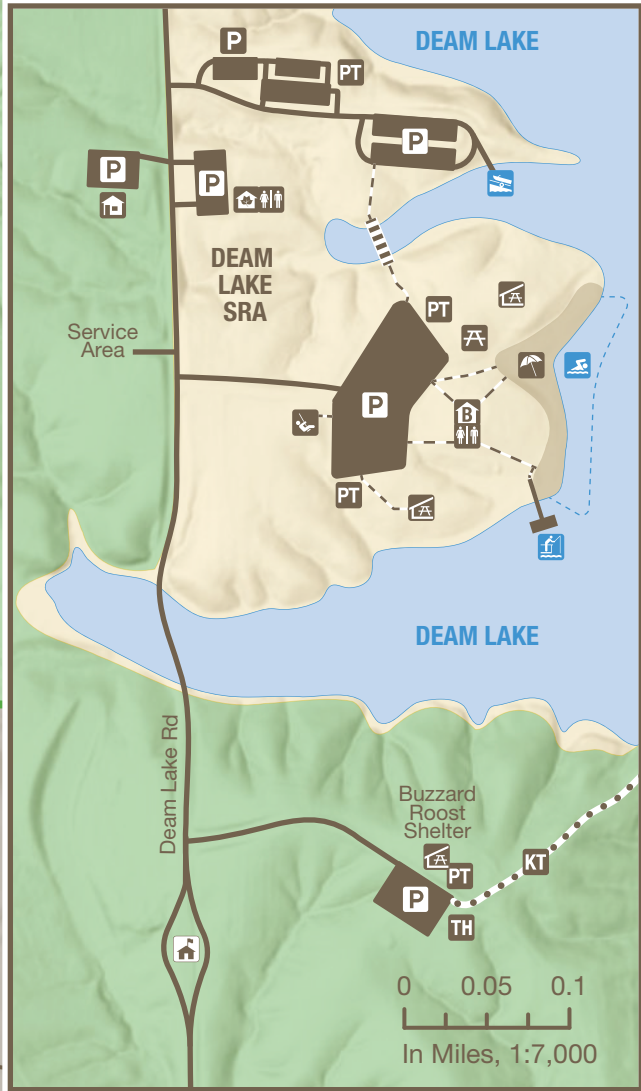
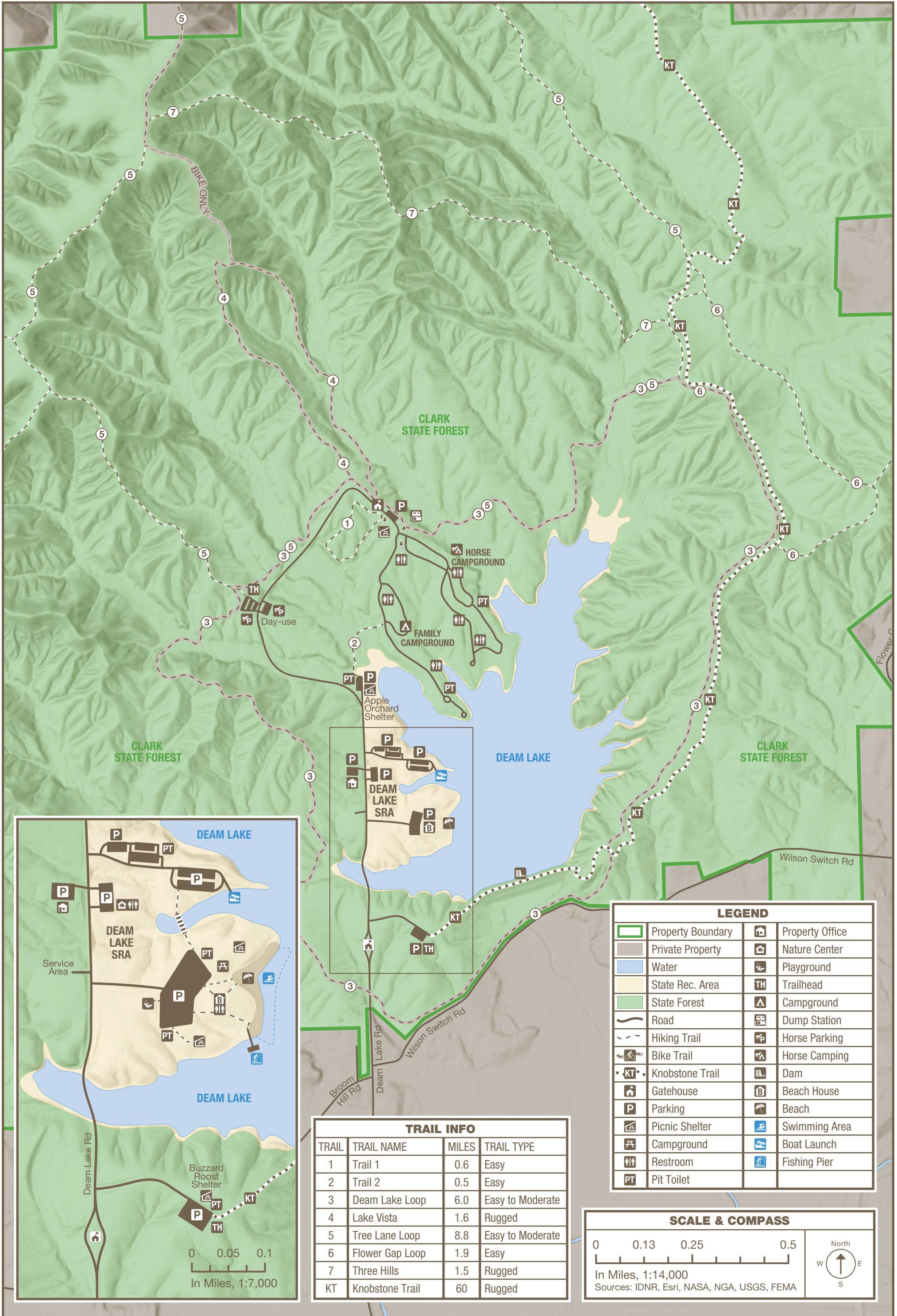


DEAM LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

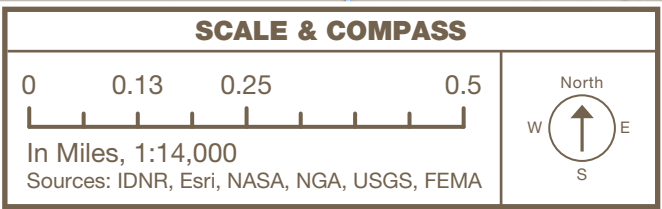
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1,300 Acres, 194 Acre Lake | Established 1965



TRAIL INFO			
TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	Trail 1	0.6	Easy
2	Trail 2	0.5	Easy
3	Deam Lake Loop	6.0	Easy to Moderate
4	Lake Vista	1.6	Rugged
5	Tree Lane Loop	8.8	Easy to Moderate
6	Flower Gap Loop	1.9	Easy
7	Three Hills	1.5	Rugged
KT	Knobstone Trail	60	Rugged

LEGEND			
	Property Boundary		Property Office
	Private Property		Nature Center
	Water		Playground
	State Rec. Area		Trailhead
	State Forest		Campground
	Road		Dump Station
	Hiking Trail		Horse Parking
	Bike Trail		Horse Camping
	Knobstone Trail		Dam
	Gatehouse		Beach House
	Parking		Beach
	Picnic Shelter		Swimming Area
	Campground		Boat Launch
	Restroom		Fishing Pier
	Pit Toilet		





OUR STORY

Deam Lake's story is one of unyielding landscapes that provide beauty, hardship, and adventure.

The bedrock geology of Deam Lake is composed of layers of limestone, silt, and shale. Limestone formed when the region was covered by a shallow sea. Siltstone and shale layers formed as delta deposits of mud and silt replaced the water.

Erosion formed the Knobstone Escarpment with harder, erosion-resistant layers underlain by softer layers, leaving high ridgetops and steep slopes.

The land was blanketed in upland oak-hickory forests. Creeks wound their way through the valleys toward the Ohio River.

Humans have lived on the land for thousands of years. The Shawnee first occupied the land, living with the environment, raising families, and practicing their beliefs.

European settlers arrived in the early 1800s. Among the earliest families were the Jacksons, Waggoners, and Kellys. Dispersed farms dotted the landscape. The Buzzard Roost schoolhouse provided an education for children.

The region struggled to survive during the Great Depression. Many residents made and sold moonshine and crafts to supplement their income. Oak trees were cut to make and sell baskets. The hillsides were cleared of usable timber, leaving the steep slopes highly eroded.

Floods were common in the narrow valleys. In 1965, the federal government bought land and built a flood control dam across Big Run Creek. By 1970, Deam Lake began to fill, and the property was transferred to the state.

Today, Deam Lake is stocked with many sport fish species include largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, and sunfish.

Whether it be fishing, boating, swimming, hunting, camping, or picnicking, Deam Lake offers something for everyone.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

- BEACH:** Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. No pets allowed.
- BOAT LAUNCH:** Ramp available on the west side of the lake. Only non-motorized or electric trolling motors are allowed on Deam Lake. Boaters with proper registration and permits may be on the lake 24 hours a day.
- BOAT RENTAL:** Available Memorial Day-Labor Day at the beach house for \$10/hour or \$30/day. See beach concession regarding hours.
- CAMPING:** Class "A" campground includes electricity and water access within 200 yards at each site. Quiet hours observed nightly from 11 p.m.-7 a.m. Pets are permitted and must be leashed except when inside a tent or camper. Reserve at camp.IN.gov.
- FISHING:** Large-mouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie and channel catfish are common. A state fishing license is required.
- HIKING:** Trails range in distance and difficulty. Additional trails, including the Knobstone Trail, are available.
- HORSEMAN'S CAMPING:** Class "A" campground with two types of sites. Regular sites have a hitching rail. Lakeside sites have 2 stalls (one horse per stall). Reserve at camp.IN.gov.
- INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE:** Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. A Naturalist is available seasonally. Find the program schedules at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or call 260-636-2654.
- MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS:** Riding is only allowed on the Deam Lake Loop.
- NATURE CENTER:** Houses several displays and hands-on activities for kids and adults.
- SHELTER HOUSE:** Available on a first-come, first-served basis only. Shelter houses must be vacated by 11 p.m.
- SWIMMING:** Swimming allowed only within the roped-off beach area. No lifeguards on duty, Swim At Your Own Risk. Swimming in any other area of the lake is prohibited.



HIKING TRAILS

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

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
1. Trail 1 Oak hickory overstory with gently rolling hills.	0.6 mi.	Easy
2. Trail 2 Flat trail that goes through a Virginia Pine stand and crosses one of the main streams that feeds Deam Lake. Trail may be wet from weather.	0.5 mi.	Easy
3. Deam Lake Loop This trail, also known as the Yellow Trail, provides the greatest variety in scenery as you will pass through multiple forest types, old home sites, and streams. The wider trail circles the entire lake. There are long trail grades and several creek crossings. Horses and mountain biking also permitted on this trail. Trail may be wet from weather.	6.0 mi.	Easy to Mod.
4. Lake Vista Trail The property's longest and most scenic hiking-only trail features rock outcroppings at the highest point. The entrance is near the Deam Lake Campground, just off the yellow horse trail.	1.6 mi.	Rugged
5. Three Hills Trail This trail has two moderately difficult sides and a northern section that is challenging and crosses a creek at its east end to meet the main trail back to the Deam Horse Campground.	1.5 mi.	Rugged
6. Flower Gap Loop Short trail that has two creek crossings and many intersections with other trails.	1.9 mi.	Easy
7. Tree Lane Loop Crossing several creeks, this loop trail has long grades, ridge trail and a wide array of scenery.	8.8 mi.	Easy to Mod.
KT. Knobstone Trail Backpack trail marked with white blazes. For trail information visit dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4224.htm	60 mi.	Rugged

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.



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DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

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CHARLESTOWN STATE PARK

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FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK

Hiking, wildlife watching, birding, interpretive services, museum, playground, historic features, fishing, boating



KNOBSTONE TRAIL

The Knobstone Trail (KT) is Indiana's longest footpath - a 54-mile backcountry-hiking trail passing through Clark State Forest, Elk Creek Public Fishing Area, and Jackson-Washington State Forest. These state resource properties contain more than 42,000 acres of rugged, forested land in Clark, Scott and Washington counties in southern Indiana. The trail extends from Deam Lake, just north of State Road 60 in Clark County, to Delaney Park, just east of S.R. 135 in Washington County. The initial 32-mile segment of the trail was opened in 1980.



TRUE TALES

- **MOST INTERESTING FEATURE:** Deam Lake is named for Charles Deam, the first state forester and author of Flora of Indiana.
- **NEIGHBOR FEATURE:** Adjacent Clark State Forest was established in 1903 and is Indiana's oldest state forest.
- **ECOSYSTEM FEATURE:** Due to the lack of farms in its watershed, Deam Lake receives minimal fertilizer run-off.



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