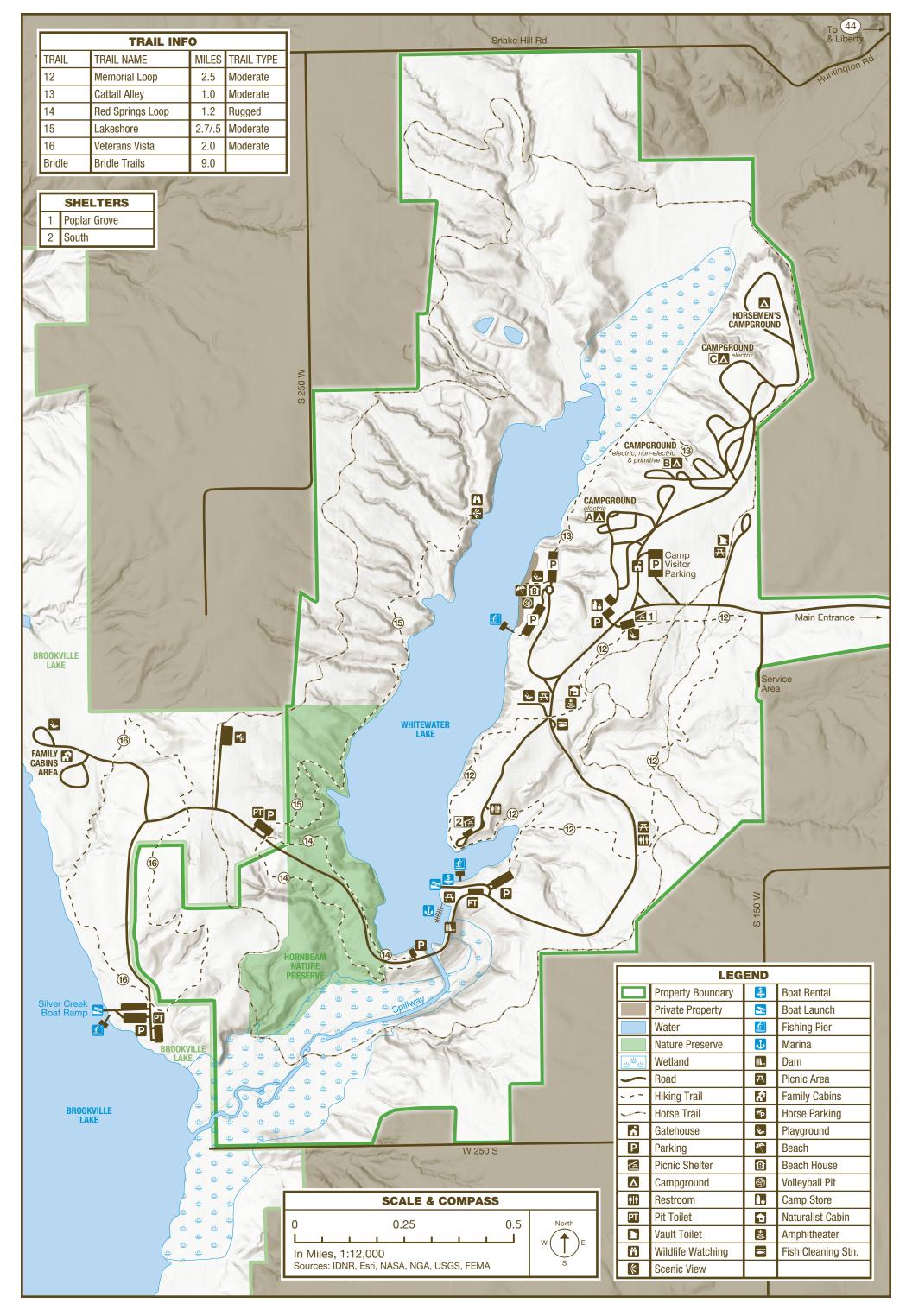
VHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK

1418 S. State Road 101 | Liberty, IN 47353 | 765-458-5565 1,710 Acres | Established 1949





WELCOME TO WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK



THE PARK STORY

Whitewater Memorial State Park remembers those who left these hills, forests, and farms and never returned.

Millions of years ago, this region was covered by a shallow ocean teeming with shelled animals. Shells accumulated on the ocean floor, and were pressed down to form layers of sedimentary rock.

More recently, ice age glaciers halted their southward advance north of the Whitewater area. As they melted, water rushed across the landscape, carving the Whitewater River Valley.

The hilly Whitewater region was blanketed in deep forests. Massive flocks of passenger pigeons moved through the forest. Cougars, wolves, and black bears made their home here.

People have lived in the region for thousands of years. Woodland tribes including the Myaamia (Miami), Lenape (Delaware), and Illinois thrived in the excellent hunting grounds.

In 1795, the tribes were forced to relinquish their land. The Treaty of Greenville ceded the territory that now includes Whitewater Memorial State Park to the United States.

By 1804, European settlers began to arrive. Many were Revolutionary War veterans who were paid in land for their service. The river valley provided rich soils for farming.

Shortly after World War II, the citizens of Fayette, Franklin, Union, and Wayne counties joined to create a lasting memorial to those who served in the war. They acquired acreage that included wooded hills, open fields, and a man-made lake. The land was transferred to the state, and in 1949 it became Whitewater Memorial Park. Today, Whitewater Memorial State Park offers hiking, flatwater boating, swimming, fishing, horseback trails, and camping opportunities.

Whether visiting for a day at the beach or a longer stay in the family cabins, Whitewater Memorial Park has something for everyone.



RULES & REGULATIONS

• Please obey all property rules & regulations.

on.IN.gov/INStateParksRules



HIKING TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- · Bicycles prohibited on hiking trails.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY 12. Memorial Trail 2.5 mi. Moderate

Easily accessed from many different locations. Travels eastern shore of Whitewater Lake through variety of forest types.

1.0 mi. 13. Cattail Trail Moderate

Accesses family campground to beach area of Whitewater Lake. Northwest end is marked by acres of cattails, providing habitat for many species of waterfowl and other birds.

14. Red Springs Loop 1.2 mi. Rugged

Loop trail can be accessed from spillway or Nature Preserve parking lots. Majority of trail meanders through Hornbean Nature Preserve and past large hillside seep springs that leave minerals and iron deposits, casting a rusty color over surface water. Wonderful trail for spring wildflowers.

15. Lakeshore Trail 2.7 mi. Moderate

The short loop and longest trail starts and ends at Hornbeam Nature Preserve parking lot, traversing hills and valleys of beautiful hardwoods along Whitewater Lake's western shore. Half-mile short loop is at beginning-watch for wooden signs. Long trail turns around at wooden steps and observation deck.

16. Veterans Vista Loop

2.0 mi. Easy

This trail offers a spectacular view of Brookville Lake, winding through fields and forests in the Silver Creek and Family Cabin areas.

HORSE TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- · Horses must stay on designated trails at all times.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY **Bridle Trail** 9.0 mi. Easy/Mod.

A large loop trail traverses the edge of the property and can be accessed from day Horsemen's Area or Horsemen's Campground.



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

Find more DNR properties at on.IN.gov/recfinder.

BROOKVILLE LAKE

hiking, wildlife watching, interpretive services, playgrounds, fishing, dog training area, trapping, archery range, shooting range, shelterhouses, picnic areas, swimming, water skiing, boating, camping

SHRADER-WEAVER NATURE PRESERVE

hiking trails, wildlife watching, parking



TRUE TALES

- GEOLOGICAL FEATURE: The region's bedrock layers were uplifted, creating a dome known as the Cincinnati Arch. Erosion removed the top younger layers, leaving the harder, older layers exposed. As a result, the oldest rocks in Indiana are found here.
- FLORA FEATURE: The 83-acre Hornbeam Nature Preserve is protected because of its unusually high number of American hornbeam trees. This tree is also called ironwood because of its sinewy appearing trunk.
- HISTORICAL FEATURE: World War II took the lives of 217 local men. Casualties were especially poignant for small communities where everyone was a neighbor or relative.



ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

Look for these icons on the map.



BOATING: Whitewater Lake (180 acres) is restricted to trolling-motor use only. Seasonal canoe, kayak, rowboat and paddle-boat rentals are available.



BROOKVILLE LAKE ACCESS: Launch ramp at Silver Creek allows access to Brookville Lake from March 1 through Oct. 1.



CAMPING: Electric and non-electric sites with modern restrooms and showers are available. Horsemen's electric and primitive and Youth Tent primitive sites with pit toilets are available. Potable water and dump stations available. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.



FAMILY CABINS: Modern cabins available year-round. Guests furnish own linens. These are housekeeping cabins that renter must clean and leave ready for next occupants. Maximum is six persons per cabin. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Two of the cabins are accessible. Five of the cabins allow pets. All cabins are non-smoking. Must be 21 to rent a cabin. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.



channel catfish. State fishing license required. **HIKING:** Nine miles of hiking trails ranging from easy to rugged.

FISHING: Bass, bluegill, crappie, redear,



HORSES: Nine miles of bridle trails available for day horse riders or horse campers.



INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE: Hikes, talks and other fun programs are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Program schedules available at InterpretiveServices. IN.gov or by asking for a schedule of events.



PICNIC AREAS: Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields.



SWIMMING: The beach house and beach are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Memories made naturally. **INDIANA STATE PARKS**

DISCOVER • CHALLENGE • EXPLORE

HOOSIER QUEST-Pin & Patch Program

Each state park offers you the opportunity to complete tasks to earn a patch or property pin.



an.IN.gov/hoosierquest

BOOK YOUR STAY • RESERVE TODAY

GET OUT and GO CAMPING

Call or go online to make your reservation for all types of

- Camping
- Family Cabins
- Shelters

Includes state parks, reservoirs and forests.



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

STAY IN at a STATE PARK INN

Call or go online to make your reservatión for a(n)

- State Park Inn
- Inns-managed Cabin

Seven State Parks include Inns: Brown County, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, McCormick's Creek, Spring Mill, Turkey Run and Pokagon.



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



For a full list of events, visit interpretiveservices.IN.gov



Please carry out all trash you produce to help keep the property clean and beautiful for all to enjoy!



FOLLOW US





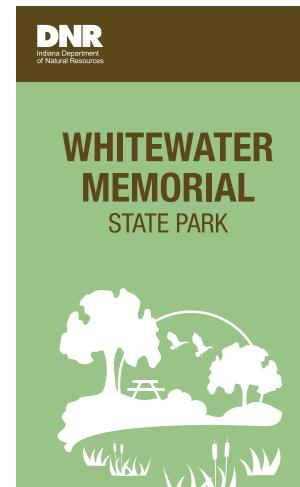








The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are The programs, services, facilities, and accountees of the indicata Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin,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



Whitewater Memorial State Park 1418 S. State Road 101 Liberty, IN 47353

(765) 458-5565



whitewatermemorialsp@dnr.IN.gov

on.IN.gov/stateparks