

TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK



This park offers some of the finest recreational opportunities in the state, featuring a unique natural area.

The land, which is generally level, drains toward the Tippecanoe River, which meanders approximately 7 miles along the eastern border of the park.

An occasional small sand dune adds variety to the scenery. The park offers a variety of habitats, such as oak forests, pine plantations, abandoned fields, marshes and the river.

An extensive trail network offers hikers a variety of terrain and vegetation. The 112 campsites include four that are accessible. All sites in the family campground are electric. A large group camp offers overnight facilities for 160 people with kitchen facilities. The Tepicon Recreation Building for day use only is available mid-April through mid-October.

In the 1600s and 1700s, this was the land of the Potawatomi. The early explor-

ers were French fur traders or "Voyagers" who came from Montreal, Canada, the center of fur trading, encampments, eager to acquire beaver pelts in exchange for blankets, utensils and any other items the Potawatomi wished to barter.

The Tippecanoe River was a major highway for this trade; both groups plied its waters. Settlement came slowly but inevitably to the area. In the 1830s, clearing, draining and farming of the lands was taking place. The Potawatomi were removed to a Kansas reservation. New settlers poured in. The land in the vicinity of the park was slowly cleared. Farming and grazing became the prime activity as most wildlife disappeared. The area remained this way until the Great Depression in the early 1930s.

At about that time, the U.S. Department of the Interior, through its National Park Service, acquired about 7,353 acres of land in an area bordering Tippecanoe River and U.S. 35, approximately 5 miles north of Winamac, in Pulaski County. Most of the land, which has a high sand content, was not well suited for agricultural use. The area was called the Winamac Recreation Demonstration Area. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) developed most of the existing facilities at that time, under the direction of the National Park Service.

In 1943, the land was transferred to the Indiana Department of Conservation as a state park. On Jan. 1, 1959, 4,592 acres was transferred to the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife and named the Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area. All of the 4,592 acres lie west of U.S. 35. The remaining 2,761 acres, which lie east of U.S. 35, are still part of the state park.

For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at park office.

- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- All motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles, ATVs and golf carts are prohibited.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Drinking water should be taken only from hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Swimming in the Tippecanoe River is prohibited. Take no risks!
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. No youth groups are permitted in the family campground.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Any firearm (except validly licensed handguns) BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when the owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- 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 because they rebuild the natural humus.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Visitors shall observe the following 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

SWIMMING PROHIBITED in Tippecanoe River. It is extremely hazardous. **Take No Chances.**

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.

camp.IN.gov
1-866-6campIN
(1-866-622-6746)



Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by calling toll-free.

IndianalInns.com
1-877-lodges1
(1-877-563-4371)



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: Tippecanoe River State Park
4200N US 35
Winamac, IN 46996-9116
Call: (574) 946-3213



Indiana Department of Natural Resources
dnr.IN.gov

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.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. 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 all food and coolers inside cars or campers.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

1. MODERATE (2.5 miles)—Begins near fire tower parking area or waterfowl parking lot, leads to fire tower, traverses sand hills and marsh area.
2. EASY (3.5 miles)—Begins about .5 mile north on TR2 road. Horses may start from near fire tower road on TR1 road. Leads through oak forest and some open fields. Rises on sand hills.
3. EASY (1.3 miles)—Begins on TR2 north of campground entrance, north to railroad, then returns to park road. Leads through oak forest, pine plantation and open fields. Connects with Trail 2.
4. MODERATE (1.9 miles)—Begins in main picnic area and leads along Oxbow Lagoon, through low river bottoms, along the river and back up into the pines and fields, then back to the campground and to the picnic area.
5. MODERATE (3.5 miles)—Begins north of campground. Covers prairies, river bluffs and oak woods. May be hiked from canoe camp, north of trails 3 and 4 or from group camp or Rent-A-Camp area.
6. MODERATE (2.6 miles)—Begins north of horse camp, crosses main road along marsh up into sand hills. Leads through oak forest and open fields then returns to horse camp.
7. MODERATE (3.2 miles)—Enter from gate, park office or Trail 9. Covers flat woodlands, open fields and pines.
8. MODERATE (1.4 miles)—Begins at Tepicon parking lot and covers Sand Hill Nature Preserve. Prairie grasses and oak woods predominate.
9. MODERATE (1.9 miles)—Begins on west edge of horse camp. Circles west through oak woods and sand hills. Connects to Trail 7.
10. MODERATE (.8 mile)—East of horse camp and day-use area. Circles prairie and sand blow-outs.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BOATS—Privately owned boats may be launched on the river.

CAMPING—Campground is equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites will accommodate trailers. Electric sites (112) and dumping station are available. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

CANOE CAMP— 10 primitive sites (tents only) with launch. Must have boat or canoe.

FIRE TOWER—90 feet, open seasonally.

FISHING—Bass, bluegills, etc. State license required.

GROUP CAMP—For organized youth groups under adult supervision. Capacity 160 in summer, 120 in winter. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

HIKING—22.6 miles of easy-to-moderate trails.

HORSE CAMP—Also primitive, with 56 sites.

HORSE TRAILS—More than 14 miles of horse trails.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Seasonal. Inquire at park office. Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available at the park office or at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov, or (574) 946-3213.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, shelters and playfields. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

RECREATION BUILDING and SHELTERS—The Tepicon Recreation Building is available mid-April through mid-October. Shelters are open throughout the year for day-use visitors. Reservations through the Central Reservation System.

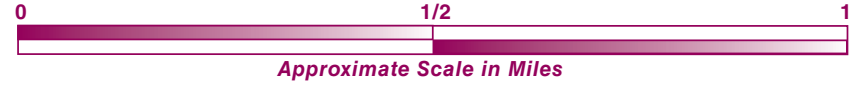
RENT-A-CAMP CABINS—Two bunk beds (sleep 4) with space for 2 floor sleeping spots (on floor or in a small loft). A small table w/stools or benches. One light and two electrical outlets. Modern comfort station with showers nearby. Reservations through the Central Reservation System.

YOUTH TENT AREA—Accommodates up to 120 people (see map). Reservations through the Central Reservation System.

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2,785 acres Established 1943

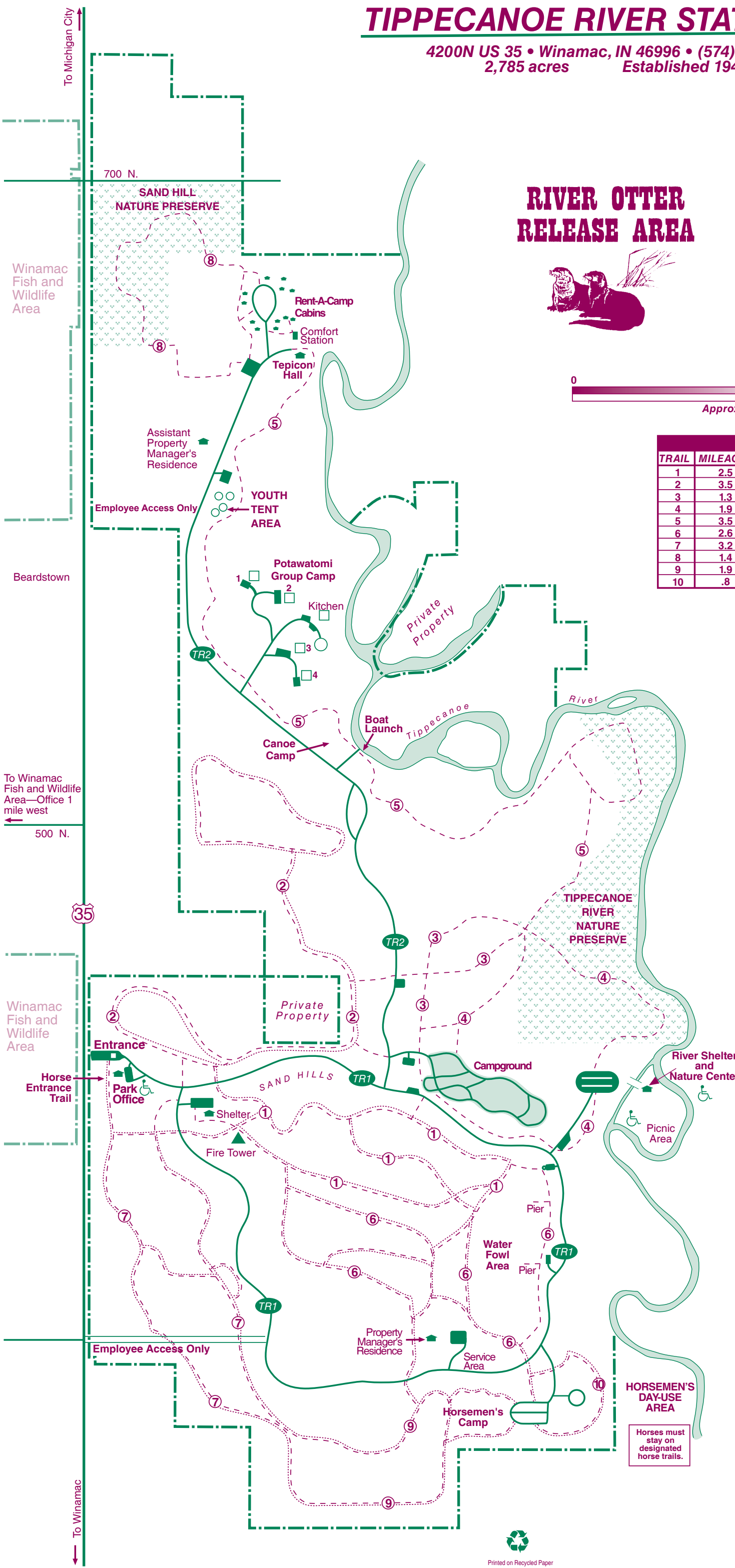
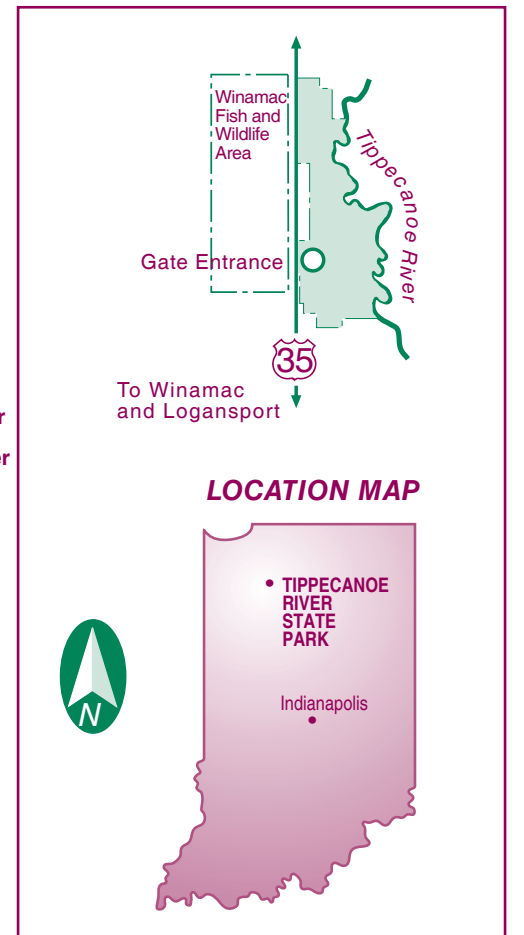
RIVER OTTER RELEASE AREA



TRAIL TABLE				
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TERRAIN	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL NAME
1	2.5	Moderate	Horse/Hiking	Sand Ridge Trail
2	3.5	Easy	Horse/Hiking	Pin Oak Trail
3	1.3	Easy	Hiking	Homestead Trail
4	1.9	Easy	Hiking	Oxbow Trail
5	3.5	Moderate	Hiking	River Bluff Trail
6	2.6	Moderate	Horse/Hiking	The Barrens Trail
7	3.2	Moderate	Horse/Hiking	White Pine Trail
8	1.4	Moderate	Hiking	Bluestem Trail
9	1.9	Moderate	Horse/Hiking	Black Oak Trail
10	.8	Moderate	Horse/Hiking	Sand Blowout Trail

LEGEND			
	Roads: TR1, TR2		Boundary
	Hiking Trail		Accessible
	Horse Trail		

ROADS	
TR1	A 3.5-mile paved loop from the gate
TR2	A 2-mile paved & gravel road north to south



Horses must stay on designated horse trails.



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