Conservation in Indiana: A State Parks & Reservoirs Timeline

1825-“Boatload of Knowledge” brings noted scientists to New Harmony for research
1830-General Assembly creates Indiana Geological Survey
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1840-Seasons closed on deer, quail, for $1, turkeys for $10
1845-State geologist position established, responsibilities added, budget cut by 1/3
1850-Fish & Game Commission creates Indiana Fish & Game Commission
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1865-Brown County joins conservation movement in IN
1870-$100 appropriated for first exhibit of birds & mammals
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1901-First hunting licenses issued
1908-Conf. of Governors with Teddy Roosevelt launches conservation movement in IN
1909-Charles Deam named state forester
1910-Lieber visits Brown Co. for first time
1919-Dept. of Conservation created with Col. Lieber as director; Turkey Run Inn opens
1920-McCormick’s Creek becomes first state park; Turkey Run is second
1923-Lucy Pitschler-first naturalist at McCormick’s Creek
1921-Muscatatuck opens (later returned to Jennings Co.)
1924-Clifty Fall opens
1925-Pokagon and Indiana Dunes open
1927-Spring Mill opens; Potawatomi Inn opens; first Chief Naturalist
1929-Brown Co. & Shakamak added as state parks
1930-Mounds, formerly an amusement park opens
1932-Mill at Spring Mill resumes operation; Lincoln and Abe Martin Lodge open
1933-Col. Lieber resigns after dept. reorganization
1934-Outdoor IN begins
1935-Division of Reservoirs created, Maumee Lake is created
1936-Division of Reservoirs creates Indiana Dunes
1937-Pitman Robertson Act provides federal funds for wildlife
1939-Spring Mill Inn opens; last inn built
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1943-Tippecanoe & Versailles acquired as a federal fund for wildlife
1947-Shades State Park opens
1950-Huntington Lake (now J. Edward Roush) opens
1951-First legal deer hunt
1953-Ouabache State Park opens
1955-Charleston State Park opens
1960-First deer reduction in a state park
1965-Division of Reservoirs & Division of Wildlife merge
1970-First deer reduction in a state park
1973-Fort Harrison Lake opens
1975-Raccoon transferred to Reservoirs
1980-Mississinewa Lake opens
1988-Prophets Town State Park opens
1990-The Fort Golf Course open