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A world of outdoor fun and activity awaits you at Pokagon State Park and its adjacent property, Trine State Recreation Area. You can fish off the special pier or rent a kayak, paddleboat, or trolling motor powered rowboat. Our single and duplex cabins are air conditioned and have kitchenettes, plus a GREAT view of the lake. Your admission to Trine State Recreation Area also gains you entrance into Pokagon State Park, where many other activities await, such as horseback rides, long trails, swimming beaches, and a nature center. You owe it to yourself to discover Northern Indiana Lakes Country!
Dear Fellow Hoosiers,

Getting more people hunting and fishing has been a primary goal of national and state conservation agencies the past few years. Last year the Indiana DNR broadened that effort to include outdoor recreation in general. Watching wildlife, taking photos, paddling, camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, volunteering, and many other activities featured in this guidebook are just a few examples.

Indiana’s outdoors has something for everyone; however, participation in many forms of outdoor recreation is dropping, particularly among young people. And because studies show a strong correlation between recreating outdoors and supporting conservation, getting more people outside is about more than sharing the fun. It also means getting them invested in stewardship of their surroundings, and encouraging them to pass on to others what they learn and love.

Getting started is often the main hurdle. For instance, what if you want to learn how to camp in a tent, but don’t know anyone who does it? Where do you go to learn? What about those other activities I mentioned? We are working to make DNR the answer.

We have always offered how-to classes, but not enough. We are now offering more chances to learn how to do an ever-growing variety of outdoor activities, hands on, and publicizing them to a wider audience, but we need your help.

Read the article that starts on page 14. Watch calendar.dnr.IN.gov throughout the year. When you see something you like, spread the word, come on out, and bring a crowd.

Indiana’s outdoors needs you.

Cameron F. Clark
DNR DIRECTOR

Dear Fellow Hoosiers,

An important foundation of the work we do in Indiana State Parks is listening to what you think about our facilities, services and resources. One of our main tools to help us do so was the statewide Second Century Survey we conducted in 2017, just after our centennial year in 2016.

Thanks to the more than 10,000 respondents. In 2018, we took what you said to heart, launching a five-year plan using that data. A summary of survey results is at stateparks.IN.gov.

Based on some of the most common responses, we are improving hiking trails in several locations, offering great children’s programs to bring more kids to parks, renovating modern restrooms, installing new pre-cast concrete vault toilets, funding the removal of invasive species, upgrading campsites in a variety of ways, and implementing a new guest hospitality program.

This year you will also see the results of a huge investment announced by Gov. Eric Holcomb in 2019, much of which will fund improvements at DNR properties. At state park properties, there will be a variety of campsite power upgrades, as well as restroom renovations, inn room updates, new roofs on cabins, ADA compliance improvements in several locations, shelter and playground maintenance, and trail work. Improvements to infrastructure and property offices will also be made in state park properties, as well as at forestry and fish & wildlife properties.

As you visit state park properties in 2020, pick up one of our new comment cards and tell us more. We want to continue to exceed your expectations as you make great memories naturally!

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**LEGEND FOR RECREATION SYMBOLS**

- **Accessible**
- **Archery Range**
- **Biking Trails**
- **Boating**
- **Boat Launch Ramps**
- **Boat Rental**
- **Bridle Trails**
- **Cabins/Rent-a-Cabin Cabins**
- **Camping**
- **Cave Tours**
- **Cross-Country Skiing**
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- **Golf Course**
- **Group Camp**
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- **Historic Feature(s)**
- **Hunting**
- **Inn**
- **Year-Round Interpretive/Nature Center**
- **Year-Round Interpretive Service**
- **Seasonal Interpretive/Nature Center**
- **Seasonal Interpretive Service**
- **Marina**
- **Mountain Biking**
- **ORV Recreation**
- **Picnicking**
- **Play/Sports Area**
- **Inn Restaurant**
- **Saddle Barn**
- **Shelter House**
- **Sledding/Tobogganing**
- **Snowmobile**
- **Swimming Pool**
- **Swimming Beach**
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To find out about improvements and additions to DNR properties, see [StateParks.IN.gov](http://StateParks.IN.gov)

* Some but not all of these features are accessible at this property.

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**ON THE COVER:**
Big Clifty Falls after an autumn rain shower at Clifty Falls State Park in Jefferson County.
Photo by John Maxwell
# Facilities Chart

## State Parks

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<td>Mounds</td>
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## Lakes

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## Motorized State Recreation Areas

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- **P** - Pontoon
- **R** - Rowboat
- **CF** - Conference Facility
- **D** - Disc Golf
- **DT** - Dog Training
- **E** - Electric Trolling Motor only
- **Ice Fishing**
- **MB** - Mountain Bike Trails
- **O** - Off-Road Vehicle Trails
- **P** - Pool
- **RS** - Reservable Shelter
- **SR** - Shooting Range
- **W** - Wildlife Viewing
- **XB** - Exceptional Birding
- **S** - Seasonal Interpretive Services/Nature Center

[Contact us with questions or concerns about your visit: INDIANA STATE PARKS 402 W. Washington St., Rm W298 Indianapolis, IN 46204](http://www.dnr.in.gov)
## Fish & Wildlife Areas

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## State Forests

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### Other Camping:
- **BP** - Backpack
- **Ct** - Cottage
- **G** - Group Camp
- **R** - Rally Camp
- **RaC** - Rent-a-Camp
This is a small sampling of the many programs at DNR properties. The dates listed are subject to change.

For the most current listing, check the updated DNR calendar at calendar.dnr.IN.gov, call the specific property you plan to visit or ask the gate attendant when you arrive.
INVEST IN INDIANA’S NATURAL RESOURCES

DONATE MONEY OR MATERIALS.

• A financial contribution can help with educational programs, nature center supplies, resource restoration and management, property operations, facilities, and services.
• Donated materials and supplies can reduce costs for projects.
• Visit on.IN.gov/INStateParksDonate or email DonateINStateParks@dnr.IN.gov for more information.
• Send financial donations to Deputy Director for Stewardship, Indiana State Parks, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W298, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Designate your favorite property or initiative, or make a general gift.

SHARE YOUR SKILLS AND YOUR TIME.

• Individuals and groups are both welcome.
• Serve in a nature center, as a citizen scientist or trail steward, or in one of many other roles.
• Get to know DNR staff, guests, and other volunteers.
• Visit on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer or on.IN.gov/INStateParksVolunteer for more information.

BE A CAMPGROUND HOST.

• Volunteer your time for property projects in exchange for a site in a DNR campground.
• Duties vary by property, but may include campground cleaning duties, firewood sales, office work and more.
• Visit on.IN.gov/INStateParkscamphost for more information.

JOIN A FRIENDS GROUP.

• Friends groups are non-profit organizations created to support individual properties.
• Join to network, donate to park projects, and discover more about your favorite property.
• See how to connect with a Friends group at on.IN.gov/INStateParksFriends.

BELIEVE IN INDIANA STATE PARKS: GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS

State Tree Nurseries
Contact information on purchasing native tree and shrub seedlings for conservation planting in Indiana:

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JasperNursery@dnr.IN.gov

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812-358-3621 · Fax: 812-358-9033
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The Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF) partners with the Indiana DNR as its official nonprofit to promote the stewardship of our natural, cultural and recreational resources. Its mission is to celebrate and preserve Indiana’s natural legacy by raising funds to support the Indiana DNR and its programs.

In 2019, we helped DNR:
- Plant 8,000 native trees in Indiana State Forests.
- Give field trip grants through Discover the Outdoors.
- Renovate Rocky Hollow Trail at Turkey Run State Park.
- Fund programs to educate youth about nature conservation through the Give Adventure Grant.
- Acquire land at Pigeon River and Kuhn Lake for public access.

Thank you to all of our generous supporters and community partners who make such projects possible.

If you are interested in supporting the INRF, please contact Jody Kress at 317-234-5447.

Donations can be mailed to:
INRF, 402 W. Washington St. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or made online at IndianaNRF.org by selecting “Donate Now.”
Most Hoosiers know McCormick’s Creek and Turkey Run became Indiana’s first two state parks, in that order, in 1916.

If you didn’t—or had forgotten—the centennial of the entire Indiana State Parks system four years ago served as either a fun history lesson or a pleasant reminder.

But unless you’re a history buff, you may have struggled to name the state park that became Indiana’s third in 1920—at least before seeing this guidebook’s cover or reading this article’s headline.
With 2020 being the park’s 100th anniversary, it’s time for Clifty Falls to take center stage, a place it’s held for many guests since their first visit.

If you’ve never been, it’s high time to go.

“We will be having many unique events happening, so everyone should get out and celebrate the centennial with us,” said interpretive naturalist Kayla Leach. “It only happens once!”

One of the big events is June 27.

“We plan to invite former employees to come back and share some of their favorite Clifty stories with the public,” Leach said. “We’ll of course have cake and ice cream, and really highlight our unique history.”

The true 100th anniversary date is Oct. 27; however, because that’s a Tuesday during the school year, Leach said a summer date was chosen so more people could attend. But the fall day also promises those who can make it more than midweek autumn scenery.

“We will have some of our visitors’ favorite programs that also celebrate how special our property is,” Leach said.

But don’t wait for those days to visit. Going to Clifty Falls and its doorstep historic home city of Madison is a treat any time of year.

There are four named falls—Big Clifty, Little Clifty, Hoffman and Tunnel—but because of the area’s relatively small watershed, the park is usually more about cliffs than falls. The scenery is spectacular, wet or dry, and the best way see it is hiking.

If you’re not up to hitting a trail or just want a preview, take a vehicle along Canyon Rim Drive from the park’s south entrance and stop at the...
numerous handy pull-offs. Staffers have cleared many of the vistas for better viewing.

A full-fledged hike provides a bigger visual payoff, but be forewarned—property map descriptions of eight of the 10 trails fittingly include the word "rugged." Don't run. Be mindful of children. Keep dogs leashed. Know that posted trail distances are accurate but the climbs and rocky terrain often make the paths seem longer.

A centennial hiking series is in the works but unless Mother Nature steps in, the trails are available all year for individual hikes.

Trail 7 features Big and Little Clifty falls, as well as 150,000-pound Cake Rock.

"Seeing the waterfalls in autumn with the leaves changing, in the winter with snow and icicles, and in the spring with redbud trees blooming and other trees just starting to leaf out around the falls—it's just gorgeous all year long," Leach said.

For those who have trouble getting around, a portion of Trail 7 is ADA-accessible.

Trail 8’s wildflowers are a spring highlight, but when Clifty Creek floods, it's closed.

Some of the other trails show the park’s history with Madison.

The citizens of the city and Jefferson County bought what became the now-1,519-acre park’s original 570 acres to provide a natural escape for state residents. Pre-park Madison was a major Ohio River port. The state’s first railroad was built to move its cargo in and out of the 400-foot-deep Ohio Valley, but proved unprofitable. Traces of a later effort at a railroad can be seen on Trail 1. Those remnants can be confused with the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), which built many of the park’s other historical features. Many of those relics complement the natural features of Trail 7, as do hints of a tunnel that was started but not completed for the second try at a railroad, then later dynamited shut for safety.

Many of the CCC-crafted structures are still used, including both gatehouses; a stone restroom building; a water fountain; Clifty Shelter; the nature center, which was a horse stable; and a wall that remains intact.

Portions of trails 1, 3, 4 and 5 have railroad roots, too. Trail 4 features large piers that were part of a trestle bridge that was never completed.

Another tunnel, the entrance of which is off Trail 5 and goes under the park’s Oak Grove area, also remains. Tunnel Falls is named for the man-made 600-foot excavation and is open for limited exploring during the recreation season but closed from Nov. 1—April 30 to protect its hibernating bats.

Trail 2 boasts some of the oldest (450 million years) bedrock exposures in Indiana and was voted the state’s third-best hiking trail in VisitIndiana’s Best of Indiana contest.

The effects of gravity have crafted much of the park’s geology. As a whole, the park’s land is essentially leaving the Ohio behind. Big Clifty Falls, which prehistorically may have been 250 feet high and dropped directly into the Ohio, is now some 2 miles from its bank.

The reason is a layer of younger, hard dolomite limestone that sits atop older, softer limestone and shale.
“The underlying rock erodes very easily under freeze and thaw,” said Dick Davis, Leach’s predecessor. “Dolomite limestone doesn’t. You are constantly digging away beneath that waterfall. You build a roof and the roof collapses, and it repeats.”

Turning from prehistory back to history, the Madison State Hospital stood between the city and the future park when the original park land was acquired. Canyon Rim Drive essentially divides the park’s original land to the west from the acquired hospital real estate to the east.

After the railroad and the CCC, the former regional mental facility is the third main source of the park’s lore. Madison residents called the hospital Cragmont, which is now the name of the area’s picnic shelter.

Once cleared, a chunk of the hospital space eventually became the primary campground that opened in 1975. Portions of it and a shower house are open year-round. The original campground had been the CCC camp site.

An April 1974 tornado leveled most of the motor lodge, called Parkview, which had opened in 1964 as an addition to the park’s original 1924 Colonial-style hotel. The DNR used the still-handly original plans to rebuild. The first Riverview wing of today’s Clifty Inn was added, as were conference and banquet facilities and its outdoor swimming pool. The inn reopened a year later. In the first decade of the 21st century, the Parkview wing was modernized with an enclosed hallway, the Riverview wing was completely rebuilt, the swimming pool was enclosed and new conference facilities were constructed.

From Clifty Inn’s overlook and from the observation tower that rises 30 feet from the high point of Trail 1, you can see downtown Madison and the Ohio River. It’s a great place to watch a sunrise, said property manager Brad Walker.

Especially this centennial year.

“This will always be one the most rugged and geologically significant areas in Indiana,” Leach said. “It has been and always will be a place for people to find refuge and solitude, to de-stress, rest, and recharge.”

And, this year, to join the celebration. As Leach said, the park is only 100 years old once.
By Scott Roberts

“They told me all the little things I needed to know,” Miriam said. “How to set up a pole, how to tie a knot, what the knots were called, how to fillet, everything.”

The workshop was one of many types of fishing workshops the DNR offers across the state. Some others are Family Learn to Fish, Learn to Stream Fish, and Learn to Kayak Fish. All are designed to teach attendees how to fish more successfully on their own.

Nothing’s too basic for these workshops, according to GoFishIN coordinator Clint Kowalik. From assembling the pole to what to put in the tackle box, everything is covered in a combination of classroom and fishing time.

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The workshop Barnett went to was at a pond at Krannert Park, an Indianapolis city park DNR stocks with fish. Most DNR how-to, hands-on events are at one or more of the DNR properties listed in this guidebook, but if one of those properties isn’t handy, don’t worry—DNR may be coming closer.

Miriam Barnett bought a fishing pole and, with her 10-year-old daughter Maddy, set out to fish Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis, near their home. Miriam had fished once while visiting her mom in Texas three years before, but she hadn’t gone since then because she was unsure of what to do.

This day, she thought she would see if she could figure it out.

“Nothing happened,” Miriam said. “I think we scared the fish but that’s about it.”

Shortly after, Miriam and her daughter went to a DNR Learn to Catch & Cook workshop.

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Help Getting Your Hands on the Outdoors

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“They told me all the little things I needed to know.”
And if you’re not into fishing or are already an expert angler, you can choose from a list of options that includes activities ranging from landscape painting to paddling, and from hunting to hiking, most at minimal or no cost.

If you’re looking to hunt deer or your sights are set on smaller game, there’s likely something to fit your schedule and needs.

Single-day workshops like mentored hunt or range day are designed for people who own firearms or archery equipment but have little experience using them. The events teach them how to safely use their equipment in a controlled environment. Mini-workshops on topics such as turkey calling or field dressing wild game are also offered.

Multi-day workshops combine classroom time with field, range, and hunting sessions. Some parts of a workshop may occur a few months apart. Topics include where to find different animals and the pros and cons of hunting on public versus private land.

Field sessions allow participants to get the feel of being on a hunt without doing any hunting themselves at that stage.

“We give them basic regulations, hunting tactics, equipment, and recipes without the added pressure of doing things on their own,” said Jack Basiger, who oversees the hunting programs.

The workshops also feature mentored hunts, usually for dove and pheasant, and in some sessions, instructors teach participants how to process and cook game. Hunts can be one-on-one mentor sessions, while others are conducted in a group setting.

Trapping classes can also be multi-day affairs, and can cover topics such as how to set snares for coyotes or how to skin and process a beaver. The classes are designed as a complement to the DNR’s trapper education program, not a substitute, Basiger said.

The appropriate licenses are needed for the fishing, hunting and trapping workshops. Instructions on how to purchase those documents are on page 40.

State Park properties offer beaucoup hands-on events throughout the year. For example, multiple locations have invasive plant identification classes that teach not only how to kill unwanted intruding vegetation, but also how to plant and maintain a healthy garden of locally occurring flora.

Those who want to go more in-depth about Indiana’s flora, wildlife and more can take the Indiana Master Naturalist program.

Classes on hiking, campfire cooking, and camping are available at park properties, too. Some classes are tailored to a property’s specific features. For instance, Chain O’Lakes State Park offers paddling classes. Spring Mill State Park offers beginning caving classes as part of its cave weekend each August. Salamonie and Patoka lakes offer archery classes.

Patoka also offers a full Women’s Wilderness Weekend at the end of April every year. The weekend is a chance for women to try their skills in a number of fields, including archery, rifle, shotgun, wilderness survival, wild edibles, birding, self-defense and Dutch oven cooking over a fire. Blending in with nature, which means how to stay quiet outdoors and get closer to wildlife, is another topic covered.

“It’s a no-pressure environment where everybody is learning together,” said Patoka interpretive naturalist Dana Reckelhoff, who organizes the event and leads the archery classes, both at the women’s weekend and at other times of the year.

At the Women’s Wilderness event, participants camp in either a tent they own or one they borrow from organizers. By the end of
Hands-on programs are a big part of state parks’ overall mission of interpreting natural resources and fostering a love for the outdoors. Giving people the tools to enjoy nature responsibly is a prime reason state parks exist.

“Hands-on programs are the core of what we do,” said chief interpretive naturalist Angie Manuel.

That quote applies to children, too. Summer day camps feature many hands-on activities for youngsters. Such camps are offered at Indiana Dunes and Prophetstown state parks, the Upper Wabash lake properties, and Brookville Lake, among others.

Learning archaeology can be hands-on, too. The Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) offers events at which children do mock digs. Some digs feature a rubber tub filled with rubber mulch through which children dig with sticks to look for artifacts.

In a more advanced and tasty version of that activity, older children try to excavate colored chips from cookies, with the chips representing plant or projectile pieces. Both activities encourage children to think about the past and how it relates to today.

For more information on the archaeology programs or to have one at your organization, email dhpa@dnr.IN.gov or call 317-234-1646.

No matter your interest, the outdoors is a smorgasbord of opportunity but it can be intimidating. The DNR’s hands-on events provide a welcoming, learn-by-doing introduction.

Come out and learn how to join the fun.

Getting outside and enjoying nature should be an activity everyone can access. That’s why DNR offers many options for people with disabilities to enjoy as many features as possible.

Many state park properties have motorized wheelchairs to help people with disabilities get around. Indiana Dunes State Park has two. Chain O’Lakes, Charlestown, Fort Harrison, McCormick’s Creek, Mounds, O’Bannon, Pokagon, and Spring Mill state parks have one each. To access them, ask at the respective park office, and staff will provide a tutorial on how they work.

Indiana Dunes’ wheelchairs are all-terrain, which means they can be used on the park’s sandy areas. However, those custom chairs are not needed to use the park’s birding tower, which has a ramp to the top of the 60-foot tall dune overlooking Lake Michigan.

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A number of properties have accessible trails. Some are paved or are boardwalks, and some are made accessible by their hardened small-stone surfaces. Fort Harrison State Park, which became a state park in the early 1990s, is one of those with paved surfaces. Brown County State Park, near Nashville, offers the Brown County Friends Trail, a short, paved trail created by the Friends of Brown County State Park group to specifically serve senior citizens as well as people with disabilities. The trail includes a vista that was created so virtually everyone who hikes there can enjoy some of the park’s long-distance scenery. The trail leading to the falls overlook in front of Canyon Inn at McCormick’s Creek State Park is one good example of a trail made accessible by packed stone topped with dust and small, crushed stones.

Pigah Marsh Fish & Wildlife Area’s boardwalk is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Pigah also has designed spots for people with autism to step off to the side and get away from things for a moment. The walkway is about a quarter-mile long and opened in 2004. It’s an area that’s nearly untouched and is a favorite with the Tippecanoe Audubon Society.

Prophetstown State Park, near West Lafayette, opened in 2004. It has plenty of accessible areas, including trails as well as its water park and picnic area.

Features can be accessible to different people depending on their abilities. Sometimes accommodations can be made. If you have some challenges getting around and find something you’re interested in exploring, call the property manager. They may have some suggestions on ways you can experience the outdoors at that location.
Anne Barnhorst keeps plenty busy running an auto repair business in Columbus with her father, so she appreciates the spare time she gets to spend on foot in an Indiana state forest.

"I've been hiking regularly for five or six years, and off-and-on for 10 or so years," Barnhorst said.

Fortunately, she doesn't have to travel far to reach her favorite escape routes—Yellowwood State Forest and Morgan-Monroe State Forest, both within a 40-minute drive from her home.

"I've done trails around Yellowwood for years," she said. "The Lake Trail, Jackson Creek Trail. (Last year) I finally got out to Morgan-Monroe. It had been on my list to visit for a while."

Morgan-Monroe is now her favorite.

Barnhorst shares her enthusiasm for hiking by being an Indiana ambassador for Women Who Hike, an organization started in California in 2015 to "empower women on and off the trail" that has grown to include Facebook pages in all 50 states plus Australia, Canada and Europe.

"We're all tasked with hosting at least four hikes a year in our given area," she said. "Women from all over the state come to my events. We've even had some come from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois."

Her hikes, which are limited to 10 to 15 participants, not only build a community of women hikers, but also dispel preconceived notions of Indiana.

"Everyone thinks of corn and soybeans and that it’s flat," she said. "Getting into a state forest, they are surprised at the terrain and the views we have. It’s fun seeing that and getting to share it with them."

That’s music to director of DNR Forestry John Seifert’s ears.

"If you ask me where I want to grow our user experience most, it would be hiking," he said. "Every forest has trails, and including beginner to experienced trails, our trails cover a lot of state forest lands. Add in our mountain biking trails, and our audience and user group is even bigger—the more the merrier."

The 14 state forest properties DNR Forestry manages sport 300 miles of hiking trails, three “backcountry” trails, 41 miles of biking trails, and 270 miles of trail set aside for equestrian users.

"Across the board, every property has something a little different in terms of terrain and scenic value with different timber types," said Brad Schneck, assistant director of DNR Forestry. "Some trails are very steep, some are not nearly as rugged as others."

State forest trails range from a quarter-mile to 60 miles and carry names as nondescript as Trail 1 and Trail 2, and as colorful as Scarce O’ Fat and Foxey Hollow. Most are natural surface, but a recent addition at Morgan-Monroe is an asphalt paved pathway running parallel to the forest’s main road.

"What we were hearing is it’s what people wanted to see," Schneck said, noting that the new option has improved safety for hikers and
bikers who now have an alternative to competing with vehicular traffic on the roadway.

State forests have everything from “easy” quarter-mile paths to “rugged” backcountry jaunts, including Indiana’s signature long-distance trail, the Knobstone.

The Knobstone Trail, commonly called the KT, meanders 60 miles along an escarpment, a geologic term for a formation that separates different terrains of ridgetops and valleys that represent some of the most rugged landscape in the state.

The KT’s southern trailhead is at Deam Lake State Recreation Area, a part of Indiana’s first state forest, Clark. Heading north, the KT passes through Elk Creek State Fishing Area, Jackson-Washington State Forest, and ends—at least for now—at Spurgeon Hollow Lake. A northern loop of the trail provides a trailhead at Delaney Park, which is managed by the Washington County Parks and Recreation department.

Farther north, the Tecumseh Trail stretches 42 miles between Morgan-Monroe and the Panther Creek trailhead near Brown County State Park. Based on data gathered from infrared trail counters, it’s one of the most popular trails in the state forest system, but the numbers may be skewed by virtue of the northern end of the route covering the same ground as a few other trails.

The most popular spot recorded by trail counter was a campground trailhead at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area in Jackson-Washington State Forest where Schneck was the property manager until last year. It drew nearly double the traffic of Tecumseh and underscored what Schneck observed during his tenure at the property.

“It was amazing that people didn’t know it existed, but once they found it, they didn’t want to tell others about it,” Schneck said.

But it didn’t matter. Others found out anyway, and visitation steadily grew over the decade-plus that Schneck worked there.

“It’s amazing how it progressed,” he said, emphasizing he didn’t take the credit.

One reason, he believes, are the amenities Starve Hollow has that are not found at the typical state forest. A 280-acre site within Jackson-Washington’s 18,000 acres, Starve Hollow offers full hookup campsites for RVs, full electric tent campsites, and cabins, along with a seasonal beach and a forest education center conveniently located next to 145-acre Starve Hollow Lake.

Although it’s unlikely other state forests will take on the more refined look and feel of state parks, Schneck said DNR Forestry is taking steps to further Seifert’s goal to enhance user experiences through hiking trails.

For starters, a person has been hired at Harrison-Crawford State Forest to focus on improving the 25-mile Adventure Trail that circles through the state forest and adjacent O’Bannon Woods State Park.

“That’s their job,” Schneck said. “We’re already seeing a lot of improvements in a short time.”

And that’s not all.

“We’ve got some unique things coming,” he said. “One of the highlights is to put in some trail shelters on the Tecumseh Trail. The design is a rustic cabin to provide shelter in the event of inclement weather catching hikers out in the forest. That’s the initial intent, but over time people will probably camp in them. Some are slated on the Knobstone as well.”

That increased attention by DNR Forestry to recreational users is just fine with Barnhorst, especially if it awakens in other users what she appreciates most about state forest trails.

“It’s not only just about the physical health side of it, but also the mental health,” she said. “My form of therapy is being out in nature, especially state forests, because you can get away from a lot of people. It feels like wilderness you’d expect to see out West.”
Cass County is a nature lover’s paradise! Discover the breathtaking waterfall or cast a line in the lake at France Park, one of many parks in the area. There are miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and cross country skiing, too.

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Chain O’Lakes SP
2355 E. 75 S.
Albion, IN 46701
260-636-2654

Indiana Dunes SP
1600 N. 25 E.
Chesterton, IN 46304
219-926-1952

Jasper-Pulaski FWA
5822 N. Fish & Wildlife Lane
Medaryville, IN 47957
219-843-4841

Kankakee FWA
4320 W. Toto Road
North Judson, IN 46366
574-896-3522

Three miles of shoreline along Lake Michigan provide spectacular sights and sounds at Indiana Dunes SP. Impressive sand dunes and a calming lakeshore will help you forget everyday worries. Swim in the lake, picnic in one of the shelter houses or camp in the refurbished campground for a serene, yet fun-filled getaway.

Autumn is an annual highlight at Jasper-Pulaski FWA, where visitors can observe sandhill cranes passing through during their fall migration. Observation decks provide great viewing points from which to see thousands of these birds. Hunting, fishing and target ranges are also available. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Located along 11 miles of the Kankakee and Yellow rivers, Kankakee FWA provides 4,295 acres of woodlands, wetlands and prairies. A remnant of the Grand Kankakee Marsh is located on the property, attracting thousands of ducks and geese every year. Hunting, fishing and boating are available. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Legend for recreation symbols is on page 3
Kingsbury FWA  
5344 S. Hupp Road  
LaPorte, IN 46350  
219-393-3612 • Range: 219-393-1128

Experience a variety of outdoor activities at Kingsbury FWA, including hunting, fishing and target practice at the shooting range, which has 37 different shooting positions, is staffed by qualified range officers and provides indoor restrooms accessible to persons with disabilities. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

LaSalle FWA  
4752 W. 1050 N.  
Lake Village, IN 46349  
219-992-3019

Bisected by the Kankakee River, LaSalle FWA is an ideal stopover for migratory birds. Excellent waterfowl viewing is available in March. Anglers can fish along the Kankakee River. Various hunting activities are offered. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Mississinewa Lake  
4673 S. 625 E.  
Peru, IN 46970  
765-473-6528

Just a short drive north of Indianapolis, nestled in the farmlands of north-central Indiana, Mississinewa Lake and its surrounding area are rich in American Indian history. Visitors may choose to stay in the property’s latest additions—seasonal campsites and Rent-a-Camp cabins. Pleasure boating, water skiing, fishing and hiking are only a few of the activities you’ll find at Mississinewa.

Ouabache SP  
4930 E. S.R. 201  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
260-824-0926

Located along the Wabash River in Wells County, Ouabache SP features a 3-mile asphalt bike trail, seasonal interpretive services, a bocce court, baseball diamond and an American bison exhibit. Boating and fishing are also popular on 25-acre Kunkel Lake. Visit the “Iron Mike” statue, a tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Pigeon River FWA  
8310 E. 300 N., P.O. Box 71  
Mongo, IN 46771  
260-367-2164

Established in 1956, this property lies along the floodplain of the Pigeon River. The area maintains 11,794 acres of land, 529 acres of lakes and 17 miles of the river. Excellent waterfowl watching is available during spring and fall migration. Wetland trapping is available through drawing only. Restrictions and/or permits are required for hunting activities.

Pisgah Marsh  
Managed by:  
Tri-County FWA  
Durham Lake WCA  
On C.R. 350 N. and 850 N.  
Pierceiton, IN 46562  
9 mi. N. of Larwill, W. of S.R. 5  
9 mi. N. of Pierceiton, E. of S.R. 13 on 350 N.  
574-834-4461

The 439 combined acres of Pisgah Marsh areas 1, 2 and 3 comprise grassland, wetland, upland forest and lake habitats. Area 1 provides access to the marsh, protecting sensitive habitats with a boardwalk and viewing deck. The Durham Lake area comprises approximately 502 acres with a 13-acre lake south of 350 N. and is open for hunting and fishing. Some restrictions and/or permits are required.

Pokagon SP  
450 Lane 100 Lake James  
Angola, IN 46703  
260-833-2012

Nestled on the shores of Lake James and Snow Lake amid the rolling hills of Indiana’s lake country, Pokagon SP offers outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation all year long. Boat, swim and ride on horseback during the summer; toboggan down a refrigerated run in the winter.
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Located 12 miles southwest of South Bend, 3,840-acre Potato Creek SP boasts a variety of natural habitats, including the 327-acre Worster Lake, old fields, woodlands, restored prairies and diverse wetlands. Activities include boating, fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking, riding paved bicycle trails and mountain bike trails, and enjoying family cabins and a nature center. The park is open all year.

Comprising 8,217 acres, including 870 acres of open water, Roush is maintained by the DNR for wildlife, recreation and resource management. Water levels are maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A state-of-the-art shooting range serves as a main attraction. Hunting deer, small game, waterfowl and turkey is popular. Fishing, camping and wildlife watching are also available. Restrictions and/or permits are required for some activities.

Salamonie Lake offers recreational activities for every season. View wildlife, camp, swim, hunt, fish or hike. Salamonie’s marina offers boat rental and mooring. Enjoy world-class bird watching, boating and snowmobiling, and visit the modern interpretive center and gift shop, located in Lost Bridge West SRA.

These 950 acres of reforested land downstream from Salamonie Lake feature trails offering excellent views of seasonal waterfalls, rare plants and fall beauty. Visitors can enjoy horseback riding, fishing and picnicking near the historic CCC shelter, as well as hiking and hunting. This state forest is one of Indiana’s top 10 spots for bird watching.

Seven miles of the Tippecanoe River border the eastern edge of Tippecanoe River SP. Camping, canoeing and hiking are popular at this northwest Indiana property. Fishing, seasonal interpretive naturalist services and bridle trails are also available. The park is excellent for overnight stays before or after using Winamac FWA.

Brookville Lake │ Cagles Mill Lake │ Cecil M. Harden Lake
Mississinewa Lake │ Hardy Lake │ Monroe Lake
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Managed by Pokagon State Park, Trine is on the opposite side of I-69 from Pokagon, along the shores of Gentian Lake. Attractions include boat rentals, fishing, hiking, picnicking, a bike trail into the property and a 3-mile multi-purpose trail. Ice skating and sledding are available when weather allows. Cabins, once part of historic Wing Haven Resort, are available for rent from April to November. Camping is prohibited. Swenson Lodge is available for daily rental, year-round.

Willow Slough FWA comprises 9,956 acres, including 1,200 acres of open water and marshes. Hunting deer, small game, waterfowl and turkey is popular at Willow Slough. Accessible archery and rifle target ranges, fishing and wildlife watching are also available. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Winamac FWA, located in Pulaski County, totals 4,850 acres of oak forests and upland fields. The various habitats provide hunting for a number of species attracted to the area. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities. Overnight accommodations are available at adjacent Tippecanoe River SP.

The adventurous have two ways to explore Kosciusko County — by land or by water. Either way is bound to produce memorable recreation experiences for you and your family.

Catch the adventure in Kosciusko County.
Constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1975, Brookville Lake comprises 16,445 acres, 5,260 of which is water, for great fishing, boating and swimming. Camping and swimming are offered at Mounds and Quakertown SRAs within the property. Picnicking, hiking trails and a shooting range are available. A full-time interpreter offers programs year-round.

Cagles Mill Lake was the first Army Corps of Engineers flood-control project in the Louisville District, which includes this portion of Indiana. The lake, which opened in 1953, offers extensive water-based fun, nature activities, camping, hiking, picnicking and a family aquatics center. Seasonal hunting and fishing, mooring, boat rentals and concessions also are available.

Cataract Falls is the largest waterfall in Indiana, dropping 80 feet in about a half-mile over an upper and lower section. Parking and shelters are available at both the upper and lower falls, and a half-mile hiking trail explores the banks of Mill Creek in between. The site, about 11 miles west of Cagles Mill Lake, also features the only surviving covered bridge in Owen County.

Cecil M. Harden Lake, known as Raccoon Lake, opened in 1960 as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ flood control project. The lake offers a wide variety of activities, including camping, fishing, boating and swimming. Raccoon SRA is just minutes away from the popular Parke County Covered Bridge Festival that is held each October.

The rolling grassland and strip pits of 2,180-acre Chinook FWA provide excellent opportunities to observe deer, turkey, waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. Approximately 80 acres of the property is water (mostly strip pits), providing quality hunting and fishing. All property users must sign in at a self-service check station.

This perfect spot for a group retreat or week-long getaway is available by reservation only. Located 8 miles north of Rockville in Parke County, this lodge, group campsites and 296-acre property is an outdoor paradise featuring rolling woodlands, grassy pastures, 4.5 miles of well-marked woodland trails, a one-acre fishing pond and equestrian facilities. The groomed campground is for group rental only.

Deer Creek FWA is 2,161 acres of mixed agriculture and oak/hickory-dominated forest. All property users must sign in at a self-service check station.
Fort Harrison SP
6000 N. Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46216
317-591-0904

Located in northeast Indianapolis, this 1,700-acre park features hiking trails, multi-use/mountain bike trails, fishing access to Fall Creek, a small lake, multiple picnic shelters and areas, year-round interpretive services, a saddle barn with guided trail rides, the Museum of 20th Century Warfare and the only dog park in the Indiana state parks system.

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**McCormick's Creek SP**
250 McCormick Creek Park Road
Spencer, IN 47460
812-829-2235

**Canyon Inn**
at McCormick's Creek SP
451 McCormick Creek Park Road
Spencer, IN 47460
877-922-6966 for information
877-LODGES-1 for reservations
(877-563-4371)

**Mounds SP**
4306 Mounds Road
Anderson, IN 46017
765-642-6627

Limestone formations and scenic waterfalls highlight Indiana’s first state park. Wooded trails and a canyon surrounded by high cliffs provide magnificent hiking for visitors. Camping and swimming are also available among the natural wonders of the park. The new Centennial Family Cabin is available for reservations year-round.

- 76 guest rooms
- Full-service dining room
- Outdoor pool
- Tennis/basketball courts
- Free Wi-Fi
- Banquet-wedding-conference facilities

Enjoy the landscape at Mounds SP and witness unique earthworks built by prehistoric cultures. The swimming pool has a splashpad and tube slide. Other activities include camping, hiking and fishing in the White River. Stop by the visitors center for its bird viewing room and animal displays, and discover the pre-1900s Bronnenberg homestead.

Rental Cabins also available at Cataract Cabins and Hickory Hills.

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Hike through some of the best hardwood forests in the country at Owen-Putnam SF. Enjoy deer and turkey hunting, or view a 50-foot sandstone bluff from horseback in some of the beautiful hills of south-central Indiana. Quiet, family-oriented camping is offered at Fish Creek campground near the property office.

Located where the Tippecanoe River meets the Wabash River near Battle Ground, this park features camping, swimming, hiking and bicycle trails, year-round interpretive services and a visitor center. The Farm at Prophetstown, located inside the park, offers year-round programming focused on early 20th-century farming. An aquatic center features a lazy river, leisure pool and two large water slides. Visitors can also hike through a prairie to a re-created American Indian village.

Beautiful sandstone cliffs and shady ravines provide the backdrop for a journey through Shades SP. Hiking, camping and fishing are popular at this central Indiana property. Deer’s Mill Covered Bridge provides access to Sugar Creek for excellent canoeing.

With a large lake on more than 2,600 acres, Summit Lake SP provides tremendous outdoor recreation. Facilities with electric campsites, boat launch ramps, a beach bathhouse and two large open shelters are great for picnics and family events. Fishing, bird watching and hiking trails provide an all-around enjoyable experience.

Deep canyons, towering cliffs, peaceful hemlock groves and Sugar Creek set the scene for unique hiking opportunities at Turkey Run SP. The Lusk Home, log cabin and church, and CCC structures paint a vivid picture of state history. The nature center, with its planetarium, is open all year. An amphitheater is available for private functions.

Built in 1841, the Lusk Home overlooks the “narrows” of Sugar Creek. The site includes the Narrows Covered Bridge, built in 1882, and the remains of the 1826 Lusk mill. Guided tours are offered from April through October. On-site parking is available during tours or by calling the park office. The site is accessible by car only via Narrows Road.
Whitewater Memorial SP is located on the north end of Brookville Lake. With a separate 200-acre, electric-motor-only lake, the property provides plenty of boating opportunities, including canoe, rowboat, kayak, paddleboard, and paddleboat rentals. Camping, swimming and horseback riding are also available. Silver Creek ramp provides access to the north end of Brookville Lake. A full-time interpreter offers programs year-round.

Hunt, fish or trap in this 3,250-acre property of river-bottom floodplain. Accessing the property from the Wabash River is encouraged. Bird watching from U.S. 150 for wetland species is a popular activity at Wabashiki. Ninety-five acres are owned by Vigo County Parks but are co-managed by Wabashiki for hunting. All property users must sign in at a self-service check station.

Whitewater Memorial SP
1418 S. S.R. 101
Liberty, IN 47353
765-458-5565

Wabashiki FWA
Managed by Deer Creek FWA
Located on the west bank of the Wabash River between Terre Haute and West Terre Haute.
765-653-0453

Wilbur Wright FWA
2239 N. S.R. 103
New Castle, IN 47362
260-468-2165

Wilbur Wright FWA comprises 1,968 acres of river valleys and associated uplands with the Big Blue River on the western boundary. Mature woods, fallow cropland, prairie grasses and forbs provide excellent habitat for hunting and fishing. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.
Atterbury FWA
7970 S. Rowe St.,
Edinburgh, IN 46124-1456
812-526-2051

Shooting Range: 812-526-6552

Formerly part of Camp Atterbury, Atterbury FWA now maintains more than 4,956 acres of upland game habitat, marsh, running creeks and shallow impoundments. Hunting and fishing are available. The public shooting range features four combination trap/skeet fields and 66 rifle/pistol positions. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Blue Grass FWA
Managed by Sugar Ridge FWA
At Boonville/New Harmony Road
Exit off I-69
812-789-2724

Blue Grass is a unique FWA because the land has been strip-mined. Blue Grass covers approximately 2,532 acres and features about 28 pits and lakes that provide hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching opportunities. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities. Motorboats are allowed on some lakes but are restricted to idle speed.

Brown County SP
P.O. Box 608 mailing address
West Gate-1405 S.R. 46 W.
North Gate-1801 S.R. 46 E.
Horse Camp-4800 S.R. 135 S.
Nashville, IN 47448  812-988-6406

Indiana’s largest state park, Brown County SP offers a variety of activities. Large campgrounds, hiking and mountain biking trails, interpretive services and extensive horse-riding facilities make this a year-round destination.

Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County SP
1801 S.R. 46 E.
Nashville, IN 47448
877-265-6343 for information
877-LODGES 1 for reservations
(877-563-4371)

Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County SP
84 lodge rooms, including four pet-friendly
20 family cabins and 12 cabin suites
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Charlestown SP
12500 S.R. 62, P.O. Box 38
Charlestown, IN 47111
812-256-5600

With 5,000-plus acres, Charlestown SP is the third-largest Indiana state park. Campers will find spacious electric and full hookup sites. Visitors can enjoy hiking the rugged terrain, where they can see Devonian fossil outcrops and sinkhole topography unique to southern Indiana. A relocated historic bridge crosses Fourteenmile Creek, allowing hikers to explore Rose Island, site of an early 20th century amusement park.

Clark SF
#2 Service Road, P.O. Box 119
1 mile north of Henryville on U.S. 31
Henryville, IN 47126
812-294-4306

Established in 1903, Clark is the oldest state forest in Indiana. Miles of horse and foot trails, including the Knobstone Trail (Indiana’s longest foot trail), and a mountain bike trail near Deam Lake afford many opportunities to experience southern Indiana’s beauty. Primitive horse and family campgrounds are available, and a gun range is available on a daily or annual-permit basis.

Encourage Indiana’s children to participate in outdoor activities.

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Clifty Falls SP challenges misconceptions that the Indiana landscape is flat and boring. Winter and spring hiking showcases the cascading falls at their best, while the rugged splendor of the creek and canyon offers exciting scenery year-round. One of Clifty Inn’s wings overlooks historic Madison.

- 71 guest rooms
- Full-service dining room
- Indoor pool
- Waterfall suites available
- Free Wi-Fi
- Banquet-wedding-conference facilities

Crosley FWA comprises 4,288 acres of rolling hills, ponds and the Muscatatuck River. About 7 miles of the Muscatatuck flows through the property, providing excellent shoreline fishing. Hunting for deer, turkey and small game is common. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Deam Lake SRA is named in honor of Indiana’s first state forester, Charles C. Deam. Visitors can hike, mountain bike, swim, camp, horse camp, fish, boat and picnic. Some activities are seasonal. Camping is open March 1 to the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Rent-a-Camp cabin options are available. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.
Fairbanks Landing FWA
Managed by: Goose Pond FWA
Located south of Terre Haute, east of State Road 63
812-512-9185

This park boasts the largest, most easily accessible fossil beds of their kind, and is now part of the National Historic Lewis & Clark Trail extension from St. Louis to Pittsburgh. The interpretive center, re-opened after a $6 million renovation, overlooks the beds and the Ohio River. Exhibits feature the area’s natural and cultural history. There is a $2 parking fee but no gate fee. Night fishing requires an Annual Entrance Permit. See page 41 for interpretive center fees.

Falls of the Ohio SP
201 W. Riverside Drive
Clarksville, IN 47129
812-280-9970

The site is at the lower end of Falls of the Ohio State Park where a river bend offers a spectacular view of the falls. An early 19th century cabin was reassembled here in 2001 to represent Clark’s cabin. The site also features the McGee Cabin, which portrays African American history in Indiana. The cabins are open seasonally. Like the state park, the site is now part of the National Historic Lewis & Clark Trail extension.

George Rogers Clark Home Site at Falls of the Ohio SP
1102 W. Harrison Ave.
Clarksville, IN 47129
812-280-9970

Established in 1934 as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp, Ferdinand SF is well known for its excellent deer and squirrel hunting. The multiple lakes throughout the property provide swimming, fishing and boating, in addition to many other activities. Many local landmarks and seasonal community festivals take place nearby.

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Glendale FWA comprises 8,061 acres of upland game habitat, marshes, shallow impoundments, a 1,400-acre lake and small woodlots. Birds, raptors, waterfowl, deer and turkey are among wildlife attracted to the area. Excellent hunting, fishing, camping and boating are available on the property. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

A partnership between the DNR and many other conservation-minded organizations created 9,018-acre Goose Pond FWA. Marsh and grassland birds, shorebirds, waterfowl and raptors populate the property. Some activities may be restricted. Permits are required for all activities, including hunting, hiking and wildlife watching.

Greene-Sullivan SF is composed of 9,046 acres of reCLAIMED surface-mined land. With rolling hills and beautiful woodlands, the property is managed for wildlife, recreation and timber production. The 120 lakes scattered throughout the forest provide marvelous fishing and camping. Visitors may also hunt, ride horseback or photograph wildlife.
SOUTHERN

Hovey Lake FWA
4171 E. Harrod Road
5620 Hardy Lake Road (mapping address)
Scottsburg, IN 47170
812-794-3800

Situated in scenic southeastern Indiana, Hardy Lake’s 2,448 acres make it the smallest state-operated reservoir. The dam was constructed on Quick’s Creek in 1970 for water supply and outdoor recreation. Owned and operated by the DNR, the park features a 741-acre lake with boating, fishing and camping. Picnicking, archery ranges and hiking trails are also available.

Harmonie SP
3451 Harmonie State Park Road
New Harmony, IN 47631
812-682-4821

Harmonie SP is located “on the banks of the Wabash,” 25 miles northwest of Evansville. A beautiful swimming pool, shady picnic areas, ravines and pristine landscape await visitors. Trails for walking, mountain biking and nature hikes take visitors beside excellent scenery. Camping, fishing and family cabins are also available.

Harrison-Crawford SF
7240 Old Forest Road SW.
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-7694

Harrison-Crawford SF borders the Ohio River. The forest comprises 24,329 acres and surrounds O’Bannon Woods SP. In addition to actively sustaining timber resources, wildlife habitat and unique natural communities, the area also offers hike, bike and horse trails; hunting; primitive backpack camping; canoe-access ramps; and fishing on the Blue River.

Hillenbrand FWA
Managed by Goose Pond FWA
5 miles N. of Linton on S.R. 59
812-512-9185

Hillenbrand FWA maintains 3,400 acres of lakes and re-established warm-season grasses and prairie forbs. Quality deer, turkey, small game and waterfowl hunting awaits. Fishing for bass, bluegills and catfish is available at fishing holes throughout the property. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Hovey Lake FWA
8401 S.R. 69 S.
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
812-838-2927

Hovey Lake FWA is a unique natural area nestled in the Ohio River and Wabash River floodplains. Bird watchers appreciate the many songbirds, raptors and waterfowl attracted to the property. Sportsmen and sportswomen enjoy the hunting, fishing and boating available at Hovey Lake. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Interlake State Recreation Area
200 E. S.R. 68
Lynnville, IN 47619
812-922-0002

This 3,500-acre former coal mine in Pike and Warrick counties focuses on motorized trail riding for off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, side-by-sides, trucks and sport-utility vehicles. All off-road vehicles must be registered or street legal. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities. Aside from trail riding, the property offers fishing, trapping and other recreational opportunities.

Jackson-Washington SF
1278 E. S.R. 250
Brownstown, IN 47220
812-358-2160

Only 70 miles south of Indianapolis in the beautiful hills of southern Indiana, Jackson-Washington SF offers a rare recreational experience. Skyline Drive, with five vistas along a winding road, affords one of the most picturesque drives in southern Indiana. Camping, fishing, hunting and boating on one of the lakes are popular at this forest, which provides easy access to Starve Hollow SRA.
Martin SF features 7,821 acres of rugged hills, deep woods and long hiking trails in southern Indiana. Enjoy the woodland management trail and arboretum; fish for catfish, bluegills and largemouth bass on one of the three lakes; or mountain bike through 12 miles of trails. Picnicking, hunting and camping also are available.

Martin State Forest, West Boggs Park, East Fork of the White River, Lost River, and the Hoosier Nat’l Forest offer over 10,000 acres of public land for camping, hiking, biking, boating, fishing, hunting, and family fun! Scenic views, friendly faces, and a lifetime of memories are waiting for your in MARTIN COUNTY!

www.visitmartincounty.org
O’Bannon Woods State Park
7234 Old Forest Road SW.
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-8232

Wyandotte Caves SRA
7315 S. Wyandotte Cave Rd (physical)
Leavenworth, IN 47137
7234 Old Forest Road SW. (mailing)
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-8232

O’Bannon Woods SP borders the Ohio River in south-central Indiana. The park also manages Wyandotte Caves, and is surrounded by Harrison-Crawford SF. Camping, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking are popular. The property has modern electric family and horse campgrounds, a group camp and a family aquatic center, nature center, 1850s haypress and Pioneer Farmstead.

Visit magnificent Wyandotte Caves, part of O’Bannon Woods SP. Tours are offered seasonally through two different caves in one of the country’s largest cave systems. See beautiful limestone passageways eroded through thousands of years of natural weathering and human use. Picnicking and access to Harrison-Crawford SF are available.

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Located adjacent to Hoosier National Forest in southern Indiana, Patoka Lake consists of rolling hills, heavily wooded areas and deep draws with a rustic, rural appearance. Home of the second-largest reservoir in Indiana, the property provides fabulous boating, fishing and swimming. With everything from archery ranges to hiking trails and interpretive programs, Patoka Lake has activities for everyone.

Managed by Ferdinand SF, Pike SF consists of 4,964 acres in southwestern Indiana near the town of Winslow. Hilly uplands to low bottomlands provide a diverse habitat for various plants and wildlife. Visitors can enjoy picnicking, hunting, horseback riding, bird watching and hiking through the property.

Redbird is 1,450 acres of former coal mine land that has been rehabilitated for recreational use. It is a premier location for off-road vehicle (ORV) recreation. About 25 miles of ORV trails range from easy to advanced, with level forest trails and major hill climbs. All trails are open for hiking and mountain biking; a few trails that wind through sensitive reclaimed areas are designated for hiking only.

Donated to the state on behalf of the late Frank Selmier, Selmier SF contains 350 wooded acres, a small fishing pond and access to the Muscatatuck River. Fishing opportunities for bass, bluegills and catfish are good. Hunting and hiking trails are popular at this southeastern property.

Stay in a cabin, boat on a lake or hike through the woods at Shakamak SP. Three man-made lakes at the park provide excellent fishing. Visitors can enjoy swimming in the family aquatic center or participating in the seasonal interpretive services offered at the nature center.

Splinter Ridge FWA features 2,980 acres of wooded hills and grassy pastures. Sportsmen and sportswomen can enjoy excellent hunting for small game, deer and turkey. Wildlife watchers will appreciate the various species of songbirds and woodpeckers attracted to the property. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

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**Spring Mill SP**
3333 S.R. 60 E.
Mitchell, IN 47446
812-849-3534

A working pioneer village, the Gus Grissom Memorial and tours through the Twin Caves await at this historic park. Bike rental, picnicking, hay rides, a nature center and swimming pool are available. Cave River Valley Natural Area is managed as part of Spring Mill State Park. It is located 20 minutes away, north of Campbellsburg. The area is day-use only and has no facilities. All park facilities have seasonal operations. Contact the park for current operating hours.

**Spring Mill Inn**
at Spring Mill SP
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Mitchell, IN 47446
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877-LODGES 1 for reservations
(877-563-4371)

- 73 guest rooms
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- Free Wi-Fi
- Game room
- Banquet-wedding-conference facilities

**Cave River Valley Natural Area**
Cave River Valley Road
Campbellsburg, IN 47108
812-849-3534

The main attractions for this 300-acre wooded property are its crevices, sinkholes and caves, the largest of which are Endless and River caves. The property is managed by Spring Mill State Park and is open to hiking and picnicking. Endless and River caves are open to groups for caving from May 1 to Aug. 31, but online training in decontamination to prevent spreading white-nose syndrome and an approved permit are required. Call park for more information.

**Starve Hollow SRA**
4345 S. 275 W., P.O. Box 291
Vallonia, IN 47281-9741
812-358-3464

Enjoy the view from one of the many waterfront electric campsites available. Enjoy some of the best fishing in southern Indiana, paved boat ramps, fishing piers and a sandy swimming beach. Easy access to Jackson-Washington SF for hiking, biking and horseback riding. A staffed nature center offers a variety of activities for the whole family. Rent-a-Camp cabins provide a new overnight option.
Yellowwood SF sits tucked away in the beautiful hills of Brown County. The campground is near 133-acre Yellowwood Lake, where rowboat rental and fishing are popular. Camping is first-come, first-served. Management of the forest is integrated with other recreation, such as hiking and hunting. A horsemen’s camp and bridle trails are also provided.

Yellowwood SF
772 S. Yellowwood Lake Road
Nashville, IN 47448
812-988-7945

Versailles SP
1387 E. U.S. 50, P.O. Box 205
Versailles, IN 47042
812-689-6424

Sugar Ridge FWA
2310 E. S.R. 364
Winslow, IN 47598
812-789-2724

Bradt Natural Area
S. C.R. 300 E
Milan, IN 47031
812-689-6424

The scenery at the eastern edge of Versailles State Park, known as Bradt Natural Area, is where the Bradt family resided and farmed in the early 1900s. Although the structures in which the Bradts lived no longer exist, the 83 acres flourish with native flora and fauna. Hike a 3.1-mile trail through the woodland to see spring wildflowers and migratory birds, and visit the wetland to watch waterfowl and shorebirds. Interpretive signs provide information about the site’s history and wildlife.

Approximately 8,100 acres of upland game habitat; wooded, reclaimed mine areas; and strip pits make up Sugar Ridge FWA. Hunting, fishing and boating are popular activities. Target ranges for shotgun, rifle, pistol and archery are also available. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

Take a drive through the rolling hills of Versailles SP in southern Indiana. Beautiful hardwood forests attract a variety of songbirds and wildlife to the area. Relax while fishing on the 230-acre lake, where you can rent a rowboat, canoe or kayak. Mountain bike trails and horse trails are available, as is a swimming pool with a waterslide.

Yellowwood SF
772 S. Yellowwood Lake Road
Nashville, IN 47448
812-988-7945

Versailles SP
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Versailles, IN 47042
812-689-6424

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Annual Permits+

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- Permits are valid from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of year issued.
- Permits can be used for parking fees at Falls of the Ohio State Park, but cannot be used for entrance into its Interpretive Center.
- Permits are valid at Indiana Dunes State Park, but not Indiana Dunes National Park.
- Permits may not be used at Indiana State Historic Sites or the Indiana State Museum.

Golden Hoosier Passport* Types • $25
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Notice: All state park property guests must keep all pets and service animals on a leash not more than 6 feet long and attended at all times.

Annual Entrance Permit • $50
To be purchased by Indiana residents for gate admission.

Annual Entrance Non-Resident • $70
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Allows resident and non-resident cardholder to ride an ORV on the trails at Redbird SRA or Interlake SRA. Not valid for entrance to Indiana DNR State Parks, the Indiana State Museum or State Historic Sites. Does not cover other special-user charges for services and facilities within the property. Permit is issued to purchaser only and valid for one Off-Road Vehicle per visit. The DNR reserves the right to revoke permit at any time if improperly used.

Annual Motorized Non-resident DNR ORV Permit • $20
Allows non-resident permit holders use of ORV trails at Interlake and Redbird SRAs. Valid for one calendar year. Does not meet Indiana requirements for ORV use on county roads open to ORVs. Does not cover entrance fee.

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Notice: All permits on this page, except the ORV Trail-use Permits can be purchased online at shopINstateparks.com

All rates are subject to change. All fees are subject to state and local taxes.
Daily Entrance Fees

**Daily Indiana Resident Gate • $7**
For non-commercial vehicles that have Indiana license plates. Admits driver and passengers. Two motorcycles arriving at the same time will be charged one entrance fee.

**Daily Non-Resident Gate • $9**
For non-commercial vehicles that do not have Indiana license plates. Admits driver and passengers.

**Indiana Dunes SP Daily Non-Resident Gate • $12**
For non-commercial vehicles that do not have Indiana license plates. Admits driver and passengers.

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**In-state vehicles • $8**
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**Daily Pedestrian/Bicycle**
$2 for each person, 5 years old and older, entering as a pedestrian, on bicycle or horseback.

**Annual Pedestrian/Bicycle Pass • $50**
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* $9 per adult
* $7 per child
* $2 per person per interpretive program
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**Redbird SRA/Interlake SRA Daily ORV Trail Pass • $15**
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**Swimming**
Depending on lifeguard availability, many swimming pools reduce hours of operation or close in the early and late parts of the season. Please contact the park of destination for operating hours.

Swimming at beaches is free.

**3 Daily pool admission per person**
**5 Daily aquatic center admission per person**

**Shelter Rental Fees**
Prices range from $25 to $100 and vary by property. See facilities chart on pages 5-6.

Most shelters may be reserved up to one year (to the date) in advance of arrival. Shelters not reserved 48 hours in advance will be on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of arrival only. Shelters are open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., except at Fort Harrison SP, where shelters close at dusk. Reservations: 1-866-622-6746 or camp.IN.gov

**Boating Fees**

**Annual Non-Motorized Lake Permit • $5**
Required for all privately owned, non-motorized boats being used or moored at forestry, state park or reservoir lakes. Examples include kayaks, canoes, oared rafts, paddleboats, paddle boards, etc. Valid for calendar year of issue.

**Annual Motorized Lake Permit • $25**
Required for all privately owned motorized boats being used or moored at forestry, state park or reservoir lakes. Valid for calendar year of issue.

**Annual Boat Mooring Permit**

* $60 per post — Regular
* $90 per post — Improved (seawall or other improvement)

**Boat Rental Fees**
The following prices are state rental prices. Price may vary where boats are rented by private operators. Deposits are required for rental of boats, canoes, life jackets and bicycles, except where hunting or fishing license, driver’s license or Annual Entrance Permit may be held in lieu of deposit.

**Kayaks**
$8 per hour, *20 per day

**Rowboats and Canoes**
$5 per hour
$20 per day
Canoe rental on weekends and holidays at some properties are by the hour only.

**Paddleboats**
$8 per hour

**Miscellaneous**

**Camp Stores** are in many parks for your convenience.

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Pokagon State Park
$13 per hour rental, including tax

**Twin Caves Boat Ride** operates daily Memorial Day weekend through July; weekends through mid-October at Spring Mill State Park. $3 per person. No riders under 3 years old. Tour times assigned daily with first tour at 9:30 a.m. and last tour at 4:30 p.m.

**Saddle Barns**
Rates vary by property, depending on services offered. See on.IN.gov/DNRphorses for details.

**Cross-Country Ski Rental**
Pokagon State Park only, $8 per hour for adults, $5 per hour for children age 15 and younger.

**Commercial Photography** License may be required, fees vary. See photos.dnr.IN.gov.
Campsite Types
Campsites are available year-round with limited services during cold-weather months. Campsites may be reserved up to six months (to the date) in advance of arrival.

Full Hookup
- sewage/water/electrical hookup
- picnic table, parking spur, fire ring
- modern restrooms/showers

Electric
- electrical hookup
- picnic table, fire ring, parking spur
- drinking-water supply in area
- modern restrooms/showers (Electric sites at Greene-Sullivan State Forest only have access to pit/vault toilets and no showers.)

Non-electric
- picnic table, fire ring, parking spur
- drinking-water supply in area
- modern restrooms/showers

Primitive
- picnic table, fire ring, parking spur
- drinking-water supply in area
- pit toilet (no showers or restrooms)

Equestrian Campgrounds
- tie-up for six horses at each site
- daily or annual Horse Tag required for each horse

State Park Rally Campgrounds
- Brown County and Chain O’Lakes only
- groups of 5 or more camping units (families)
- drinking-water supply near campground
- pit toilet

Youth Tent Areas
- groups of 10 or more youth campers and their adult leaders
- available to not-for-profit groups ONLY
- tent camping only
- community fire rings/picnic tables
- pit toilets (no showers or restrooms)
- drinking-water supply near campground
- Proof of eligibility may be requested upon arrival
- Youth Tent Areas are NOT to be reserved for family camping.

Rent-a-Camp Cabins
Available at these properties:
- Tippecanoe River SP
- Mississinewa Lake
- Deam Lake SRA
- Starve Hollow SRA
- Greene-Sullivan SF
Rent-a-Camp cabins may be reserved up to one year (to the date) in advance of arrival. Each unit has electricity in the building, a picnic table, fire ring, parking spur and drinking water. All cabins except those at Greene-Sullivan State Forest have modern restrooms and showers in the campground.

Backpack or Canoe Campgrounds
- Canoe sites are available at Chain O’Lakes, Shades and Tippecanoe River state parks.
- Backpack sites are available at Shades SP, Patoka Lake and Salamonie Lake.

Mississinewa Seasonal Campsites
- Visit on.IN.gov/MississinewaLake for a link to lottery information.
- 6-month rental
- picnic table, fire ring, parking for two cars
- concrete pad
- mooring area
- sewage/water/50 amp electrical hookup

Disclaimer: Fees, operating hours and other details may change during the year. Swimming pool operating hours are dependent upon lifeguard availability. Beaches may be unguarded; therefore, patrons swim at their own risk.

Reservation Transfer: A transfer from one campsite or date to another on a reservation will be allowed until close of business the day before arrival. Transfers to another person are not allowed. A fee for each site transfer will be assessed for this service.

Walk-up Rentals: Campsites not reserved are available for first-come, first-served camping on the day of arrival after 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or after 5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Length of Stay: Campers are limited to a maximum 14-night stay. After 14 nights campers must vacate the property for two nights before they can re-register for an additional stay. There is a requirement of two nights on non-holiday weekends, Thursday & Friday, Friday & Saturday or Saturday & Sunday. On holiday weekends, campers are required to reserve three nights unless otherwise designated. (See Holiday Minimum Stays on page 43.)

Set-up: May begin after checkout time on the first day, and the site must be clear by 2 p.m. on the last day, except Sundays (or Monday of a holiday weekend) when campers may stay until 5 p.m. On Sundays and holidays, incoming campers cannot check in until 5 p.m. Campgrounds are closed at 11 p.m., and no setup of campsites may occur during quiet hours.Generators or other similar equipment that produces noise may only be operated from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Number of People/Tents/Vehicles per Site: Six is the maximum number of people allowed at a campsite. Each site may have two tents, or one camper and one small tent. Vehicles are limited to either 1 or 2 per site, depending upon the property. Additional vehicles must be parked in designated overflow parking lots.

Age of Campers: At least one person at the campsite must be 18 years old. The responsible party registering for the campsite shall remain at the site for the entire stay.

Visitors to Your Site: Day visitors are welcome. They must park in the campground parking lot and may walk to your campsite. Visiting hours are 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. each day.

Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities: For specific information about accessibility, please contact the property manager at the facility you wish to visit.

Firewood: Collecting firewood or cutting down standing trees is not permitted in state parks and recreation areas. Laws about the only types of firewood you can bring to DNR properties are below. You can purchase firewood at most state parks and reservoirs. Price varies by property.

FIREWOOD

ONLY the following types of firewood may be used on DNR properties:
- Kiln-dried scrap lumber
- Wood from your home or other location in Indiana with the bark removed. (Ideally ½ inch of sapwood beneath the bark should also be removed.)
- Wood purchased from a department store, grocery store, gas station, etc., bearing a USDA compliance stamp.
- Wood purchased from a local firewood vendor outside the property that has a state compliance stamp with it.
- Wood purchased from the property camp store or on-site firewood vendor and has a state compliance stamp.

Failure to comply with this rule may result in a citation and fine of up to $500. More information is at firewood.dnr.IN.gov
Reservations and Campsite Rates for 2020

**State Parks:** Brown County, Chain O’Lakes, Charlestown, Cilfity Falls, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick’s Creek, Mounds, O’Bannon Woods, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, Versailles, Whitewater Memorial

**Lakes:** Brookville, Cagles Mill (Lieber), Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon), Hardy, Mississinewa, Monroe, Patoka, Salamonie

**Forestry Properties:** Deam Lake, Starve Hollow and Greene-Sullivan State Forest

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**Equestrian Camping**

CRS reservable rates: Brown County SP, O’Bannon Woods SP, Potato Creek SP, Salamonie Lake, Tippecanoe River SP, Versailles SP and Whitewater Memorial SP horsemen’s campgrounds.

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**Deam Lake SRA Equestrian Campground**

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For campsites on the reservation system, reservations are available six months prior to your date of arrival, all the way up until the day before your arrival. All same-day walk-up registrations will be treated first-come, first-served, depending upon availability at the property.

**Other Camping Rates**

- **State Park Rally Camping**
  - **50 Minimum** (5 camping units @ $10 each per night).
- **Youth Tent Areas**
  - **20 Minimum** (10 people @ $2 per person per night).
- **Group Camps**
  - Rates vary by property and facility.
- **Rent-a-Camp Cabin**
  - **$40 plus tax** (except Deam Lake equestrian cabins [**$54 plus tax**], includes 2 stalls).
- **Cancellation Fee**
  - Varies based on facility type & time of cancellations.
- **Site/Date Changes**
  - Site/date changes can be made through the reservation line 1-866-622-6746 AND the reservation site at camp.IN.gov
- **Transaction Fee**
  - A **$5** non-refundable transaction fee is charged to each new advance registration.
- **Premium Campsites**
  - A **$2/night** additional fee is added to regular camping rates on campsites that are considered premium at each property.

- **First-come, first-served camping** is available at the rates below for the following fish & wildlife areas, forestry properties, and backpack and canoe campgrounds that are not on Indiana’s Central Reservation System.

**Fish & Wildlife Areas:** Glendale, J.E. Roush Lake, Willow Slough

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* Roush does not have modern restrooms
** Willow Slough does not have showers

**Forestry Properties:** Clark, Ferdinand, Greene-Sullivan, Jackson-Washington, Martin, Morgan-Monroe, Owen-Putnam, Pike, Salamonie River, Yellowwood

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Reservations required. Information at coveredbridgeretreat.com.

**Group Camps**

Available through the Central Reservation System. Although each site is unique, all offer sleeping quarters with cots or bunks but no linens. Most have a kitchen and dining hall with dishes/utensils and a shower-room facility. All operate through the summer; Tippecanoe River and Pokagon also have limited winter usage available.

- **Lincoln SP**
  - Camp Lincoln accommodates 155 people—$310/night. (Must be reserved by Nov. 15 each year for the following year to receive Group Camp discount price.)
- **McCormick’s Creek SP**
  - Camp McCormick/Camp Na-Wa-Kwa
  - Each accommodates 100 people—$200/night.
- **O’Bannon Woods SP**
  - Wyandotte Group
  - Camp accommodates 124 people—$248/night.
- **Pokagon SP**
  - Camp Mitig maximum occupation varies by season—$240/night.
- **Shakamak SP**
  - Camp Shakamak accommodates 270 people—$600/night.
- **Versailles SP**
  - Camp Laughery accommodates 120 people—$240/night.
- **Covered Bridge SF Retreat**
  - Book this entire 21-site campground for your retreat, reunion or special occasion. It features a comfort station with showers, covered picnic shelter and large horse barn with arena. $250/night or $1,300/six nights. 3-bedroom lodge also available.

**For Camping:**

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<td>New Year’s</td>
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All rates are subject to change. All fees are subject to state and local taxes.
Family Cabins
Prefer an overnight experience with a roof over your head? Options include the seven state park inns and the family cabins, as well as several others. At Lincoln and Shakamak state parks, the cottages and dining hall in their group camps can be rented individually at specific times of the year. The cottages and each dining hall are reservable online or at 1-866-622-6746.

At Turkey Run SP there are three free-standing lodging options in addition to the inn and the inn sleeping cabins. The Roost is a two-story home that is an easy walk from the inn. The Overlook and the Family Cabin are also close to the inn. At Pokagon SP, the cabins are nestled between the inn and the toboggan run. These are available at IndianaInns.com or 877-LODGES-1 (1-877-563-4371).

Park and Forestry-Operated Options
Reservations toll-free at 1-866-622-6746 or online at camp.IN.gov. Only a limited number of cabins are available during winter months.

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<td>Elec. (Air-Conditioned)</td>
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Customers must bring their own linens for cabins listed above, except for Covered Bridge SF Retreat and Cherry Lake Lodge, where linens are provided.

*Two Trine SRA cabins (Towhee & Flicker) and Whitewater Memorial cabins 6,7,8,9 and 10 are pet friendly.

Inns-Operated Options
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Linen are provided for Fort Harrison homes and the Brown County, Pokagon and Turkey Run cabins.

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