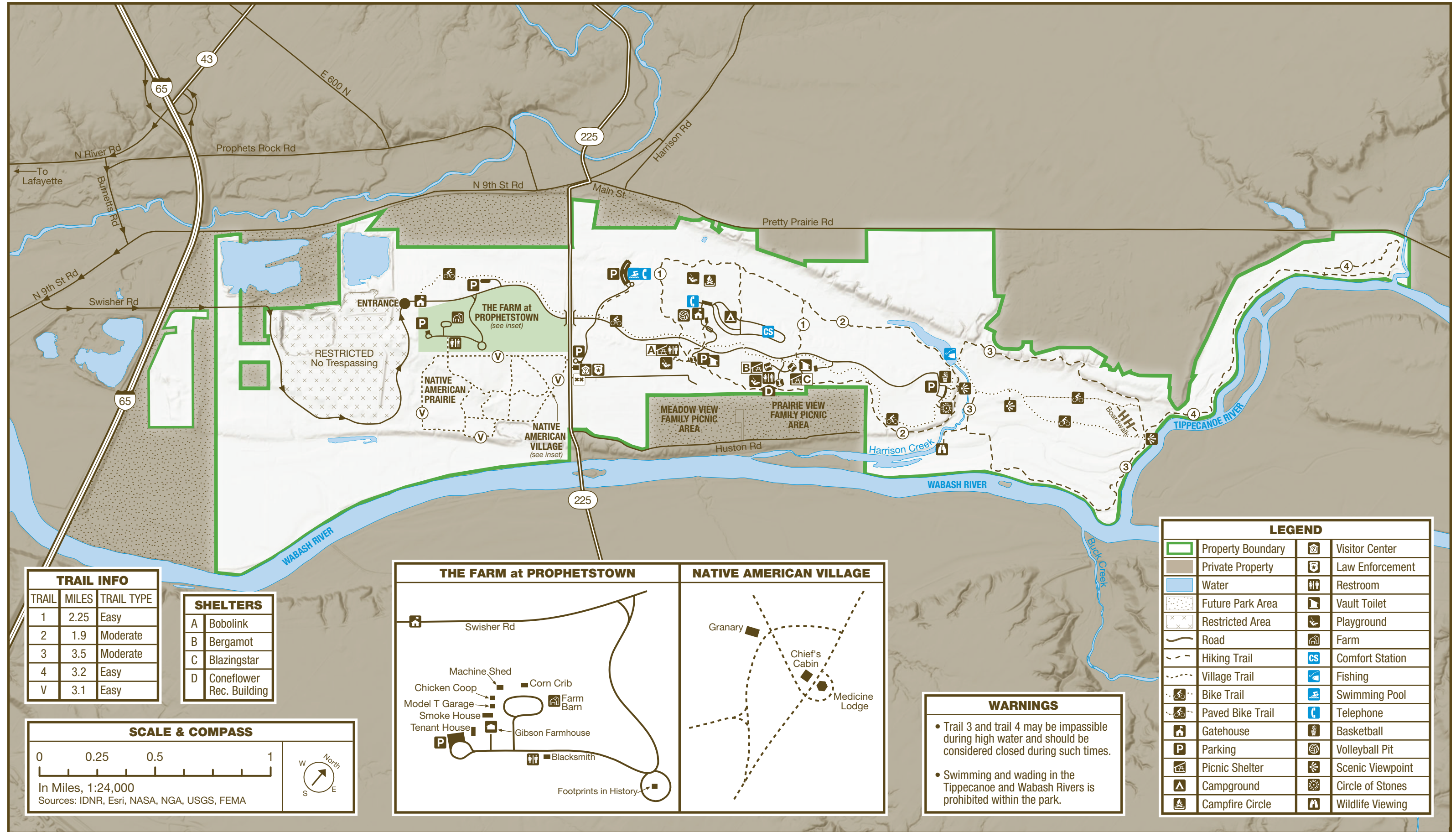


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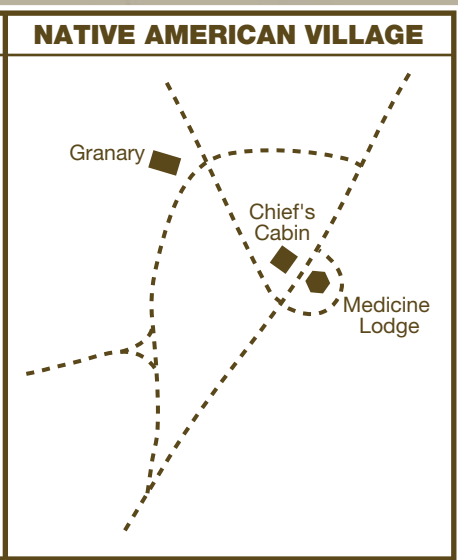
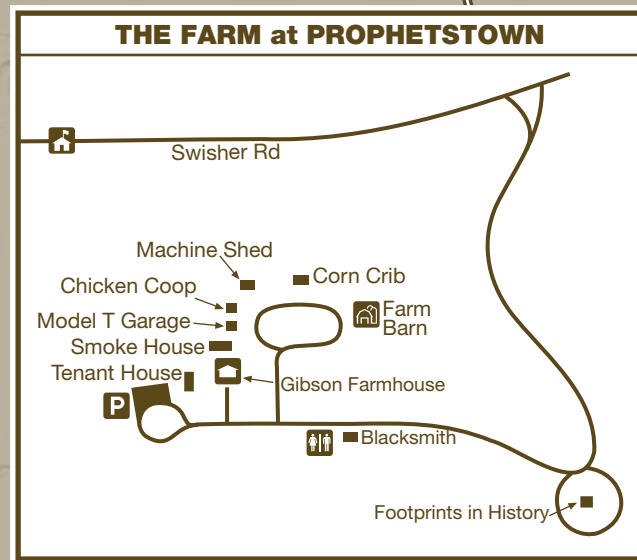
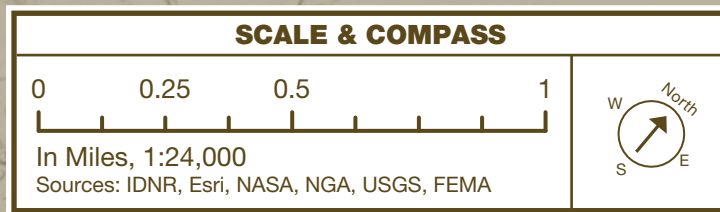
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TRAIL INFO		
TRAIL	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	2.25	Easy
2	1.9	Moderate
3	3.5	Moderate
4	3.2	Easy
V	3.1	Easy

SHELTERS	
A	Bobolink
B	Bergamot
C	Blazingstar
D	Coneflower Rec. Building



LEGEND			
	Property Boundary		Visitor Center
	Private Property		Law Enforcement
	Water		Restroom
	Future Park Area		Vault Toilet
	Restricted Area		Playground
	Road		Farm
	Hiking Trail		Comfort Station
	Village Trail		Fishing
	Bike Trail		Swimming Pool
	Paved Bike Trail		Telephone
	Gatehouse		Basketball
	Parking		Volleyball Pit
	Picnic Shelter		Scenic Viewpoint
	Campground		Circle of Stones
	Campfire Circle		Wildlife Viewing

WARNINGS

- Trail 3 and trail 4 may be impassible during high water and should be considered closed during such times.
- Swimming and wading in the Tippecanoe and Wabash Rivers is prohibited within the park.



THE PARK STORY

Roughly 1 million years ago, glaciers repeatedly advanced from the north, carving this landscape and depositing soil, gravel, and boulders. Roughly 21,000 years ago, rushing glacial meltwater formed the present-day paths of the Wabash and Tippecanoe rivers.

This region represented the contact point between the eastern deciduous forest and western prairie.

People have lived in this valley since shortly after the glaciers receded 10,000 years ago. The ecological diversity provided wildlife and plant resources. Prophetstown lies within the ancestral homeland of the Myaamia (Miami). Shawnee, Lenape (Delaware), and Bodewadmi (Potawatomi) also lived in the area.

Feeling increased pressure from European settlers, Shawnee religious leader Tenskwatawa (The Prophet) began a spiritual movement. In 1808, he and his followers representing many other tribes moved to the confluence of the Tippecanoe and Wabash and established the village of Prophetstown. As the movement increased in numbers, his brother Tecumseh provided strategic planning and military leadership.

A concerned William Henry Harrison moved troops to within a half mile of Prophetstown. On Nov. 11, a battle ensued while Tecumseh was away. The multiple tribes at Prophetstown became disenchanted with Tenskwatawa and left, Harrison's troops burned the village.

The floodgates of settlement opened. In a few years, patches of forest were cleared, wetlands were dredged, the prairie was plowed under, and the Wabash became a route for transporting goods.

Today, the state park works to restore the landscape to pre-settlement conditions.

Come to hike, bike, attend an interpretive program, or swim at the aquatic center.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

AQUATIC CENTER: Fee. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Hours/days may vary. Tube slide, body flume, lazy river, adventure channel, zero-entry pool and aquatic activity center available. Access to showers, changing areas, restrooms, lockers and concessions.

BIKE/HIKE TRAIL: Accessible. The 12-foot-wide asphalt trail is more than 5 miles long and extends to the Tippecanoe River.

CAMPING: Large comfort station with modern restrooms and shower facilities, including a family restroom available. Some sites have full electric, sewer and water hookups. The campground has one-way asphalt roads and fine stone spurs and living areas. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. All sites are accessible. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

CIRCLE OF STONES: Serves to commemorate the pre-historic tribes of the Prophetstown area, including Ojibwe, Delaware, Kickapoo, Miami, Ottawa, Potawatomi, Shawnee, Wea, Wyandot, Winnebago, Fox, Sac, Creek and Menominee

HIKING: More than 9 miles of hiking trails from easy to moderate.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE: Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. A Naturalist is available year-round. Find the program schedules at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or call 260-636-2654.

PICNIC AREAS: Reserve at camp.IN.gov. Prairie View group picnic area has two large picnic shelters, a recreation building and modern restrooms. Each shelter has picnic tables and one large outside grill. Paved walks connect all picnic shelters, parking lots, restrooms and a large accessible playground.

Meadow View family picnic area has a shelter with tables, modern restrooms, an accessible playground and large outdoor grill. The Meadow View family picnic area connects with the bike trail.

SHELTERS & RECREATION BUILDING: Shelters are Bobolink, Bergamot, Blazingstar. Recreation building is Coneflower. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.



HIKING TRAILS

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

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 1	2.25 mi.	Easy

Starts at the Meadow View family picnic parking lot and winds through a former Christmas tree plantation of Douglas fir. It then snakes its way through tallgrass prairie, continues into a fen and then through a marshy area, before entering a field of osage orange, wild cherry, mulberry, and multiflora rose. The trail ends where it began.

Trail 2	1.9 mi.	Moderate
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Begins on Trail 1, north of the Blazingstar picnic shelter in the Prairie View group picnic area. The trail meanders through the tallgrass prairie and along scenic Harrison Creek. The trail then winds through a mixed deciduous forest, past a pond, and into the fen. The trail continues through a mature sycamore grove before merging with Trail 1 at the fen boardwalk north of the campground.

Trail 3	3.0 mi.	Moderate
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Begins off Trail 2 near the east end of the pond and follows a gravel road to the confluence of the Wabash and Tippecanoe Rivers where the trail becomes a dirt path. Before reaching the rivers while walking through a large, floodplain prairie, one can observe large wetland restoration projects, a large bottomland forest replacement tree planting, and a river bank stabilization project along the Wabash River; a joint effort between the DNR and INDOT. The trail leads along the Tippecanoe River, across a bottomland prairie and leads to a contour trail with stunning overlooks before ending near the starting point. Trail closed during flood events.

Trail 4	3.2 mi.	Easy
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Begins at Trail 3 near the Tippecanoe River and meanders through a heavily shaded floodplain forest following the river until entering into a floodplain prairie. The trail leads hikers to the furthest northern boundary of the park where it returns upon the same path back to the trail 3. This trail closes during flood events.



BIKE/HIKE TRAIL

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Bike/Hike Trail	5.0 mi.	Easy

Accessible, paved trail starts at the gatehouse. It runs through the park connecting all facilities, and meets up with the Tippecanoe River.



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

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

PORTLAND ARCH NATURE PRESERVE

hiking, parking, plant identification

EUNICE H. BRYAN NATURE PRESERVE

hiking, parking, spring wildflowers



TRUE TALES

- **PRE-HISTORIC HISTORY:** In the early 1700s, the native village of Kethtippecanunk thrived in the Prophetstown State Park area. By the late 1700s, the village had become an important trading post inhabited by Myaamia, Bodewadmi, and French.
- **PRAIRIE HABITAT:** Restored prairie at Prophetstown provides critical habitat to grassland birds such as the Henslow's sparrow, bobwhite quail, and meadowlark.
- **INTERESTING FEATURE:** The large boulders used in the park's bridge were carried from Canada by glaciers during the ice age.



THE FARM AT PROPHETSTOWN

The Farm at Prophetstown is a non-profit organization that, in a unique partnership with DNR, operates a sustainable, small-scale working farm within the park. Step back in time at The Farm to fully appreciate this part of Indiana history.

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