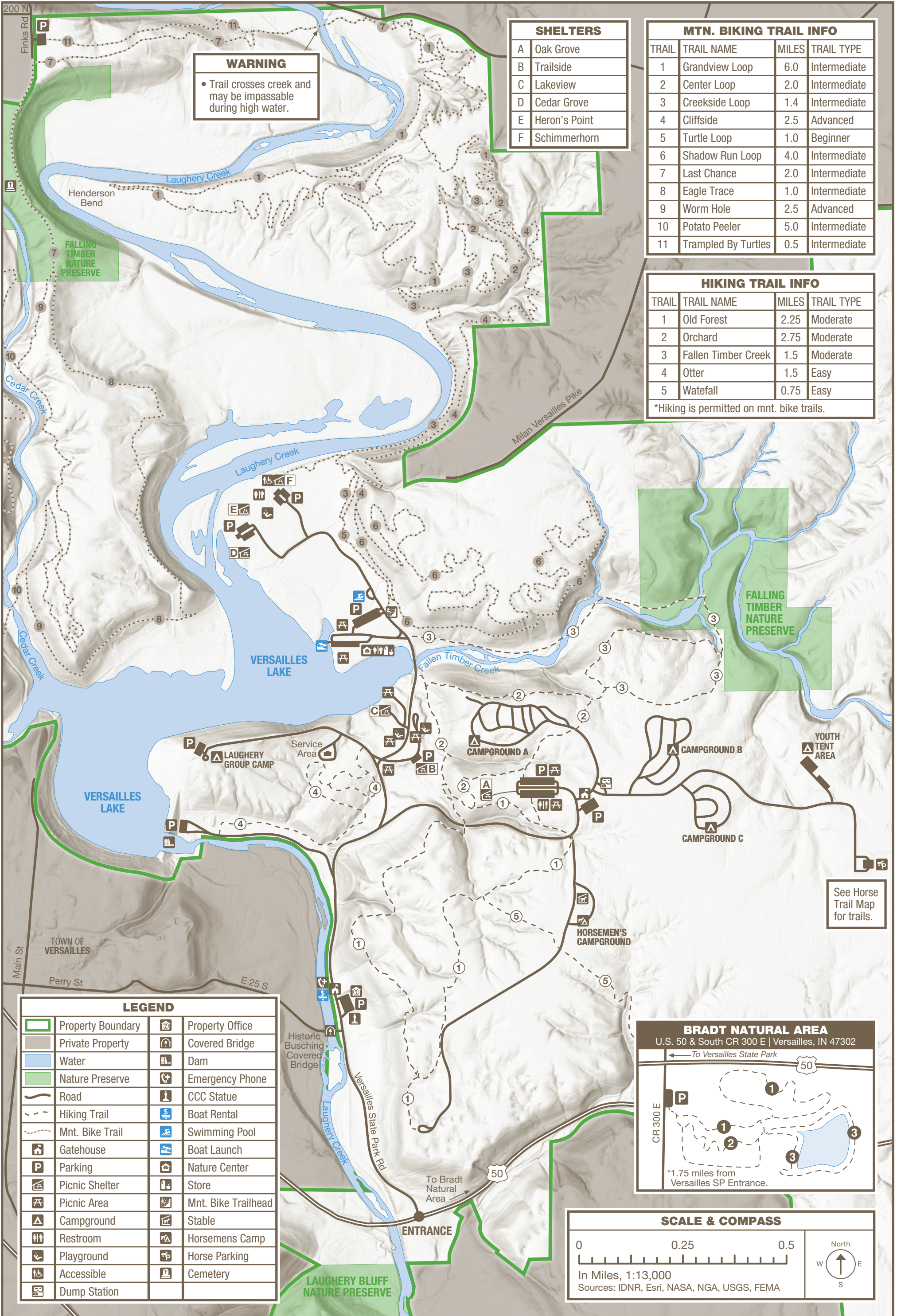


VERSAILLES STATE PARK

Box 205, 1387 E. U.S. 50 | Versailles, IN 47042 | 812-689-6424
5,988 Acres | Established 1943



WARNING
• Trail crosses creek and may be impassable during high water.

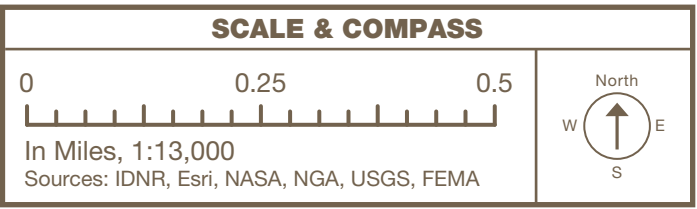
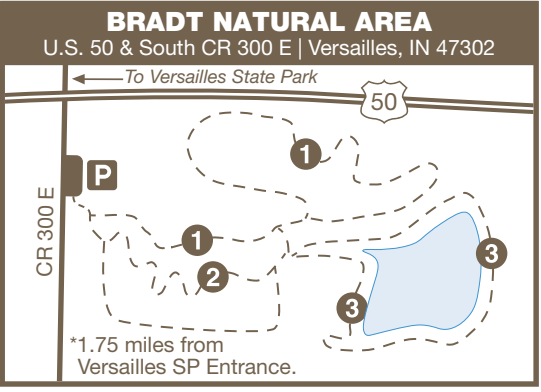
SHELTERS	
A	Oak Grove
B	Trailside
C	Lakeview
D	Cedar Grove
E	Heron's Point
F	Schimmerhorn

MTN. BIKING TRAIL INFO			
TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	Grandview Loop	6.0	Intermediate
2	Center Loop	2.0	Intermediate
3	Creekside Loop	1.4	Intermediate
4	Cliffside	2.5	Advanced
5	Turtle Loop	1.0	Beginner
6	Shadow Run Loop	4.0	Intermediate
7	Last Chance	2.0	Intermediate
8	Eagle Trace	1.0	Intermediate
9	Worm Hole	2.5	Advanced
10	Potato Peeler	5.0	Intermediate
11	Trampled By Turtles	0.5	Intermediate

HIKING TRAIL INFO			
TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	Old Forest	2.25	Moderate
2	Orchard	2.75	Moderate
3	Fallen Timber Creek	1.5	Moderate
4	Otter	1.5	Easy
5	Waterfall	0.75	Easy

*Hiking is permitted on mnt. bike trails.

LEGEND			
	Property Boundary		Property Office
	Private Property		Covered Bridge
	Water		Dam
	Nature Preserve		Emergency Phone
	Road		CCC Statue
	Hiking Trail		Boat Rental
	Mnt. Bike Trail		Swimming Pool
	Gatehouse		Boat Launch
	Parking		Nature Center
	Picnic Shelter		Store
	Picnic Area		Mnt. Bike Trailhead
	Campground		Stable
	Restroom		Horsemen's Camp
	Playground		Horse Parking
	Accessible		Cemetery
	Dump Station		



See Horse Trail Map for trails.



THE PARK STORY

Versailles State Park tells the story of ancient reefs, thick forests, human conflict, and land restoration.

More than 450 million years ago this region was covered by a warm, shallow ocean inhabited by calcium-rich marine life. When the marine life died, the remains accumulated, forming solid limestone.

The land was covered by seasonally wet forests. Bears, wolves, elk, and mountain lions roamed the region.

Humans have occupied the land that includes Versailles State Park for thousands of years. This is the homeland of the Myaamia (Miami) people. Other local Indigenous people were the Lenape (Delaware) and the Shawnee.

After the forced removal of Indigenous people, the area was opened for European settlement. In 1837, Leander Webster settled on the creek and started a sawmill.

Eliphalet and Margaret Stevens settled here in 1839 and cleared land for a farm. They transported their produce to Madison, selling it to riverboats along the Ohio.

In 1906, Hale and Lizzie Bradt moved into a log house on an existing farm. Hale was Versailles' school superintendent. The family continued to own the farm until 2001, when it became part of the park.

During the Great Depression, the National Park Service announced plans to develop a federal park in Ripley County. The Versailles Recreation Demonstration Area opened in 1934. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) planted trees and constructed roads, buildings, and shelters.

In 1943 the land was deeded to the State of Indiana to become Versailles State Park. The lake was constructed in 1954. Whether you come for hiking, boating, swimming, mountain biking, or horseback riding, Versailles has something for everyone.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

BOAT RENTALS: Hourly/daily rental. Privately owned boats may be launched. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt batteries, allowed.

BRIDLE TRAILS: 25 miles of bridle trails for day-use only. Horseman's Campground available for overnight stay. No horse rentals.

CAMPING: Tent or Trailer. Campground has flush toilets, hot water and showers. Each site has electricity and a fire ring. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

CAMP STORE: Located adjacent to the Nature Center near the lake. Firewood available.

CONCESSION: At pool; open during pool hours.

FISHING: Bass, bluegill, catfish, etc. State fishing license required, available for purchase at the park office.

GROUP CAMP: Camp Laughery accommodates 120 persons. Includes sleeping cabins, kitchen, dining hall, shower house and recreation hall. Available April through October. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

HIKING: More than 8 miles of easy to difficult trails. Permitted on mountain bike trails.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICES: Seasonal. Hikes, educational and interpretive programs and evening activities offered. Available three days a week from Memorial Day to mid-August. Natural and cultural history exhibits on display at the Nature Center. For program info, call (812) 689-6424 or visit interpretiveservices.IN.gov.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS: 16 miles of trails. Hiking permitted on mountain bike trails.

PICNIC AREAS: Tables, grills, restrooms, playground and playfields.

SHELTERS: Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

SWIMMING: 25-meter swimming pool, 100-foot waterslide, children's wading pool and "rainmaker," pool house with lockers, showers and concessions.



LAKE SWIMMING is PROHIBITED
Swimming is prohibited in Versailles Lake.



HIKING TRAILS

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

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
1. Old Forest Trail	2.25 mi.	More Difficult

Circles upland woods and ravines along the eastern bluff of Laughery Valley, featuring oak, hickory, maple, beech, tulip poplar, black walnut and other native trees. Look for limestone sinkholes along the way. Trail can be accessed from below, from the Old Fire Tower Road or near Oak Grove picnic area. Parents, please watch children at road crossings.

2. Orchard Trail	2.75 mi.	Easy
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Makes a figure 8 along the hill of Fallen Timber Creek/ravine. The trail rounds Campground A to near the CCC-constructed Oak Grove shelter, where Trail 1 can be picked up. Encircling Campground A, access can be made near Oak Grove picnic area, behind Trailside shelter, from several points in the campground, and from Fallen Timber bridge at the lake.

3. Fallen Timber Creek Trail	1.5 mi.	Easy
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Begins north of Fallen Timber bridge and goes east along Fallen Timber Creek. Crosses the creek three times before joining Trail 2. Numerous invertebrates inhabit the creek bottom.

4. Otter Trail	1.5 mi.	Easy
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Winds through a tree-covered area then traverses to the dam with views of Versailles Lake.

5. Waterfall	0.75 mi.	Easy
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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- Mountain bike trail maps are available at the entrance gatehouse and mountain bike trailhead.



TRUE TALES

- **HISTORY FEATURE:** Laughery Creek is named after Col. Archibald Lochry. In 1781, Col. Lochry and his 103 men were ambushed near the mouth of the creek, and 32 of his men were killed.
- **LANDSCAPE FEATURE:** A wetland and prairie have been restored in the Bradt Natural Area.
- **MEDICAL FEATURE:** In 1852, a cholera epidemic swept through the region. Many of the victims are buried in a remote, closed cemetery inside the park's boundaries.



BRADT NATURAL AREA

- **LOCATION:** 39°03'44.7"N, 85°12'21.2"W
S. Co. Rd. 300 E., Milan, IN 47031

Enjoy the scenery of the eastern side of Versailles State Park, known as the Bradt Natural Area. Donated in November 2001, this is where the Bradt family resided and farmed in the 1900s. Although the structures in which they lived no longer exist, those 83 acres now flourish with native flora and fauna. Hike the 3.1 mile long trail through the southwest wooded area. Enjoy watching deer, squirrels, and many species of birds in their natural habitat. Take a stroll and visit the wetland area, which possesses a large body of water with surrounding cattails and aquatic plants.



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