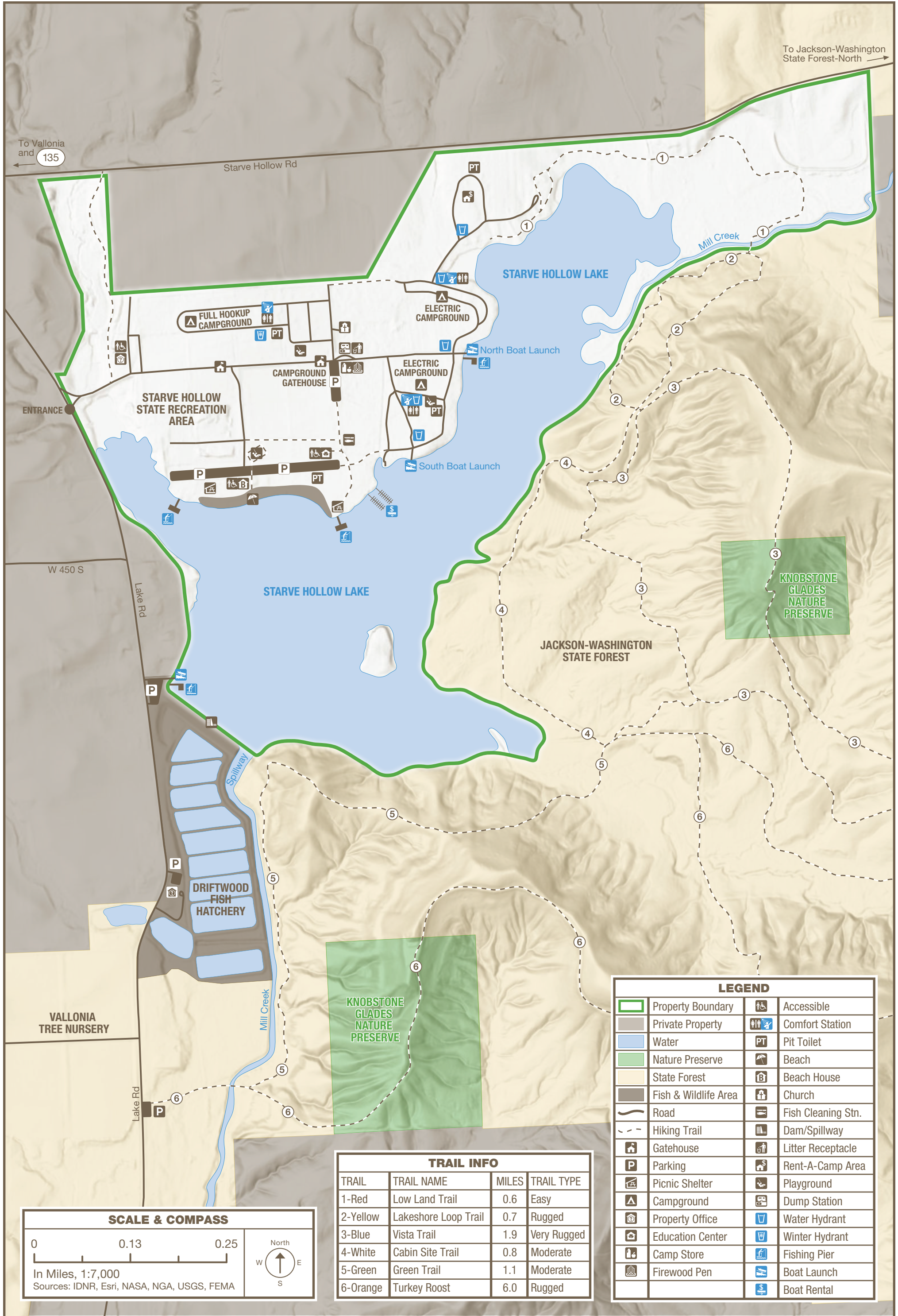


STARVE HOLLOW STATE REC. AREA

4345 S. 275 W., P.O. Box 207 | Vallonia, IN 47281 | 812-358-3464
285 Acres (with access to 18,000 acres) | Established 1938



SCALE & COMPASS

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In Miles, 1:7,000
Sources: IDNR, Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA

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TRAIL INFO

TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1-Red	Low Land Trail	0.6	Easy
2-Yellow	Lakeshore Loop Trail	0.7	Rugged
3-Blue	Vista Trail	1.9	Very Rugged
4-White	Cabin Site Trail	0.8	Moderate
5-Green	Green Trail	1.1	Moderate
6-Orange	Turkey Roost	6.0	Rugged

LEGEND

	Property Boundary		Accessible
	Private Property		Comfort Station
	Water		Pit Toilet
	Nature Preserve		Beach
	State Forest		Beach House
	Fish & Wildlife Area		Church
	Road		Fish Cleaning Stn.
	Hiking Trail		Dam/Spillway
	Gatehouse		Litter Receptacle
	Parking		Rent-A-Camp Area
	Picnic Shelter		Playground
	Campground		Dump Station
	Property Office		Water Hydrant
	Education Center		Winter Hydrant
	Camp Store		Fishing Pier
	Firewood Pen		Boat Launch
			Boat Rental



OUR STORY

Starve Hollow's story is one of an unyielding landscape that provided beauty and hardship.

The region marks an area where the sandstone knobs and river bottom meet. Wind and water-deposited sand, clay, and silt were transported here by glacial meltwater from the north. The resulting sandy soil is valued today by melon growers.

Forests of oak and hickory blanketed the region, particularly on dry south-facing slopes. Openings called glades contain sparse prairie vegetation and few trees.

Humans have lived here for thousands of years. Starve Hollow is located in the Myaamia (Miami) homeland. The Shawnee also occupied the land.

In the early 1800s, European settlement began. Gen. William Henry Harrison directed Fort Vallonia to be built to protect the 90 families in the area.

Farming was difficult on the poor soils. Erosion took its toll once forests were cleared from the steep slopes. Beginning in the 1930s, the state began purchasing land to create Jackson-Washington State Forest.

In the late 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) helped build a tree nursery service building and pumphouse at Starve Hollow. At the same time, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) built the Starve Hollow Lake dam and a fish hatchery below it. Starve Hollow served as a state tree nursery until 1962 when it became a recreational property. In 2021, Starve Hollow was transferred to the Division of State Parks.

Today, Starve Hollow offers hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, swimming, boating, and great fishing. Fish and their eggs are collected from the lake where they are raised for release around the state. Seeds and nuts from the property's tree plantations are planted at Vallonia Tree Nursery.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

BEACH: An unguarded swimming beach is available Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Restrooms, dressing facilities, showers and food concessions are available. Picnic areas, playgrounds, basketball goals, softball fields, horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court are nearby.

BOAT LAUNCH: Three ramps are available. Only electric trolling motors are allowed.

BOAT RENTAL: Boat rental is available from mid-April through October. Canoes, kayaks and flat bottom boats are available for rent. Prices for boat rental vary and are subject to state sales tax. Life jackets are available.

EDUCATION CENTER: The Forest Education Center is open May through October. The center offers many educational opportunities. Check the property website or contact the property for details and operation hours.

RENT A CAMP CABINS: Available Mar.-Nov., closed Dec.-Feb. Cabins have two small rooms with heating/cooling unit and electricity. Front room includes table and seating. Back room includes twin bunk bed and a double bed. No pets, smoking or cooking permitted. Reserve at camp.IN.gov.

CAMPING: Full hookup, electric and nonelectric campsites are available. Sites include picnic table, grill and access to modern comfort stations nearby. Reserve at camp.IN.gov.

CAMP STORE: Located in the campground. Firewood, ice, groceries are available.

FISHING: Large-mouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie and channel catfish are common. State fishing license required.

HIKING: Nearly 11 miles of hiking on six trails ranging in distance and difficulty. Additional trails, including the Knobstone Trail, are available at nearby Jackson-Washington State Forest.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: Available on designated bike trails only. For more information request the Mountain Bike Map at the main office.

PICNIC SHELTERS: Reserve at camp.IN.gov.



HIKING TRAILS

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

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Low Land Trail	0.65 mi.	Easy

Travel through the upper region of the lake to experience more low-land species, such as red maple, birch and bald cypress, and to view the many cypress knees.

Lakeshore Loop Trail	0.66 mi.	Rugged
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Trail parallels the upper region of the lake, slowly making its way up the hill before intersecting the Blue and White trails on a small ridge.

Vista Trail	1.5 mi.	Very Rugged
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Trail explores the rugged hills and valleys passing through numerous small ridges and valleys. At one location the trail uses a set of old concrete steps, with "1976" inscribed, as the trail begins its descent downhill.

Cabin Site Trail	1.02 mi.	Moderate
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Trail uses a well-defined fire-access road for most of the trail's distance. Much of the area east of the fire-access road section of the trail was harvested in 2008. Once the trail branches off the fire-access road it meanders through the harvested area. This is a great opportunity to view the changes in forest habitat.

Spillway Trail	1.22 mi.	Moderate
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Trail connects Turkey Roost Trail with the White Trail. This trail parallels the stream that leaves Starve Hollow Lake for nearly half its distance. The other half consists of steep terrain, going up and down a large ridge that overlooks the lake.

JWSF Turkey Roost Trail	5.6 mi.	Rugged
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The largest of all six trails, users can access it from the trail-head across from the tree nursery or connect from the campground by using other trails. Users should be prepared for a long, rugged hike. Hikers will experience main ridge tops, steep descents into valleys, steep uphill climbs and flat valleys during this long hike.

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DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

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JACKSON-WASHINGTON STATE FOREST

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HARDY LAKE

hiking, wildlife watching, interpretive services, playgrounds, fishing, ice fishing, hunting, trapping, archery range, shelterhouses, beach, swimming, water skiing, boat launch, dump station, camping



TRUE TALES

- **LAKE FEATURE:** When Starve Hollow Lake was first constructed in 1938, it was the largest man-made body of water in Indiana. The lake now covers 145 acres, but is no longer the states largest lake.
- **ORIGIN STORY:** The origin of the name Starve Hollow remains a mystery, but one story arose from the difficult farming in the steep, flood prone valley. Frequent floods destroyed crops, resulting in hunger for farming families.
- **POPULAR ACTIVITY:** Starve Hollow offers some of the best fishing in southern Indiana. With a variety of fish available, large-mouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie and channel catfish are common. Remember to have your state fishing license.



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