

TRINE STATE RECREATION AREA

145 W. Feather Valley Rd. • Fremont, IN 46737 • (260) 833-2012
186 Acres Established 2007



Feather Valley Road

Marsh Lake Wetland Conservation Area

LOCATION MAP

To Michigan and I-80/I-90
To Fremont
Gate Entrance
I-69
727
Take I-69 Exit 354
To Fort Wayne I-27
To Angola

North ↑

TRINE STATE RECREATION AREA
Indianapolis

LEGEND

	Boundary		Accessible
	Road		Vault Toilet
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	Bike Trail		Boat Dock
	Boat Rental		Fishing Pier
	Marsh		Picnic Shelter
	Parking		Shuffleboard
	Restroom		Basketball Court

CABINS

1	Flicker
2	Cardinal
3	Tanager
4	Towhee
5	Woodcock
6	Snipe
7	Sandpiper
8	Killdeer
9	Blue Heron
10	Green Heron
11	Kingfisher
12	Redwing

TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	2.5	Moderate, Hike
2	.25	Moderate, Hike
3	.75	Easy, Bike

Service Area

Storage

Well House

Swenson Lodge Rental

Wild Turkey Shelter

Welcome Center

Gentian Lake

Wing Haven Nature Preserve



RECYCLE
Place used beverage cans in the park's marked recycling containers. Thank you.

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Steeped in natural and cultural history, Trine provides nearly 200 acres of rolling, wooded hills, open meadows, unique wetlands and a kettle lake. The natural features provide the perfect setting for a restored lakeside resort from yesteryear, plus a new meeting and conference facility, a casual boating and fishing center, picnic areas, and trails for hiking and biking.

BRIEF HISTORY

Much of this land was Wing Haven Resort from 1948 to the early 1970s. Helen and Ben Swenson bought the property after many years of serving as innkeepers at Pokagon State Park's Potawatomi Inn.

Helen was a naturalist and artist who loved birds. She named each of 12 cabin and duplex units for birds and decorated each according to the particular bird's colors. The Swensons' attention to simplicity and love of nature was further reflected with trails and even a small "nature cabin."

Helen later sold the resort to a Fort Wayne church. She maintained a log home on 80 acres on the south side of Little Gentian Lake. That property now belongs to ACRES Land Trust and is called Wing Haven Nature Preserve.

On the north side of the lake, the church operated Camp Calvary and added facilities. The camp later became Oakhill Resort and Conference Center, and more infrastructure was added.

Oakhill was acquired in 2007, through the generosity of Ralph and Sheri Trine of nearby Angola, and dedded to the State, Indiana's Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Natural Heritage Trust, ACRES Land Trust, and other local organizations and individuals also contributed.

ICE AGE LEGACY TO NATURAL GEM

The area's glacial history created its mix of rolling hills, lakes, wetlands, and special plant and animal communities found nowhere else in Indiana. The term "kettle" describes lakes gouged by enormous blocks of ice that melted and left large pools in their paths. Gentian Lake is the first of the Seven Sisters Lakes chain, a pristine example of a lake system rimmed by wetlands and featuring a unique fen marsh environment.

The Seven Sisters were identified in the 1969 book, Natural Areas of Indiana and their Preservation. The book says the chain "merits the position at the very top of the priority ratings for potential nature preserves in Indiana; the imminent loss of the tract to this use will be a major blow to nature preservation in the Midwest." Indiana's chapter of TNC identified the property as "a portfolio project," and elevated it to the organization's highest priority for protection and preservation.

Finally, during the first decade of the 2000s, the dream of many scientists and naturalists came true, and the land was protected.

LIVING LIGHTLY

The environmental impact of the classic, tiny "up north" resort of the 1950s and 60s was light. People sought a quiet connection with nature along the lake and the trails through woods and wetlands. At a time when a mechanized country was moving full-throttle, vacationers found simple fun, peace and possibly a spiritual connection to the natural world.

That old-fashioned feeling is maintained today. The cabins have been refurbished and now have small kitchens. The dining hall lodge named for rent. The lake remains quiet and free from gas motors.

The hills beyond offer hiking, biking, picnicking, sledding, family gatherings, and quiet nature study.

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.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

This 23-acre lake provides seldom-matched fishing, boating, and plant and animal viewing. Average depth, 15 feet; maximum depth, 50 feet. Carefully designed guidelines aim to preserve the fishery. To protect the surrounding fen and the life within it, shoreline fishing is limited to the fully accessible pier near the Welcome Center. Swimming is not allowed in Gentian Lake.

GENTIAN LAKE RULES

- The park is closed from 1 p.m. until 7 a.m., except for cabin guests with a receipt or key.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Report lost or found articles to the Welcome Center.
- Water is tested regularly for purity.
- Hydrants, or fountains provided for that purpose. This list of fishing regulations is available.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps.
- Must register at Welcome Center, where a complete watercraft. Shoreline fishing is prohibited. Anglers only in designated areas.
- Fishing permitted only from fishing pier or rented only in designated areas.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Policy in all day-use areas. Cabin guests shall put please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- at nearby Pokagon State Park.
- Camping is prohibited at Trine. Camping is allowed Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the prohibited in family cabins or their immediate vicinity.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets are activity authorized by written permit.
- BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), because they rebuild the natural humus.
- 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.

Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

PLEASE LET WILD ANIMALS REMAIN WILD.

DESCRIPTIONS OF TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Rolling Oaks Trail Runs from parking area north of the Wild Turkey Shelter and loops through woodlands, along wetlands and over open meadows, all within or within sight of tall oaks. Multi-use trail offers hikers an intimate connection to nature. Tight turns offer a mountain biking challenge.	2.5 miles	Moderate
Gentian Lake Trail Runs from lodge to lakeshore, through the fen along old roadbed, ending at road going through marsh from cabins to Welcome Center. Eventually will include more lakeshore.	.25 miles	Moderate
Bike Trail Accessible bike trail connects the main gatehouse at the Feather Valley Road with Wild Turkey Shelter and Welcome Center.	.5 miles	Easy

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

- **Pokagon State Park**—Park-bike trail, hiking trail, wildlife viewing, interpretive services, interpretive center, playground, historic features, fishing, ice fishing, water skiing, boat rental, inn, campstore, camping
- **Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area**—Wildlife viewing, fishing, ice fishing, hunting, trapping, shooting range, archery range, dog training area, boat launch
- **Olin Lake Nature Preserve**—Hiking trail, parking lot, plant identification

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

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)

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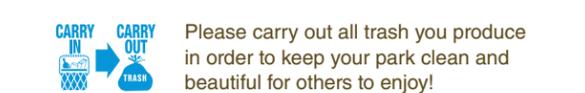
Rooms, cabins and conference facilities available. Dining room open to the public. Information toll-free: 1-877-768-2928 Reservations: 1-877-lodges1 (1-877-563-4371) Online: Indianalns.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Pokagon State Park 450 Lane 100, Lake James Angola, Indiana 46703 Call: 260-833-2012 Online: stateparks.IN.gov/2973.htm

SPECIAL NOTE

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



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