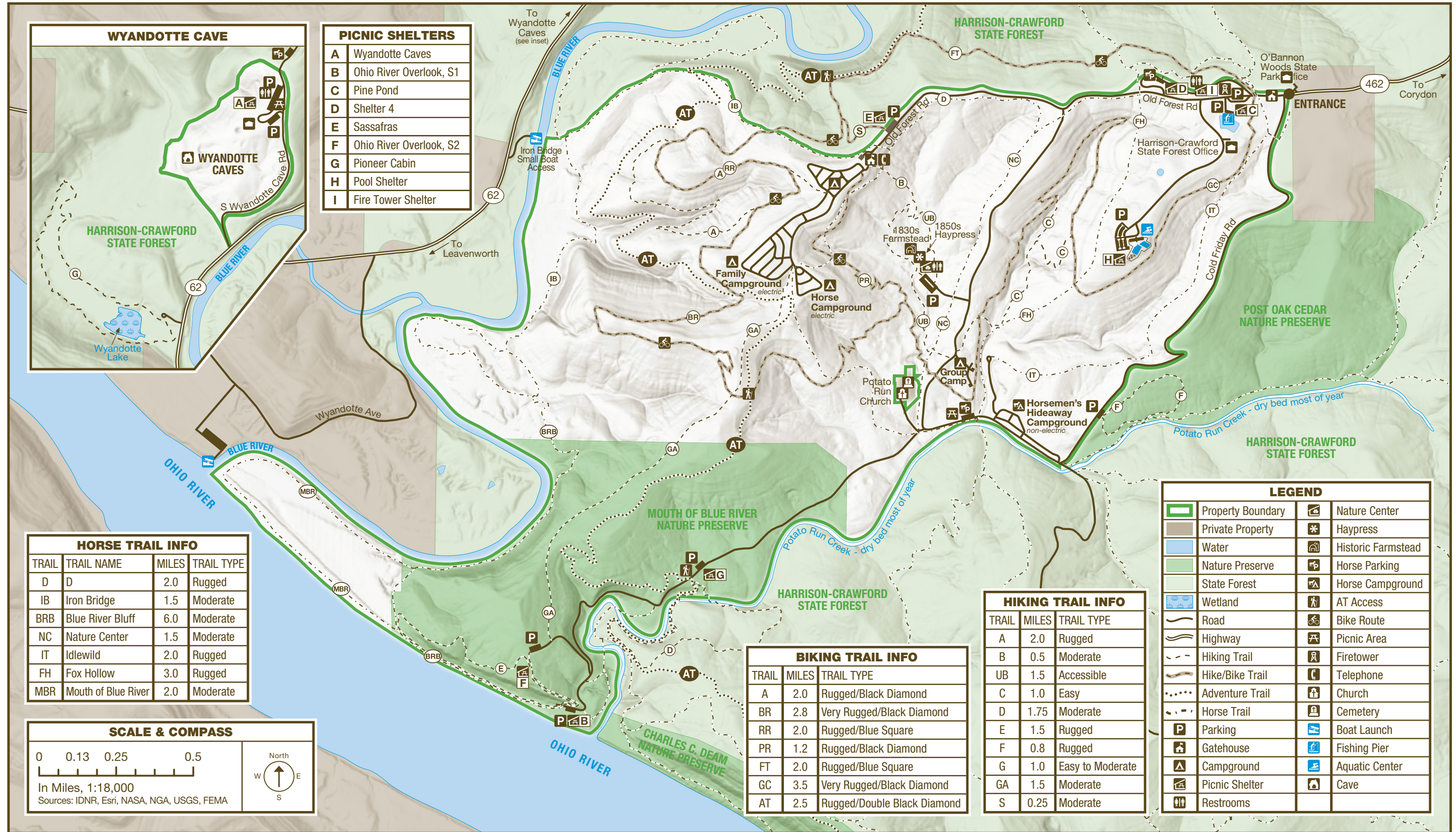


# O'BANNON WOODS STATE PARK

7234 Old Forest Rd SW | Corydon, IN 47112 | 812-738-8232  
2,294 Acres | Established 2004



| PICNIC SHELTERS |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| A               | Wyandotte Caves         |
| B               | Ohio River Overlook, S1 |
| C               | Pine Pond               |
| D               | Shelter 4               |
| E               | Sassafras               |
| F               | Ohio River Overlook, S2 |
| G               | Pioneer Cabin           |
| H               | Pool Shelter            |
| I               | Fire Tower Shelter      |

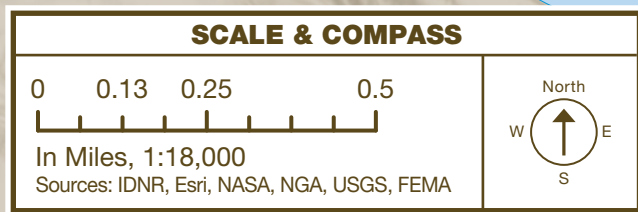


| HORSE TRAIL INFO |                     |       |            |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|------------|
| TRAIL            | TRAIL NAME          | MILES | TRAIL TYPE |
| D                | D                   | 2.0   | Rugged     |
| IB               | Iron Bridge         | 1.5   | Moderate   |
| BRB              | Blue River Bluff    | 6.0   | Moderate   |
| NC               | Nature Center       | 1.5   | Moderate   |
| IT               | Idlewild            | 2.0   | Rugged     |
| FH               | Fox Hollow          | 3.0   | Rugged     |
| MBR              | Mouth of Blue River | 2.0   | Moderate   |

| BIKING TRAIL INFO |       |                             |
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| TRAIL             | MILES | TRAIL TYPE                  |
| A                 | 2.0   | Rugged/Black Diamond        |
| BR                | 2.8   | Very Rugged/Black Diamond   |
| RR                | 2.0   | Rugged/Blue Square          |
| FT                | 2.0   | Rugged/Blue Square          |
| GC                | 3.5   | Very Rugged/Black Diamond   |
| AT                | 2.5   | Rugged/Double Black Diamond |

| HIKING TRAIL INFO |       |                  |
|-------------------|-------|------------------|
| TRAIL             | MILES | TRAIL TYPE       |
| A                 | 2.0   | Rugged           |
| B                 | 0.5   | Moderate         |
| UB                | 1.5   | Accessible       |
| C                 | 1.0   | Easy             |
| D                 | 1.75  | Moderate         |
| E                 | 1.5   | Rugged           |
| F                 | 0.8   | Rugged           |
| G                 | 1.0   | Easy to Moderate |
| GA                | 1.5   | Moderate         |
| S                 | 0.25  | Moderate         |

| LEGEND |                   |  |                    |
|--------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
|        | Property Boundary |  | Nature Center      |
|        | Private Property  |  | Haypress           |
|        | Water             |  | Historic Farmstead |
|        | Nature Preserve   |  | Horse Parking      |
|        | State Forest      |  | Horse Campground   |
|        | Wetland           |  | AT Access          |
|        | Road              |  | Bike Route         |
|        | Highway           |  | Picnic Area        |
|        | Hiking Trail      |  | Firetower          |
|        | Hike/Bike Trail   |  | Telephone          |
|        | Adventure Trail   |  | Church             |
|        | Horse Trail       |  | Cemetery           |
|        | Parking           |  | Boat Launch        |
|        | Gatehouse         |  | Fishing Pier       |
|        | Campground        |  | Aquatic Center     |
|        | Picnic Shelter    |  | Cave               |
|        | Restrooms         |  |                    |





## THE PARK STORY

O'Bannon Woods State Park's bedrock and rivers have provided resources, enterprises, and recreation for thousands of years.

Roughly 359 to 318 million years ago, a shallow, warm sea covered the area. Sand and lime deposits on its bottom formed solid limestone bedrock.

Caves developed in the limestone. Wyandotte Cave is one of the largest mapped cave systems in the country and serves as a hibernaculum for Indiana bats and gray bats.

Chert in the bedrock was valued by Indigenous people as a tool-making material. The Ohio and Blue rivers form the western and southern boundaries of the park. The rivers were transportation routes and provided mussels, fish, and other important resources.

The rivers brought early settlers who established towns and businesses along their banks. Button factories, lime kilns, and haypress barns were mid-1800s sources of income.

In 1849, Henry P. Rothrock purchased land that included Wyandotte Cave and began conducting tours. Over the years, it became a tourist destination.

In 1932, the Department of Conservation, now the Department of Natural Resources, bought land for Harrison-Crawford State Forest. The property became popular thanks to an African American Civilian Conservation Corps' Company who planted trees and built facilities.

Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area in the state forest was renamed and designated a state park to honor the late Governor Frank O'Bannon and his family in 2004.

Today, the park offers a wide range of activities. Whether coming for the day or a longer stay in the campgrounds, O'Bannon Woods State Park 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.

**ACCESS SITES:** Four public-access sites are available. The Lock and Dam 44 access site at the mouth of the Blue River provides a concrete ramp for access to the Ohio River.

**CANOEING:** 11 miles of Blue River downstream from S.R. 462 bridge are available for canoeing, tubing and boating.

**CAMPING:** The modern electric campground is equipped with modern restrooms, hot water and showers. There are additional electric sites with modern facilities reservable for horse camping only. Fresh water fill-up available throughout the modern campground, along with 50-amp service and 45-foot pad. A non-electric horse camp is available with a modern restroom, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Make reservations at [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov).

**GROUP CAMP:** 100 person capacity with dining and recreation hall, bunkhouses and shower house. Make reservations at [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov).

**FISHING:** At fishing pond and Blue River access sites. State fishing license required.

**HIKING:** 18 miles of short day-use trails provide access to the Adventure Hiking Trail, a 25.5 mile backpacking trail through Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

**HORSE TRAILS:** 80 miles of marked loop trails through Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE:** Year-round. For program info, call 812-738-8234 or visit [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov).

**NATURE CENTER:** Includes 1850s hay press and 1830s farmstead. Hours vary.

**PICNIC AREAS:** Tables, grills, toilet facilities.

**SHELTERS:** Six shelters available as first come, first served. Three shelters are reservable through the Central Reservation System.

**SWIMMING:** Family Aquatics Center open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.

**WYANDOTTE CAVES:** Open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. Reservations available. Call 812-738-8232 for information.



## HIKING TRAILS

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

| TRAIL & DESCRIPTION   | DISTANCE | DIFFICULTY |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| <b>B-Tulip Valley</b> | 2.0 mi.  | Moderate   |

Begins across from the Group Camp, passes through the woods in front of Hickory Hollow Nature Center, and continues up the ridge to the campground. One mile of this trail is universally accessible from the Nature Center.

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| <b>C-CCC Ghost</b> | 1.25 mi. | Rugged |
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Begins and ends at the Group Camp and follows both sides of a dry creek bed. Be prepared for long, steep climbs and rocky descents. Parking is available at the Group Camp.

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| <b>D-Cliff Dweller</b> | 1.75 mi. | Moderate |
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Crosses a dry creek bed, follows a spring-fed creek and has some long stretches of climbing. Parking available at the Pioneer Shelter house.

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|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| <b>E-Ohio River Bluff</b> | 1.5 mi. | Rugged |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|

This loop trail captures vistas of what the early settlers saw while traveling down the Ohio River. Follow the rocky escarpment bluff, as it meanders down to the horse trail from Shelter House 2 and back to the lower parking lot. It then skirts under the edge of the bluff and up the rock staircase, built by the CCC, back to the shelter.

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| <b>F-Post-Oak Cedar NP</b> | 0.8 mi. | Rugged |
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The Division of Nature Preserves requests that you register at the trailhead before entering.

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| <b>G-Sharp Spring Trail</b> | 1.0 mi. | Moderate |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|

Traverses the perimeter of Wyandotte Wetlands and passes Sharp's Spring near the lake.



## TRUE TALES

- **HISTORIC FEATURE:** Farmhouses and schoolhouse foundations can still be found at the park.
- **LANDSCAPE FEATURE:** Siberts Cave was discovered in 1850 when a hunting dog fell through a sinkhole into a cave filled with formations.
- **WATERWAY FEATURE:** Blue River Island, on the Ohio River, was once large enough to be farmed and host church picnics. It has since washed away.

Memories made naturally.  
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## BIKE & HIKE TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.

| TRAIL & DESCRIPTION                 | DISTANCE | DIFFICULTY   |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| <b>AA-Fire Tower to Rocky Ridge</b> | 8.0 mi.  | Mod. to Rug. |

Begins and ends at the fire tower. Intersects with the Rocky Ridge Trail in the Class A campground. Follow paved road to the Group Camp to reconnect with the trail.

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|----------------------|---------|----------|
| <b>A-Rocky Ridge</b> | 2.0 mi. | Moderate |
|----------------------|---------|----------|

This loop trail passes through deep ravines and up scenic, rocky slopes. Parking and water are available at the campground.

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| <b>BR-Breeden Ridge</b> | 1.5 mi. | Rugged |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|

Begins at intersection of Rocky Ridge with a hand-built rock garden. A rolling climb takes you to the top of Breeden Ridge. A log jump sends you toward a small woodland pond, the highest point on the trail. Twisting turns and other features lead to a horse trail crossing, where the trail descends to Potato Run. After a climb up the other side of the creek, the trail levels out and joins the Potato Run Trail.

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|----------------------|---------|----------|
| <b>PR-Potato Run</b> | 1.2 mi. | Moderate |
|----------------------|---------|----------|

Begins at the campground, sharing access with the Tulip Valley hiking trail. At Battleship Rock, the trail splits to the right and flows along a ridge before descending into the valley. The trail intersects with the Breeden Ridge Trail, then twists and winds along the edge of Potato Creek before crossing the creek bed.



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