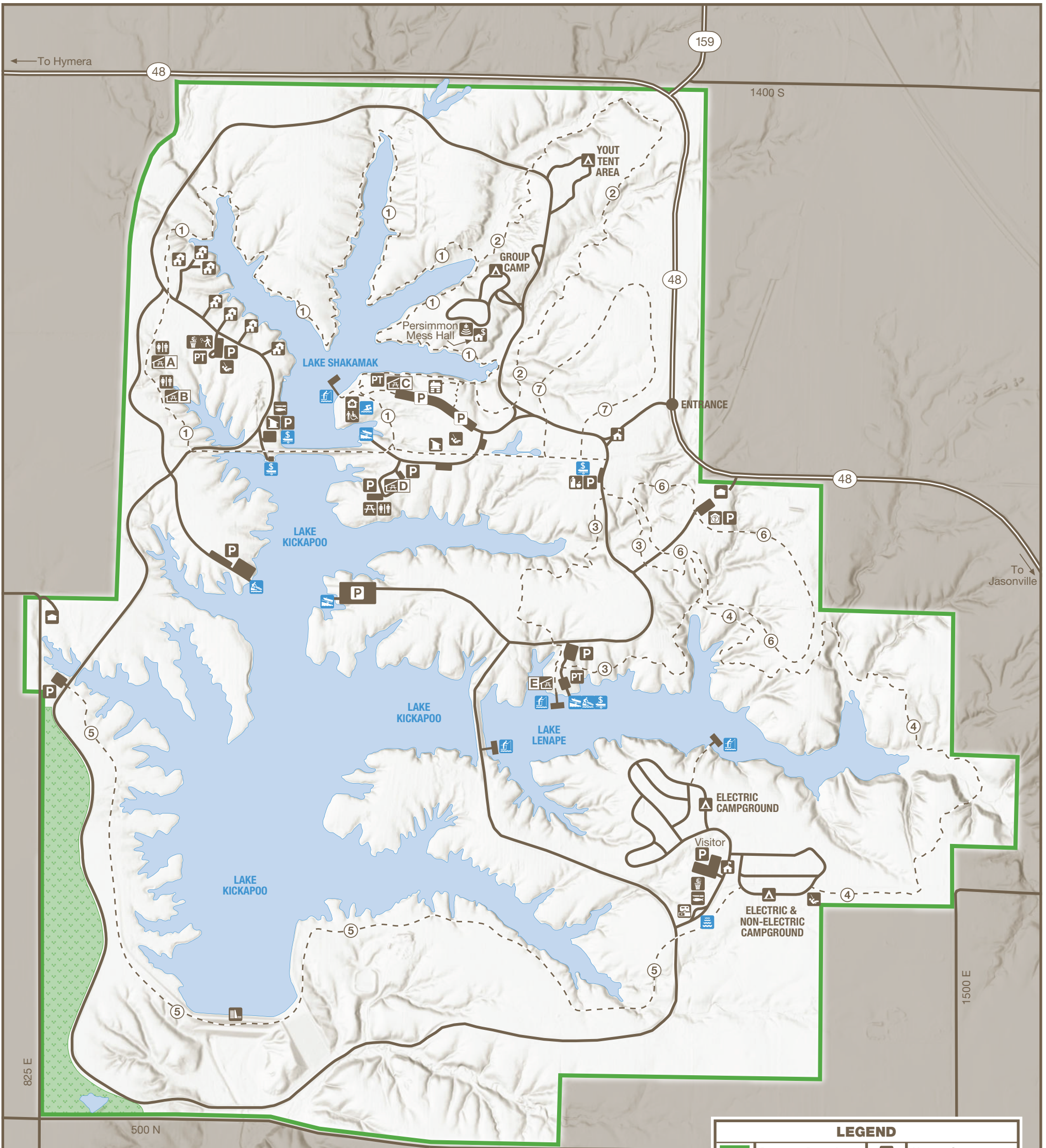


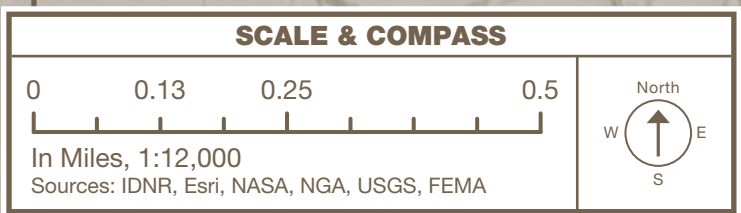
SHAKAMAK STATE PARK

6265 W. State Road 48 | Jasonville, IN 47438 | 812-665-2158
1,766 Acres | Established 1929



TRAIL INFO		
TRAIL	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	3.95	Moderate
2	1.50	Moderate
3	1.40	Moderate
4	1.60	Moderate
5	2.20	Moderate
6	1.08	Easy
7	1.60	Easy

SHELTERS	
A	West
B	4-Poster
C	Pool
D	Tulip
E	Lenape



LEGEND			
	Property Boundary		Nature Center
	Private Property		Pool
	Water		Historic Cabin
	Prairie		Store
	Road		Picnic Area
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	Accessible		Family Cabins
	Gatehouse		Amphitheater
	Parking		Basketball Court
	Picnic Shelter		Tennis Court
	Campground		Dump Station
	Property Office		Fish Cleaning Strn.
	Restroom		Persimmon Mess Hall
	Pit Toilet		Fishing Pier
	Vault Toilet		Boat Launch
	Dam		Boat Rental
	Property Residence		Canoe Launch
			Water Fill Station



THE PARK STORY

This story is one of ancient swamps, industry, restoration, and competitive sports.

Shakamak's bedrock formed more than 300 million years ago when this area was covered in swamps. Their decaying vegetation accumulated into thick layers that eventually formed coal.

The original landscape was covered by oak-hickory forests, small creeks, and patches of prairie bisected by Big Branch Creek.

Shakamak rests within the homeland of the Myaamia (Miami). Other tribes in the region included the Lenape (Delaware) and Kickapoo. In the early 1800s, they were forcibly removed, and the land was opened for European settlement. Soon after, coal was discovered in the region.

During the early 1900s, two mines operated in what is now Shakamak State Park, employing hundreds. By 1913, both had been abandoned.

In the 1920s, Clay, Sullivan, and Greene counties proposed establishing a new state park. Funds were raised by selling bonds and levying a tax. Shakamak was dedicated in 1929.

The first of the park's lakes created was 56-acre Lake Shakamak. Using an abandoned railroad bed as the dam, the lake was completed in time for the park's opening.

In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) took up residence, planting trees, sealing mine shafts, and building roads. Many of the park's brick and timber structures are works of the CCC.

In 1934, Lake Shakamak hosted its first swim meet. This led to a national swim meet. Later a swimming platform, diving tower, and swimming lanes were installed, and by 1938, Shakamak was hosting the Olympic swimming trials.

Today, whether you visit for a day of fishing, swimming in the pool, hiking, or a longer stay in the campgrounds, cabins, or group camp, Shakamak State Park 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 LAUNCH: Privately owned boats may be launched on any of the three lakes during the recreation season. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt batteries, allowed. Launch permit required.

BOAT RENTAL: Hourly or daily rental. Boat rental is handled at the front gate during the recreation season.

CAMPING: Flush toilets, hot water and showers, plus accessible accommodations. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Some sites will accommodate both tents and trailers. Electricity is available at campsites. Water is accessible at different locations throughout the campground. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

CAMP STORE: Open seasonally.

FAMILY CABINS: Some cabins may be rented April through October, some available year-round. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Cabins may not be rented to anyone under age 21, except when accompanied by a responsible adult. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

FISHING: Shakamak is well-known for fishing and offers three lakes totaling more than 400 acres. State fishing license required. All Indiana fishing laws are in effect. Online licenses available at IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov.

GROUP CAMP: Designed for organized groups under adult supervision, will accommodate 270 persons and is equipped with a kitchen, dining hall and modern restroom facilities. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

HIKING: Several miles of trails through the wooded areas and along the lake shores.

PICNIC AREA: Tables, grills, restrooms, playground equipment and playfields. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

SPORTS COURTS: Two double courts on a first-come, first-served basis, located at the playground picnic area near the family cabins. A single basketball court is located in the camping overflow parking.

SWIMMING: Swimming is permitted only when lifeguard is on duty. Pool/slide and bathhouse open Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day.



HIKING TRAILS

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

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 1	3.95 mi.	Moderate

Begins and ends near the pool and follows the shoreline of Lake Shakamak. Waterfowl and shore birds sightings are common.

Trail 2	1.5 mi.	Moderate
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Joins with Trail 1 east of the pool parking lot and proceeds through an oak forest and pine plantings, past an abandoned coal mine and returns to Trail 1, south of the group camp.

Trail 3	1.4 mi.	Moderate
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Traverses oak woods along the north shore of Lake Lenape, to the saddle barn. Native white-tailed deer have been observed on this trail.

Trail 4	1.6 mi.	Moderate
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Joins with Trail 3. Goes through oak trees and pines. Bridges and stairs add to the beauty. This trail takes you out to the campground.

Trail 5	2.2 mi.	Moderate
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Hike the scenic shore and dam of Lake Kickapoo. Take in the beautiful aquatic view of the lake while watching waterfowl and shore birds.



BIKE/HIKE TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 6	1.08 mi.	Easy

Multi-use trail for hiking or biking. There are no bridges or stair structures. Trail winds through oak and pine forest.

Trail 7	1.6 mi.	Easy
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Multi-use trail for hiking or biking. There are no bridges or stair structures. Trail winds through oak and pine forest. Native white-tailed deer have been observed on trail.

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TRUE TALES

- **ETYMOLOGY FEATURE:** The word Shakamak is a Kickapoo word meaning "long fish," a reference to the freshwater eels found in the nearby Eel and Wabash rivers.

- **HISTORY FEATURE:** Several 1930s Olympic swimmers who competed at Shakamak went on to become movie stars, including Esther Williams, Buster Crabbe (who played Flash Gordon), and Johnny Weissmuller (who played Tarzan).

- **CULTURAL FEATURE:** Since 1946, Shakamak State Park has hosted Indiana's 4-H camp.



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