick up litter; conduct light maintenance such as painting, electrical or plumbing; weed and water flowerbeds; deliver messages; update bulletin boards; present interpretive programming; and mail press releases.

Status for 2017: Hosts selected for 2017; accepting applications for future.

Salamonie Lake, Andrews, (260) 468-2125

Number of host sites: Two modern; one horsemen's. VIP weekenders also encouraged. Contact managers for more information.

Length of stay: One month minimum or approval from manager.

Duties: Clean the bathrooms; pass out; serve as the staff's eyes and ears in the campground; burn firewood left behind by campers; mowing may be required.

Status for 2017: Sites available for 2017; applications accepted year round. Horse camp host must have horse and *must* be a horse rider. Availability is April through October.

Salamonie River State Forest, Lagro, (260) 782-0430, ASmith1@dnr.IN.gov

Number of host sites: One primitive family campsite and one primitive horsemen's campsite.

Length of stay: One to seven months.

Duties: Provide informal security; clean and stock bathrooms; pick up litter; check campsite posts for display of receipts; clean fire rings; provide information; and help employees on various property needs and projects.

Status for 2017: Host spots available; taking applications.

Shakamak State Park, Jasonville, (812) 665-2158

Number of host sites: One site.

Length of stay: One month at a time or longer depending on demand.

Duties: Clean and stock restrooms; report issues; close electric boxes; pick up trash; clean fire rings; ensure fires are put out after campers leave; notify campers as severe storms approach; promote interpretive programs; assisting with interpretive programs and special events; and help gatehouse staff with traffic and registration.

Status for 2017: Taking applications for July-October.

Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, (812) 849-3534

Number of host sites: Two VIP sites.

Length of stay: One month minimum

Duties: Clean campsites, fire pits, shelters and grills; assist campground gate with traffic. A total of 22.5 hours per week, per person required. To reserve a VIP site at Spring Mill State Park contact Coletta Prewitt at springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

Status for 2017: Season full. Accepting applications for future.

Starve Hollow State Recreation Area, Vallonia, (812) 358-3464, bschneck@dnr.IN.gov

Number of host sites: One camp host for Starve Hollow SRA, full hookup site provided.

Length of stay: One to seven months:

- 1) Summer: May – October
- 2) Winter: November, March and April

Duties:

Core Duties: Sell firewood; ensure camping fees are collected when office and gates area closed; assist with after-hours cabin check-ins; pump boats after rain; provide informal security; pick up trash; lock beach house after hours.

Other Duties (if applicable): Assist at the education center; assist at the office with clerical work; assist staff with minor troubleshooting or general maintenance.

Status for 2017: Host spot filled for May–October. Seeking possible host for March, April, November and December in 2017. Waiting list available.

Summit Lake State Park, New Castle, (765) 766-5873

Number of host sites: Two—one VIP and one modern.

Length of stay: One month minimum.

Duties: Greet campers; help with electric problems; promote interpretive programs; host the “Saturday Morning Brew” sessions; pick up trash; mow; clean and stock restrooms; clean camp fire rings; notify campers during severe weather and fire season; provide information and receive concerns when full-time staff is not available. Hosts are expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week/couple. Availability on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays is mandatory.

Status for 2017: Openings available.

Tippecanoe River State Park, Winamac, (574) 946-3213

Number host sites: One.

Length of stay: One month.

Duties: Sell firewood, ice and bug spray; answer questions; clean comfort stations; sweep pit toilets; pick up trash and clean fire rings; rake leaves; paint signs; report problems to park staff; and give out information on weather, special events and local attractions.

Status for 2017: Season full. Accepting applications for future.

Turkey Run/Shades State Park Complex, Marshall, (765) 597-2654

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; greet campers; promote interpretive programs; stock toilet paper; help at nature center, including information desk, and program and special event support. Hosts may also help with other projects that fit their interests, skills and available time.

Status for 2017: Openings available.

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

Number of host sites: Three.

Length of stay: One to six months.

Duties: Welcome and assist campers; clean and stock restrooms; change trash in restrooms; pick up trash; clean out trash from fire rings; provide information and be a good ambassador for the park and campers.

Status for 2017: Accepting application for B Loop host site for 2017.

Yellowwood State Forest, Nashville, (812) 988-7945, YellowwoodSF@dnr.IN.gov

Number of host sites: One electric site. Dump station nearby. Water and electric hook-up available.

Length of stay: One month with extension possible.

Duties: Provide informal security; clean and stock restrooms; pick up trash; clean fire rings after campers leave; provide information; help with campground registration and payment.; assist employees on various projects. The campground area and host site is close to Yellowwood Lake.

Status for 2017: Hosts spots available; taking applications.