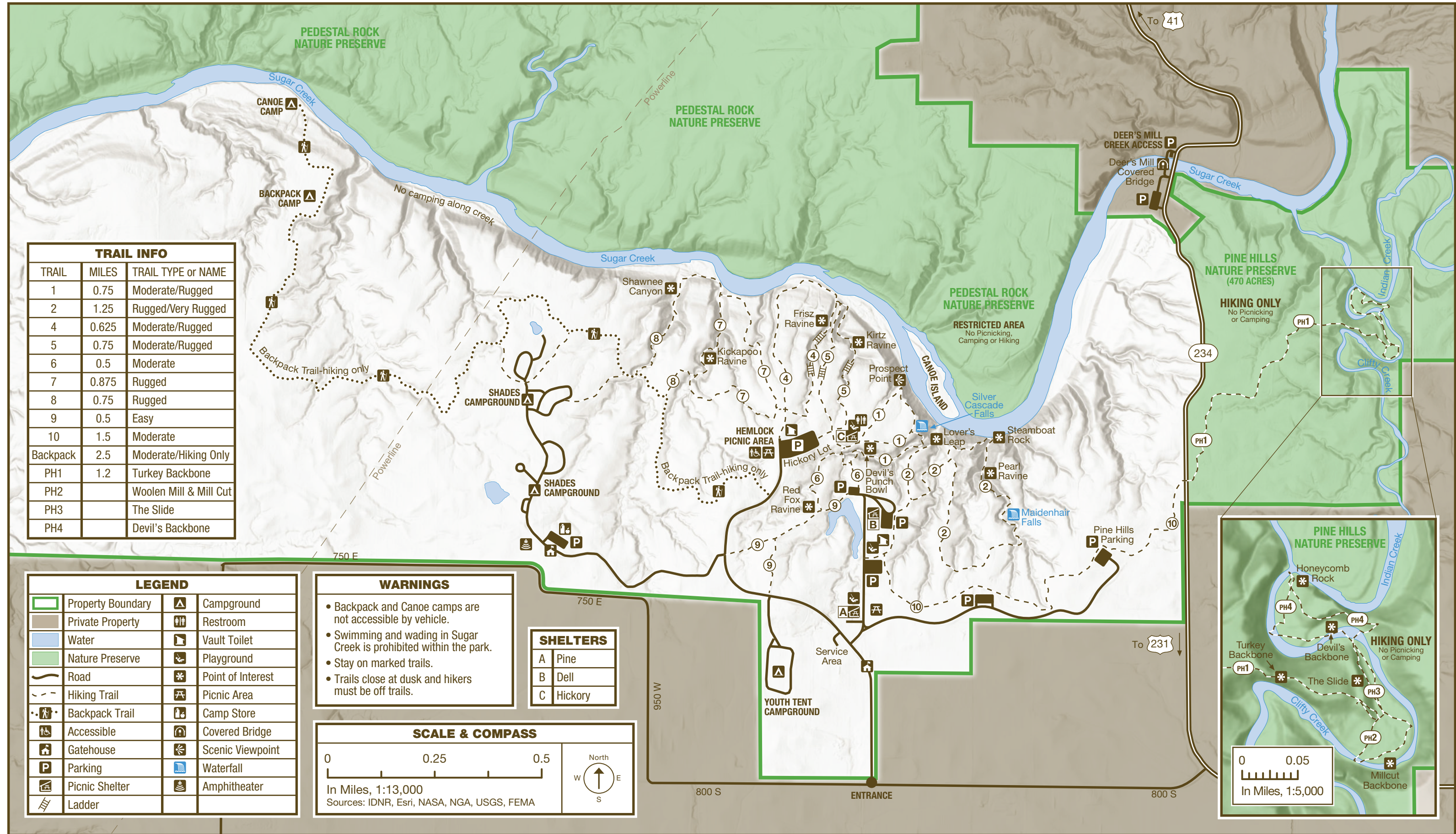


SHADES STATE PARK

WITH PINE HILLS NATURE PRESERVE

7751 South County Road 890 West | Waveland, IN 47989 | 765-435-2810 | 3,541 Acres | Established 1947



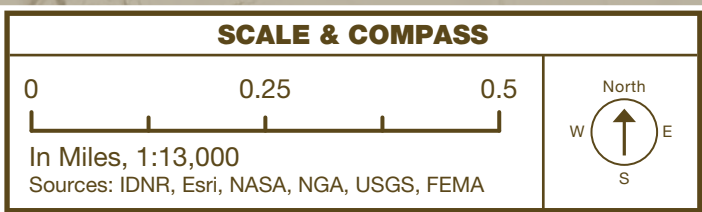
TRAIL INFO		
TRAIL	MILES	TRAIL TYPE or NAME
1	0.75	Moderate/Rugged
2	1.25	Rugged/Very Rugged
4	0.625	Moderate/Rugged
5	0.75	Moderate/Rugged
6	0.5	Moderate
7	0.875	Rugged
8	0.75	Rugged
9	0.5	Easy
10	1.5	Moderate
Backpack	2.5	Moderate/Hiking Only
PH1	1.2	Turkey Backbone
PH2		Woolen Mill & Mill Cut
PH3		The Slide
PH4		Devil's Backbone

LEGEND			
	Property Boundary		Campground
	Private Property		Restroom
	Water		Vault Toilet
	Nature Preserve		Playground
	Road		Picnic Area
	Hiking Trail		Point of Interest
	Backpack Trail		Picnic Area
	Accessible		Camp Store
	Gatehouse		Covered Bridge
	Parking		Scenic Viewpoint
	Picnic Shelter		Waterfall
	Ladder		Amphitheater

WARNINGS

- Backpack and Canoe camps are not accessible by vehicle.
- Swimming and wading in Sugar Creek is prohibited within the park.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Trails close at dusk and hikers must be off trails.

SHELTERS	
A	Pine
B	Dell
C	Hickory





THE PARK STORY

Formed by water and ice, and aided by early protection efforts, Shades State Park offers a window into the ancient past.

Roughly 300 million years ago, large rivers flowed through the area, forming deltas of sand, which was compressed into sandstone.

During the ice age, glaciers deposited boulders from as far north as Canada. Their meltwater carved today's ravines, hollows, and stream paths.

Despite rising temperatures in most of the area, a cool, moist climate remained in the canyons. Hemlocks, mosses, and other plants currently found farther north thrive, and many are rare in Indiana.

People have lived in this region for roughly 10,000 years. Shades lies within the ancestral homeland of the Myaamia (Miami). Evidence of one of their villages has been identified.

Indigenous people were forcibly removed in the late 1800s, and the surrounding area was rapidly settled. Settlers created many romanticized place names and stories of the area's Indigenous people. Many are not based on real events.

After European settlement, the mineral springs here became popular for their purported curative powers. In 1886, the springs' popularity led to the formation of the Garland Dells Mineral Springs Association. The Dell House was constructed to serve as a health resort/inn.

In the early 1900s, Joseph Frisz became sole owner of The Dells. He expanded the Dell House and his land holdings, and he was adamant about protecting Shades' trees.

After Frisz's death in 1939, his family couldn't find a buyer willing to preserve the acreage. A statewide campaign raised enough money to buy the property. In 1947, Shades State Park was born.

Hike the canyon, camp, or attend an interpretive program. Shades 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.

CAMPING: Non-electric campground is equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers; no modern hookups; occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Backpack and canoe camping is available year-round. Inquire at gatehouse or park office. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

FISHING: Bass, bluegill, etc. State fishing license required.

HIKING: Approximately 10 miles of easy to very rugged trails. Some trails have ladders and may be difficult for small children and pets.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE: Seasonal. Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (765) 597-2654.

PICNIC AREAS: Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, playfields and shelters. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

DEER'S MILL COVERED BRIDGE AREA: Located on S.R. 234, is maintained as an access to Sugar Creek for canoeists. Due to limited parking and congestion, vehicles parked in unauthorized spaces or left after 11 p.m. are subject to tow at owner's expense.

SWIMMING is PROHIBITED
Sugar Creek is extremely hazardous.



TRAIL CHALLENGE

- Try one of our challenges and earn merchandise to purchase. Participate in the 6 Ravine Challenge at Shades State Park. Visit the website and select your park of choice to learn more.

on.IN.gov/parks-challenges



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Friends of Turkey Run and Shades

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HIKING TRAILS

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

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 1	0.75 mi.	Mod./Rug.

Begins at Devil's Punchbowl, travels through ravine creek bed to Silver Cascade waterfalls. Trail involves steps and hiking in the creek bed. Upper trail portion begins at steps from ravine and goes to Inspiration and Prospect points.

Trail 2	1.25 mi.	Rug./Very Rug.
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Begins at trail to Lover's Leap with views of Sugar Creek, upland woods and ravines. Lower portion goes down Steamboat Rock stairs and continues up Pearl Ravine streambed. May be impassable during high water.

Trail 4	0.625 mi.	Mod./Rug.
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Begins at west end of large parking lot with steep climbs through Frisz Ravine with tall beech, oak and tulip trees. This section uses streambed with steps and ladders and is rated rugged. May be impassable during high water.

Trail 5	0.75 mi.	Mod./Rug.
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Begins at west end of parking lot. Upper portion of trail overlooks Frisz and Kintz ravines and involves many steps. Lower portion uses streambed of Kintz Ravine with steps and ladder. May be impassable during high water.

Trail 6	0.5 mi.	Moderate
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Begins at pond and traverses Red Fox Ravine.

Trail 7	0.875 mi.	Rugged
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Begins at Hickory Parking Lot, travels through stand of mature trees and Kickapoo Ravine. Trail is a loop with steep climbs and uses streambed. May be impassable during high water.

Trail 8	0.75 mi.	Rugged
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Begins and ends off Trail 7. Traverses a narrow floodplain, upland forest, the Shawnee Canyon streambed and along Sugar Creek. May be impassable during high water.

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TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 9	0.5 mi.	Easy

Begins at pond, travels through wooded, open areas to youth tent and campground roads.

Trail 10	1.5 mi.	Moderate
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Begins at Dell Shelter, leads through successional vegetation and second-growth timber to S.R. 234 and Pine Hills Nature Preserve.

Backpack Trail	2.5 mi.	Moderate
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Begins at Hickory parking lot and traverses relatively flat terrain and wooded area to the backpack camp. Note: backpack camp is closed from late October through early April.



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

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

RACCOON LAKE/CECIL M. HARDEN LAKE

archery range, boating, boat ramps, camping, fishing, fishing pier, youth tent areas, hiking trails, hunting, seasonal interpretive service, picnic area, play/sports area, boat rental

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

cabins, camping, fishing, hiking trails, historic features, Inn & restaurant, interpretive services & center, picnic area, play/sports area, saddle barn, shelter house, swimming pool, youth tent



TRUE TALES

- **CREATURE FEATURE:** Thermal updrafts from sun-warmed cliffs attract scores of turkey vultures to Shades State Park. Look for their roosting sites.
- **UNIQUE FEATURE:** In 1929, The Dells private resort (now Shades State Park) included a 50-room inn, 14 cottages, and a pavilion with a theater and dance hall. The Dells Shelterhouse now stands in its place.
- **CULTURAL FEATURE:** Between 1935 and 1942, Joseph Frisz leased 8 acres of his property to be a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp. The CCC planted trees and built pond impoundments and dams.

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