

**Please let wild animals remain wild.** Feeding animals is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

## PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

1. **ARCHERY (EASY)**—This trail has designed stations along the way for testing your archery skills.
2. **OUTWARD BOUND (MODERATE)**—This trail takes you into a typical stand of Indiana hardwood trees. You will see both an oak-hickory and a beech-maple climax forest. This trail will also allow you to view some of the beautiful backwaters of Hardy Lake.
3. **CEMETERY TRAIL (EASY)**—This trail takes you through an oak-hickory climax forest. The McClain Cemetery is a major point of interest on this trail. This family cemetery has headstones dating to the 1700s.
4. **ISLAND TRAIL (EASY)**—This trail branches off of either the Cemetery Loop or the Outward Bound Loop. Points of interest include beaver cuttings along the shoreline, wildlife food plots, and several areas along the island that overlook the lake.
5. **HONEYSUCKLE TRAIL (MODERATE)**—This trail connects Shale Bluff campground with the beach. Passing through different stages of succession, you will be able to see a managed pine grove, cedar thickets and tulip poplar trees, as well as a mature forest. Through one section, due to tornado damage, you will even be able to see nature in the act of repairing herself.
6. **LAKESIDE TRAIL (MODERATE)**—This loop presents a beautiful view of Hardy Lake. Several bird nesting structures are located along this trail. This trail will also pass by a colony of Allegheny (or mound-building) ants that are always hard at work. This is also a great trail to hike at night to see fireflies and foxfire, and hear an owl hooting.

## DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

## ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**BEACH**—Swimming is available at the unguarded beach during posted hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A modern bathhouse provides showers, dressing benches, restrooms and food concessions.

**BOAT RAMPS**—Four launch ramps are located at various points around the lake. Two major ramps are located within the recreation area near Alpha marina.

**CAMPING**—Shale Bluff campground offers 149 Electric sites with asphalt-surfaced roads and gravel pads, electric hookups, water fountains, flush toilets, hot water and showers. The campground features a winterized restroom/showerhouse that operates year-round. A trailer dump station serves the campground. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Wooster campground primarily serves anglers and primitive campers, and offers 18 Primitive sites. Water and one pit toilet are available in the immediate area. A launch ramp is located adjacent to the campground. Campers are permitted to moor their boats overnight in Wooster Bay. Reservations for all types camping are available through the Central Reservation System.

**FISHING**—Plenty of good fishing available for bluegill, catfish, crappie largemouth bass and tiger muskie. Fish-cleaning stations are available.

**FISHING PIER**—There are two fishing piers, one located south of Alpha marina and the other, south of the swimming beach.

**HUNTING**—Hunting of all wildlife species is permitted within Indiana hunting regulations. Waterfowl, squirrels, turkeys and deer are the most abundant, however, quail, snipe, woodcock, rabbit, fox, and raccoons also are found on the property. All hunters are required to check in at the reservoir office before hunting.

**INTERPRETIVE & RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**—Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (812) 794-3800.

**MARINA**—Located at the Alpha launch ramp. Seasonal mooring is available for boats in open dock slips. Additional services include on-water fuel, modern restrooms and fishing boat rental.

**PICNIC AREAS**—Most areas contain accessible picnic sites, picnic tables, grills, toilet facilities and shelters. Some areas have basketball hoops and horseshoe pits.

*For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at property office.*

- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Report lost or found articles to the property office. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. Beverage at a swimming beach.
- No person shall possess or consume an alcoholic only in designated areas (25 mph maximum).
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day-use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in designated places.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. DNR is prohibited.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the more than 6 feet long.
- A person who possesses a pet must attend it at all times and keep the animal caged or on a leash no by the person in the field for a specified date.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one-day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- No person shall launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or other floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes. No person shall leave watercraft unattended in a courtesy dock.
- No person shall launch, dock, or moor a watercraft under a license.
- No person shall conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, except under a license.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Visitors shall observe the following rules, which are designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to manage these areas for the enhancement of wildlife and for the public's use and enjoyment.

## THIS IS YOUR LAKE

## CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made online or by calling toll-free.

[camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov)  
1-866-6campIN  
(1-866-622-6746)



Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by calling toll-free.

[IndianalInns.com](http://IndianalInns.com)  
1-877-lodges1  
(1-877-563-4371)



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your property clean and beautiful for others to enjoy.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Write:** Hardy Lake  
4171 E Harrod Rd.  
Scottsburg, IN 47170-8438

**Mapping Address:** 5620 North Hardy Lake Rd.  
Scottsburg, IN 47170-8438  
**Call:** (812) 794-3800



Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
[dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov)

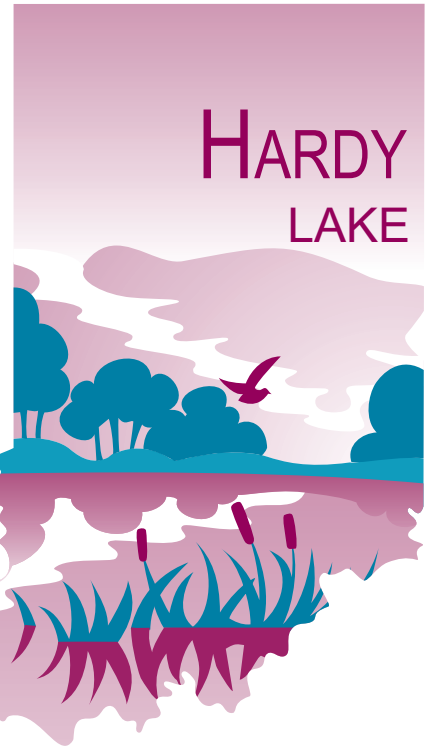
## SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees is available in the lake office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington Street, W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

## DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources

INDIANA



Situated in scenic southeastern Indiana, Hardy Lake is the smallest state-operated reservoir but has Indiana's largest state-owned dam. Located in Scott and Jefferson counties, the lake is accessible from state roads 256 and 3. The dam was constructed on Quick's Creek in 1970 for water supply and outdoor recreation. Hardy Lake was constructed in accordance with a long-range program developed by the Stucker Fork Conservancy District of Scott County to provide water for the surrounding community.

The property's total acreage is 2,449, including water surface area of 741 acres. Unlike most reservoirs, a stable pool elevation is maintained throughout the year. Hardy Lake is owned and operated by the Indiana DNR.

Surrounding areas also offer plenty of outdoor activities. Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge is located to the north, Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area to the

OPERATING LEVELS	
Elevation	(Feet mean sea level)
Normal Pool	600
Flood Pool	605
Area	741
(Acres)	876

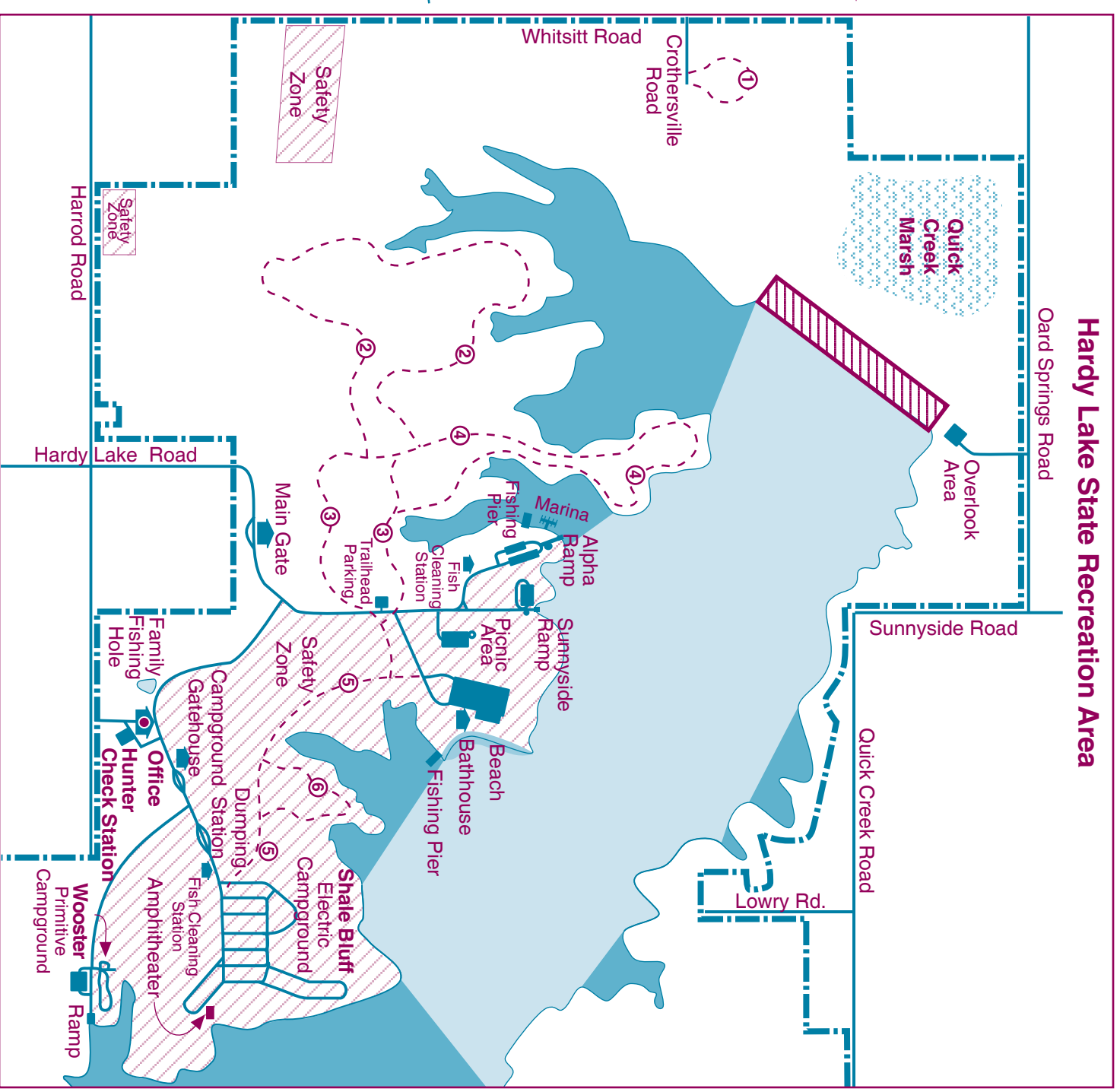
DAM	
Type	Earth fill
Maximum height	52 feet
Length	376 feet
Base width	340 feet maximum
Drainage area above dam	12 square miles

northeast and Clifty Falls State Park to the east. Heading in the other directions, you'll find Starve Hollow SRA and Jackson-Washington State Forest to the west, and Clark State Forest to the southwest.

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## Hardy Lake State Recreation Area

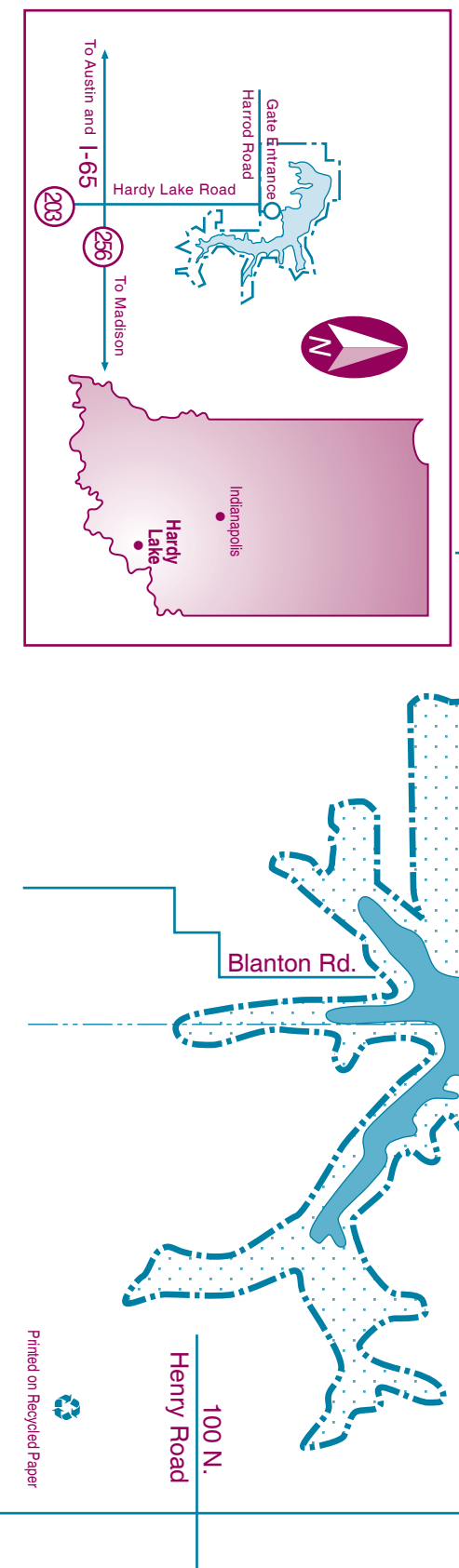


### LEGEND

	Road		Telephone
	Hiking Trail		Boundary
	Hunter Sign-in Station		State Recreation Area
	Safety Zone		Marsh
	Idle Zone		

### TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1 Archery	.75	Easy
2 Outward Bound	2.05	Moderate
3 Cemetery	.77	Easy
4 Island	1.91	Moderate
5 Honeysuckle	.64	Moderate
6 Lakeside	.52	Moderate



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