

# Indiana RECREATION

GUIDE | 2023



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# Pokagon State Park and Trine State Recreation Area



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!



Potawatomi Inn is also located inside Pokagon State Park.



# Adventures for Outdoorsy People in *Southern Indiana*

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# WELCOME



Dear Fellow Hoosiers and Welcome Guests,

In the DNR line of work, there's a special group of individuals we refer to by their professional title of interpretive naturalists. You may call them interpreters, rangers, or guides. In simplest terms, they are the state's outdoors storytellers. Their efforts forge the vital connection between what we do and you, the people who enjoy the Hoosier State's most treasured places as a valued part of your leisure time.

For those of us who have made serving as stewards of Indiana's outdoors our life's work, it was often an interpretive naturalist who first ignited the spark of discovery to the outside world.

In my case, that was a woman named Lois Mittino Gray. As a curious child, I spent countless hours listening to her talk about the Pioneer Village, Donaldson Woods, and all the other things there were to learn about the wonderful outdoor classroom better known as Spring Mill State Park. I thought it was cool that I could watch Lois on WTTV 4 as part of the old Cowboy Bob program after school and then see her in person on the weekend when I visited the park with my family.

While your story surely differs from mine, I am confident that if you visit the properties described in this booklet on a regular basis, you will eventually encounter an interpretive naturalist meeting with guests, discussing the wonderful things that are a part of the outdoor experience here in Indiana.

When you do, listen up. You may or may not end up working for the outdoors, but what you learn will make that and future visits much more enjoyable.

Dan Bortner

**DNR DIRECTOR**



Dear Fellow Hoosiers and Welcome Guests,

DNR's state park properties offer such a wide diversity of natural resources, history, and things to do that it can be hard to decide how and where to start exploring them.

One of the easiest and most rewarding ways is to connect with their respective interpretive naturalists.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of our "nature guides", who Indiana State Parks founder Col. Richard Lieber defined as one of the park system's key elements.

Today, the work of interpretive naturalists remains vital to our mission.

They greet you and offer a wide range of educational and entertaining programs. They talk with you one-on-one in our nature centers, along trails, and in our campgrounds and State Park Inns. They lead the writing and designing of signs and brochures that help you appreciate and better understand these gems in your backyard. They post the information you see on bulletin boards and coordinate social media posts and messages. In many cases, they coordinate the work of our volunteers and our plans to restore and manage natural resources.

All who wear the DNR uniform at the public lands featured in this booklet provide service and hospitality when you visit, but this year we are particularly happy to honor the long tradition of "nature guiding" in Indiana State Parks.

We hope you will join us for the special programs and stories that will commemorate that celebration and enjoy the events and services these professionals offer every day!

Terry Coleman

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# FEATURE



## 10 Interpretive Naturalists Have Guided Hoosiers for 100 Years

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### LEGEND FOR RECREATION SYMBOLS

	Accessible *		Archery Range		Biking Trails		Boating		Boat Launch Ramps		Boat Rental		Bridle Trails		Cabins/Rent-a-Camp Cabins		Camping		Cave Tours
	Cross-Country Skiing		Disc Golf Course		Dog Training Areas		Dump Station		Fishing		Fishing Pier		Golf Course		Group Camp		Hiking Trails		
	Off-Trail Hiking		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		Restaurant		Saddle Barn		Shelter House		Slidding/Tobogganing		
	Snowmobile		Swimming Pool		Swimming Beach		Target Ranges		Trapping		Wildlife Watching		Youth Tent Areas						

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

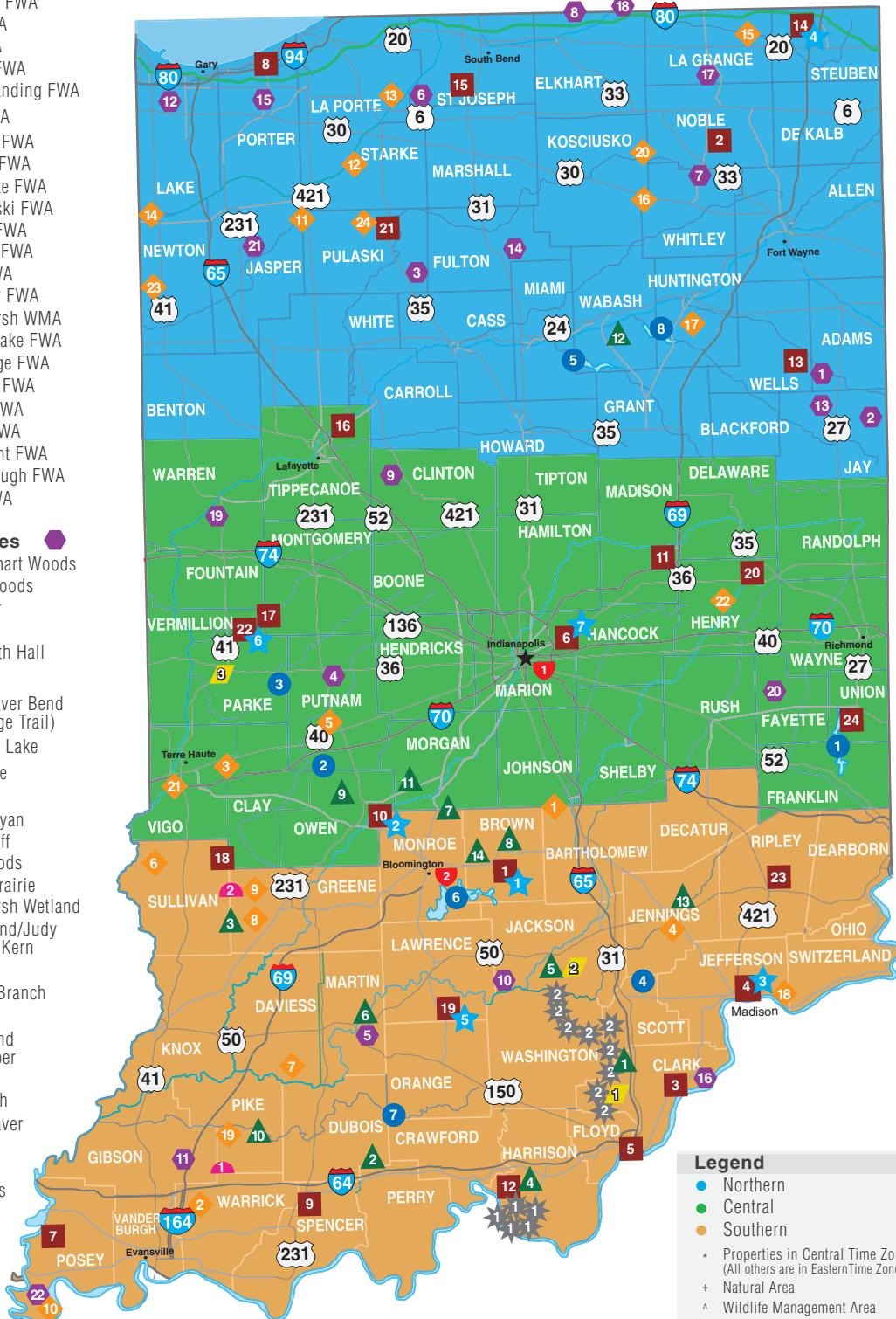
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To find out about improvements and additions to DNR properties, see **StateParks.IN.gov**

**ON THE COVER:**  
Interpretive naturalist Dana Reckelhoff leads a tour of Patoka Lake  
Photo by Brent Drinkut.



# PROPERTY LOCATIONS



## State Park Inns

- 1. Abe Martin Lodge
- 2. Canyon Inn
- 3. Clifty Inn
- 4. Potawatomi Inn
- 5. Spring Mill Inn
- 6. Turkey Run Inn
- 7. Fort Harrison State Park Inn

## Inn Reservations

[dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov) or  
1-877-463-6367

[Indianalnns.com](http://Indianalnns.com)  
or 1-877-LODGES1

## Camping/Shelter/ Cabin Reservations

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

## Hunting/Fishing Licenses

[on.IN.gov/INhunfish](http://on.IN.gov/INhunfish)  
or 1-877-463-6367

## Camping

		Camping																			
State Parks		Acreage																			
Brown County	15,815	MB	•	•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	P	•	•	•	377	31
Chain O'Lakes	2,718			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•	•				RS	B	•	E	C/P/R K	331	49
Charlestown	5,100			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					RS		•	•	•	60	132
Clifty Falls	1,519	•	•	•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					RS	P		•	•	104	63
Falls of the Ohio	165			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•											no camping
Fort Harrison	1,700	•MB	•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				RS			•	•		no camping
Harmonie	3,465	•MB	•	•	W-XB	S	S	•	•	•					RS		•	•	•	200	
Indiana Dunes	2,182			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					RS	B		RE	•	140	
Lincoln & Col. Jones	2,026			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					RS	B	•	E	C/P/R K	150	89
McCormick's Creek	1,961			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					•	RS	P		•	190	32
Mounds	290			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					RS				•	75	
O'Bannon Woods & Wyandotte Caves SRA	2,700	•MB	•	•	W	•	•	•	•	•					RS	P				263	36
Ouabache	1,104	•	•	•	W	S		•	•	•	•				RS	B	•	E	C/P/R K	124	
Pokagon	1,260	•	•	•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	RS	B	•	•	P/I/P/R	200
Potato Creek	3,840	•MB	•	•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•	•				RS	B	•	E	C/P/R K	286	70
Prophetstown	2,000	•	•	•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					RS	P				55	55
Shades	3,082			•	W-XB	S		•	•	•					RS					101	
Shakamak	1,766			•	W-XB	S	S	•	•	•	•				RS	P	•	E	P/R	8	124
Spring Mill & Cave River Valley NA	1,672	•MB	•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•	•					RS	P	•	E	C/R K	46	177
Summit Lake	2,680			•	W-XB	S		•	•	•	•				RS	B	•	•	C/P/R K	120	
Tippecanoe River	2,785			•	•	W-XB	S	S	•	•	•				RS		•			112	10
Trine SRA	187	•	•	•	W-XB						•	•					K/F/P	CF	•		55
Turkey Run	2,382			•	W-XB	•	•	•	•	•					•	RS	P			209	
Versailles & Bradt NA	5,988	MB	•	•	W	S	S	•	•	•					RS	P	•	E	C/R K	220	9
Whitewater Memorial	1,710			•	•	W-XB	•	S	•	•	•				RS	B	•	E	C/P/R K	214	41
<b>State Parks Managed Lakes</b>		Land/Water Acreage																			
Brookville	11,185/5,260			•	W	•		PO	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B	•	•	PO	PO/RE
Cagles Mill (Lieber) & Cataract Falls SRA	6,675/1,400			•	W-XB	S	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B/P	•	•	•	PO
C.M. Harden (Raccoon) Mansfield Mill	2,005/2,060	•	•	•	W	S			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	AR	B	•	•	•	PO
Hardy	1,708/741			•	W-XB	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	AR	B	•	•	•	PO/RE
Mississinewa	11,206/3,180			•	W-XB	•		D	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B	•	•	•	PO	
Monroe	13,202/10,750			•	W-XB	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B	•	•	•	PO/RE	
Patoka	17,000/8,800	•	•	•	W-XB	•	•	D	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B	•	•	•	PO/RE	
Salamonie Lake	9,335/2,665	MB	•	•	W-XB	•	•	D	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B	•	•	•	PO	
<b>State Parks Managed Off-road State Recreation Areas</b>																					
Interlake OSRA	3,500	MB	•	•	W										•	DT	•				no camping
Redbird OSRA	1,450	MB	•	W					•	•					RS		•	E			no camping

**LEGEND FOR FACILITIES CHART:** **AR** - Archery Range   **B** - Beach   **Boat Rentals:** **C** - Canoe   **F** - Fishing Boat   **K**-Kayak   **P** - Paddleboat   **PO** - Private Operation

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# DNR

## FACILITIES CHART

### State Park Managed Forest Recreation Areas

Acreage

Deam Lake SRA	866	MB	•	•	W	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B	•	E	•	•	•	108	•	96	1 G 19 RaC	reservable
Starve Hollow SRA	278	MB	•	•	W	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	RS	B	•	E	•	•	•	55	90	•	18 RaC	reservable

### Fish & Wildlife Properties

Land/Water Acreage

Atterbury FWA	4,956				W									AR SR	•			•	E						no camping	
Blue Grass FWA	2,580				W									•	•	•		•	•						no camping	
Chinook FWA	2,180				W									•	•	•			•	E					no camping	
Crosley FWA	4,288				W									AR SR	•				•	E					no camping	
Deer Creek FWA	2,161	•	•	•	W-XB				•					AR SR	•					E					no camping	
Fairbanks Landing FWA	7,234				W									AR SR	•				•						no camping	
Glendale FWA	8,061/1,400				W				•					•	•	•		•	•		67	54			first-come first-served	
Goose Pond FWA	9,098		•	•	W-XB	•	•							AR SR	•				•	E					no camping	
Hillenbrand FWA	3,400				W									•	•	•			•	E					no camping	
Hovey Lake FWA	7,404				W				•					AR SR	•				•	•					no camping	
Jasper-Pulaski FWA	8,179				W-XB									AR SR	•										no camping	
Kankakee FWA	4,295				W-XB									AR SR	•				•	E					no camping	
Kingsbury FWA	7,200				W-XB									AR SR	•				•	E					no camping	
LaSalle FWA	4,470				W									AR SR	•				•	•					no camping	
Pigeon River FWA	11,794/646				W-XB									AR SR	•				•	E					no camping	
Pisgah Marsh WMA/ Durham Lake WCA	445 502/13				W-XB W									AR SR	•										no camping	
J.E. Roush Lake FWA	8,217/870				W				•					AR SR	•			•	•	•		•	41	20		first-come first-served
Splinter Ridge FWA	3,014				W									AR SR	•										no camping	
Sugar Ridge FWA	8,466				W									AR SR	•			•	E						no camping	
Tri-County FWA	3,569				W-XB									AR SR	•			•	E						no camping	
Wabashiki FWA	3,616	•	•	•	W-XB				•					AR SR	•				E						no camping	
Wilbur Wright FWA	1,968	•			W-XB									AR SR	•										no camping	
Willow Slough FWA	9,956/1,200				W-XB				•					AR SR	•			•	E		•	27	•		first-come first-served	
Winamac FWA	4,850				W									AR SR	•										no camping	

### State Forests

Clark	25,584	MB	•	•	W			•	•	•	•	•	•	SR		•		•	E		•	•	40	26		first-come first-served	
Ferdinand	7,812	MB	•	•	W			•	•					AR SR	•		RS	B	•	E	•	•	57			first-come first-served	
Greene-Sullivan	9,055		•	•	W-XB			•	•					AR SR	•		RS		•	E		•	5	60	20	18 RaC	reservable
Harrison-Crawford	24,294	MB	•	•	W									AR SR	•											no camping	
Jackson-Washington	18,415	MB	•	•	W	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	AR		RS		•	E				53			first-come first-served	
Martin	8,180	MB	•	•	W			•	•					AR SR	•		RS						26			first-come first-served	
Morgan-Monroe	24,540	•	•	•	W			•	•					AR SR	•		RS		•	E	•	•	35		BP	first-come first-served	
Mountain Tea	1,191		OT	W										AR SR	•												
Owen-Putnam	6,718	MB	•	•	W			•	•					AR SR	•			•				•	23	15		first-come first-served	
Pike	5,031	•	•	W				•	•					AR SR	•		RS						16	29		first-come first-served	
Ravinia	1,421		•	•	W									AR SR	•												
Salamonie River SF	955		•	•	W-XB			•	•					AR SR	•		•		•				21	15		first-come first-served	
Selmier	350		•	•	W									AR SR	•		RS		•	E	•K	•	•	74	11	BP	no camping
Yellowwood	23,764	MB	•	•	W-XB			•	•					AR SR	•		RS		•	E	•K	•	•	74	11	BP	first-come first-served

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DNR

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](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov), call the specific property you plan to visit, or ask the gate attendant when you arrive.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## 2023

### MARCH 4

**Fort Harrison State Park**  
Eastern Front Re-enactment

### MARCH 9

**Ouabache State Park**  
Nature Lovers' Lunch & Learn Series

### MARCH 18

**Summit Lake State Park**  
St. Patrick's Day "5K by the Lake"  
Fun Run/Walk  
Fee; advance registration requested; limited day-of registration

### MARCH 18–19

**Clifty Falls State Park**  
Cabin Fever Weekend

### MARCH 25

**Falls of the Ohio State Park**  
Raptor Day

### APRIL 1

**Summit Lake State Park**  
**Versailles State Park**  
Easter Egg Hunt

### APRIL 7–9

**McCormick's Creek State Park**  
Wildflower Weekend

### APRIL 15

**Patoka Lake**  
Beginners Kayak Lesson  
Fee; advance registration required

### APRIL 22

**Interlake OSRA**  
**Redbird OSRA**  
Lyrids Meteor Shower

### APRIL 28–30

**Turkey Run State Park**  
Women's Wellness Weekend  
Fee; advance registration required

### APRIL 29

**Hardy Lake**  
Breakfast with the Birds  
Reservoir Resource Day

### MAY 6

**Charlestown State Park**  
Rose Island 100th Anniversary

### MAY 7

**Salamonie Lake**  
Horse Riders Tack Sale

### MAY 12–13

**Prophetstown State Park**  
Native Plant Sale  
Registration required

### MAY 20

**All State Parks**  
Kids to Parks Day

### MAY 27–28

**Spring Mill State Park**  
Living History Weekend

### JUNE 3

**Starve Hollow State Recreation Area**  
Family Fishing Derby  
Advance registration required

### JUNE 8–10

**Versailles State Park**  
Plein Air in the Park  
Fee, registration required

### JUNE 17

**Salamonie Lake**  
National Photo Day, Photo-blitz  
Registration required

### JUNE 24

**Mounds State Park**  
Summer Solstice Celebration

### JUNE 26

**Salamonie and Mississinewa**  
National Canoe Day  
Fee, registration required

### JULY 1

**Lieber State Recreation Area**  
Cagles Mill Lake 70th Anniversary  
Celebrations

### JULY 8

**Brookville Lake, Whitewater Memorial State Park**  
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

### JULY 15

**Brown County State Park**  
Snake Fest (World Snake Day)

### Shakamak State Park

Kickapoo Triathlon and 5K  
Fee, registration required

### JULY 21–23

**Spring Mill State Park (Campground)**  
**Tippecanoe River State Park**  
**Versailles State Park**  
**Whitewater Memorial State Park**  
Christmas in July

### JULY 29

**Tippecanoe River State Park**  
Tippy Tri-Challenge  
Fee, advance registration required

### JULY 30

**Pokagon State Park**  
Civilian Conservation Corps  
Co. 556 Open House

### AUGUST 5

**O'Bannon Woods State Park**  
Evening on the Farm  
1850 Haypress Demonstration

### AUGUST 12

**Spring Mill State Park**  
Children's Outdoor Day

### Deam Lake

**State Recreation Area**  
S'mores Contest and Campfire  
Storytelling

### AUGUST 18–19

**Summit Lake State Park**  
Paddlers Weekend

### AUGUST 19

**Chain O'Lakes State Park**  
Monarch Mania Weekend

### AUGUST 26

**Falls of the Ohio State Park**  
Digging the Past

### SEPTEMBER 2

**Potato Creek State Park**  
Archaeology Day

### SEPTEMBER 9

**Whitewater Memorial State Park**  
Shine a Light on our Veterans

### SEPTEMBER 16

**Fort Harrison State Park**  
Fort BBQ & Blues Festival

### SEPTEMBER 23

**Cataract Falls State Recreation Area**  
Cataract Falls Clean-up

### SEPTEMBER 30

**Harmonie State Park**  
Harvest Craft

### Lincoln State Park/ Col. Jones Home

Pioneer Days

### OCTOBER 7

**Starve Hollow State Recreation Area**  
Scarecrow Day

### OCTOBER 8–14

**Monroe Lake**  
Earth Science Week  
Advance registration required for select activities

### OCTOBER 14

**Shades State Park**  
Shades of Death Story Stroll

### OCTOBER 20–21

**Indiana Dunes State Park**  
NWI Storytelling Festival and Ghost Stories

### OCTOBER 28

**Fort Harrison State Park**  
Halloween Activities

### NOVEMBER 4–5

**Raccoon Lake**  
Trapper Education Course

### NOVEMBER 10

**Lieber State Recreation Area**  
Hunter Rendezvous Chili Dinner Fee

### NOVEMBER 25

**Potato Creek State Park**  
Christmas in the Woods

### DECEMBER 2–31

**Ouabache State Park**  
Wonderland of Lights  
\$5 donation appreciated

### DECEMBER 9

**Starve Hollow State Recreation Area**  
Christmas at Starve

### DECEMBER 15–25

**Chain O'Lakes State Park**  
Christmas Carol Clue Hunt

### JANUARY 1

**All State Parks**  
First Day Hikes



Memories made naturally.

For a complete schedule please see [InterpretiveServices.IN.gov](http://InterpretiveServices.IN.gov)



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*Give a Gift that Lasts*

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- 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](http://on.IN.gov/INStateParksDonate) or email [DonateINStateParks@dnr.IN.gov](mailto: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](http://on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer) or [on.IN.gov/INStateParksVolunteer](http://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/dnrcampgroundhost](http://on.IN.gov/dnrcampgroundhost) 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](http://on.IN.gov/INStateParksFriends).

### State Tree Nurseries

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

#### Jasper-Pulaski Nursery

15508 W. 700 N.  
Medaryville, IN 47957  
219-843-4827  
[JasperNursery@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:JasperNursery@dnr.IN.gov)

#### Vallonia Nursery

2782 W. 540 S.  
Vallonia, IN 47281  
812-358-3621 · Fax: 812-358-9033  
[ValloniaNursery@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ValloniaNursery@dnr.IN.gov)

[dnr.IN.gov/forestry/tree-seedling-nurseries](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/tree-seedling-nurseries)



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# GREAT GUIDES FOR INDIANA'S GREAT OUTDOORS

### Interpretive Services

- State Parks, Lakes, and Forest Recreation Areas
- Year-round hikes, talks, and outdoor fun
- Workshops and themed weekends
- Hands-on nature centers
- Field trips and classroom programs for students
- Indiana State Parks Curriculum

[InterpretiveServices.IN.gov](https://InterpretiveServices.IN.gov)

### Education

- Resources for classroom teachers and other educators
- Project WILD, Project Learning Tree, Project WET, Learn to Fish, Learn to Hunt

[dnr.IN.gov](https://dnr.IN.gov)

### History and Culture

- Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites
- Museum tours and programs

[IndianaMuseum.org](https://IndianaMuseum.org)

### Indiana Master Naturalist

- Natural and cultural history workshops
- Workshops for adults and for children, ages 9-17
- Volunteering to make a difference

[IndianaMasterNaturalist.org](https://IndianaMasterNaturalist.org)

### Hoosier Quest

- Earn patches and pins by participating in activities

[on.IN.gov/HoosierQuest](https://on.IN.gov/HoosierQuest)

# Interpretive Naturalists Have Guided Hoosiers for 100 years

By Scott Roberts



**A**lmost as long as there have been Indiana state parks, there have been interpretive naturalists to guide visitors around them.

McCormick's Creek State Park was dedicated as Indiana's first state park in 1916. Seven years later, Lucy Pitschler, calling herself a nature guide, started leading hikes through its cliffs, caves, and creeks, pointing out the names of flowers and trees, and dispensing facts about their life cycles. She fell in the love with the area after taking three weeks of vacation from her job as an artist and photographer and discovered she wanted to share her excitement and knowledge with others.

Pitschler's tours, which she gave as a volunteer, caught on. Three years later, McCormick's Creek covered her expenses and lodging so she could work on site from June 1 to Sept. 1. With that compensation, Pitschler brought professional nature guiding, a service already

offered in some other states' parks and in national parks, to Indiana. She became known as the "little lady in tennis shoes" because of her footwear, which was distinctive back then, and which she wore to improve traction while navigating McCormick's Creek's rocky terrain.

Col. Richard Lieber, director of the Indiana Department of Conservation, precursor to today's DNR, took notice in 1927, asking Pitschler to launch similar efforts at Turkey Run and Clifty Falls state parks.

A century later, the interpretive naturalist program has grown to 22 full-time interpretive staff at 36 state park properties, along with five regular part-time and 60 seasonal employees. The ways they share information with guests have grown with the times. Today's naturalists embrace those changes and seek new ways to tell stories about Indiana's state parks. Hikes and campfire programs are still given, but they have been joined by how-to



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(Opposite page) Interpretive naturalist Dana Reckelhoff leads a tour of Patoka Lake Interpretive naturalist. (Above) Marie Laudem leads a school group at Indiana Dunes State Park.

programs, nature centers and exhibits, art, and social media, to name a few.

The National Association for Interpretation defines interpretation as a mission-based communication process that forges emotional and intellectual connections between the interests of the audience and the meanings inherent in the resource. Nature is at the heart of the connections that interpreters work to make, but their role also includes sharing history, current issues, park rules, and more to a wide audience of parkgoers that includes adults and children. It's a challenge that today's naturalists are as eager to take on as Pitschler was.

#### REACHING VISITORS WHERE THEY ARE

To connect with visitors, interpretive naturalists first need to find them. That usually means announcing a hike or event that people can then attend, but the COVID-19 pandemic upended that approach.

For a time, connection during the pandemic required reaching out to families in their homes. Many naturalists learned virtual tactics quickly—they made videos to post on state park webpages and social media about park nature and history. They also used those tools to guide workshops. With those new programs, naturalists wanted to keep parks in the minds of families, offer visitors a virtual escape, and give them information to use when they felt safe to venture out again. The programs also supplemented activities many children were learning in school.

**“Nature is at the heart of the connections that interpreters work to make...”**

Patoka Lake interpretive naturalist Dana Reckelhoff made videos introducing viewers to kayaking, among other topics. When

guests began returning to the lake in person, she found a few people who traveled to Patoka from as far away as Texas to do a tour with her because they saw her work on Facebook.

“It was amazing to see it have that kind of reach,” Reckelhoff said. “I never would have guessed that.”

Interpretive manager Angie Manuel said when visitors returned, they came back in greater numbers than before the pandemic, with a large part of the new audience still uncomfortable gathering in big groups. Many were seeing a state park or going camping for the first time, so they needed basic information. Instead of having campers, hikers, and visitors come to the naturalists as they had before, naturalists decided to go to the visitors.

Interpretive naturalists went out to trailheads, picnic shelters, and campgrounds and conducted short programs about wildlife, plants, or historical features. Some had informal conversations. Such activities are called roving programs, and talks generated by these smaller and more intimate settings became more interactive and personal than some prior offerings.



Interpretive naturalist Nicky Ball shows guests a turtle at Pokagon State Park. Garrison Brock helps a youngster at Lieber SRA.

"Our guests guided the conversation a lot of times, and they really enjoyed that," Manuel said. "We gained a lot of positive feedback—people don't feel as intimidated when you come to them at their campsite as they do walking into a nature center or in an office environment."

Roving programs can still be found at state parks. Reckelhoff used this technique in 2021 when she found many visitors were asking about the 17-year cicada brood. Instead of waiting for visitors to come to the nature center and ask similar questions, she trained her seasonal naturalists on cicada information, and they went to campsites and other popular park locations, gave programs, and answered questions. Visitors got the information they sought, and park staff interacted with more people than if they had waited for curious minds to come to them.

Interpretive naturalists also work to make programs relatable to whatever age group attends them.

"Sometimes when you have a program where you think you'll have mostly adults, but then have a lot of children under 10 years old or a lot of teenagers, so it's a constant adaptation and making things relatable to everyone," said Indiana Dunes State Park interpretive naturalist Marie Laudeman.

She remembered giving a program on prickly pear cactus to a group of teenagers, many of whom were listening to music on headphones as she spoke. To help keep their attention, she told them to dance like they thought a cactus would dance, and many did.



Photos by John Maxwell

"Even if they don't remember the program, maybe they'll walk away with that memory of dancing like a cactus with their friends," Laudeman said. "We try to create great memories at our parks, no matter how people are engaging."

When working with children, she'll ask them to identify plants or other objects on the trail and take them close to a plant so they can get a good look at it. With adults, she tries to give the most accurate information she has and tell them facts they may not know.

Pokagon State Park interpretive naturalist Nicky Ball likes to chat with people before a program starts so she can learn something about them, then include that in her programs. For example, when she is giving a nature program and finds out someone in the group likes butterflies, she'll make sure to talk more about butterflies during her presentation than she normally might.

Ball also tries to connect common life experiences. Pokagon has a rich Civilian Conservation Corps history, and in addition to mentioning the structures on property that the CCC men built, she'll tell guests why Corps workers were there. Many were trying to support their family. They sent as much money as they could back home, and Ball said many parents can relate that to how they support their family today.

## CENTER OF ATTENTION

Although naturalists continue to reach visitors at campsites and throughout their parks, they still use nature centers to teach.

Laudeman said the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center is a great place to watch birds from its large window, so she developed a bird-window bingo game. Each time guests identify a different bird, they can mark it on their card, and the first player to get three in a row wins. She's also developed a scavenger hunt in which visitors can search for different information on the center's displays. The first to find all the information wins.

Reckelhoff designed Patoka's nature center with a mix of tactile and reading activities because she noticed visitors absorb information differently.

"Some people won't touch an exhibit at all, and they will be there and read all of the signs we have," Reckelhoff said. "Others are like me—they want to touch and feel, so many of our exhibits are interactive and give people an opportunity for that."

One example is a life-size man-made eagle's nest outside the building. Guests can climb into the nest and compare their arm reach to an eagle's wingspan while also learning what nests are made of and why eagles need them.

Pokagon remodeled its nature center last year and now has a combination of interactive and static displays. One of the park's goals was to tell the story of the Potawatomi and Miami peoples that used to live there. A black ash basket made by the great granddaughter of Leopold Pokagon, a Potawatomi leader and the park's namesake, is on display to help relate the tale.

"It's a great gateway into that conversation, and it's a beautiful piece of art," Ball said.

Nature centers can also be the setting for a variety of other events. Manuel said many naturalists tailor their programs to their own strengths and skillsets, which results in a diverse selection of topics offered throughout the state parks system.

"We have kite programs, geocaching programs, campfire programs—we love when naturalists take a part of themselves and bring it into their programming," she said.

Reckelhoff does so with a few of Patoka's events. A certified archery instructor and a skilled paddler, she conducts workshops on both activities. Charlestown State Park's Jeremy Beavin, who likes to paint, gives art workshops. Manuel goes to different parks to teach guests how to carve walking sticks.

## HAVE A QUESTION? PLEASE ASK

Interpretive naturalists do a lot of work to learn about their park through archives research, walking the park grounds and noticing changes, and cataloging plants and animals that live there. They tell the story of their park through their eyes, but sometimes a park visitor will find another topic fascinating. Naturalists love to hear what parkgoers have found, or what they would like to learn about on their next trip.

"I have a nature journal that I keep visitors' questions in, and I'm constantly learning," Laudeman said. "Sometimes those questions can lead to a future program."



John Maxwell

Interpretive naturalist Eli Major guides Chris Fenner and his children at Turkey Run State Park.

"This job involves a lot of listening as well as talking, so learning what questions people have is very important."

Many times, guests share photos of animals and plants Laudeman sees frequently at Indiana Dunes, but she still loves to looking at what they show her because she wants to share the feelings of excitement and discovery people have when exploring the park for the first time.

Questions can also lead to guests becoming better stewards of a park. Reckelhoff has been asked a few times why some fields at Patoka look burnt, and now, on a few of the hikes she guides, she stops by such a field to explain what prescribed burns are and how they are necessary for both plants and animals to thrive. Laudeman does the same when she encounters rogue trails that have been created off a main trail, which parks don't allow, and hikers ask why they should not walk use them.

Ball has been asked questions about plant identification at Pokagon, and that interaction can turn into talks about invasive species and why gardeners should plant native plants when they can and keep invasives out of their yard. She also learned through conversations with guests that a few women wanted to do some long hikes on the property but lacked the necessary confidence. As a result, she set up a women's hiking group that meets once a month at the park to hike at different locations.

Interpretive naturalists have been at Indiana state parks to explain and serve park visitors ever since Lucy Pitschler started. Their passion is the park and the people who visit, and they'd love to talk with you.

"Connecting to visitors is something Indiana state parks has always taken very seriously," Manuel said. "We're grateful so many have found value in what we do, and we hope we can continue to find ways to connect for the next 100 years."

# HOW DNR PROPERTIES DIFFER



Brent Drinkut

Fall color accents the campground at Brown County State Park, a leaf peeper's paradise.

Use the following descriptions to help choose which type of DNR destination fits you and yours best.

## MANAGED BY INDIANA STATE PARKS

Learn more at [stateparks.IN.gov](http://stateparks.IN.gov).

**State Parks (SP):** A total of twenty-four sites were established by the Natural Resources Commission as state parks, generally for their unique natural and/or cultural features. These unique sites conserve portions of Indiana's natural landscape, often through active resource management and restoration, and provide opportunities to enjoy those resources through developed recreational facilities and services. Each has at least one state-dedicated nature preserve (NP), and some have more. See Nature Preserves section for details.

**Reservoirs (Lakes):** Eight sites created for flood control, recreation (both water- and land-based, including hunting), generally by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE),

and leased to DNR. The exception is Hardy Lake, which is State-owned. Some also serve as water supply for local communities. These big lakes have SRAs (described later) and wildlife management units where active wildlife habitat management takes place to support a diversity of species for hunting and birding. USACE manages the areas immediately around the dams and regulates water levels throughout the year. J.E. Roush Lake, which was also created by USACE for the purposes listed above, is managed as a Fish & Wildlife area, as described under the Division of Fish & Wildlife section.

**Inns and Lodges:** Seven facilities within seven respective state parks that provide indoor overnight lodging, restaurants, gift shops, conference/meeting services, and management of the Indiana State Parks online store. These facilities are operated through Indiana State Park Inns, a business embedded within Indiana State Parks.

**State Recreation Areas (SRA):** Areas within reservoirs, state forests, or other DNR destinations with focused recreational facilities and services such as camping, beaches, boat ramps, picnic areas, trails, etc. Several are



Brent Drinkut

A boardwalk leads into Pisgah Marsh, near North Webster. To help preserve sensitive areas, the Pisgah Marsh Boardwalk and Golden Eagle Deck were constructed in Area 1 to provide access to the property's natural wonders.

managed as a part of the eight reservoirs listed earlier. Two SRAs at state forest destinations (Deam Lake and Starve Hollow) are managed as state park units in communication with the Division of Forestry. More on state forests is below.

**Off-road State Recreation Areas (OSRA):** Two sites (Interlake and Redbird) provide motorized and non-motorized off-road riding opportunities. Both also offer picnicking and hiking and Interlake SRA also offers hunting.

**Natural/Historic Areas & Satellite Sites:** These are too small to be stand-alone destinations with the diverse recreational facilities most properties offer, and they are not contiguous with the larger property that manages them. They are preserved and protected for their significant natural (two destinations) or cultural (three destinations) resources.

## MANAGED BY THE DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

Learn more at [on.IN.gov/dfwproperties](http://on.IN.gov/dfwproperties).

**Fish & Wildlife Areas (FWA):** Indiana boasts 23 Fish & Wildlife areas. Sixteen have offices, are staffed, and are considered the primary FWAs. Their habitats are generally more intensively

managed, their hunting opportunities are generally more controlled, and sign-in at each is required. All FWAs are open for a wide array of wildlife-based recreation, including hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife watching, walking, mushroom hunting, and berry picking. FWAs range in size from 3,000 acres to more than 10,000.

**Wildlife Management Areas:** WMAs usually comprise several hundred to 2,000 acres. Their habitats and use are generally not as intensively managed as FWAs. They are also open to a wide array of wildlife-based recreation activities.

**Wetland Conservation Areas:** WCAs are primarily associated with wetland habitats and are often purchased with revenue from waterfowl stamps. They are usually smaller in size, with the largest covering several hundred acres. Their habitats and use are often managed to control water levels, and sometimes use by people is also controlled.

The Division of Fish & Wildlife also manages three Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI) conservation areas, 440 public access sites, 30 public fishing areas, and a number of small Game Bird Habitat Areas. For space reasons, none are listed in this guidebook.



Photos by John Maxwell

Fishing at Yellowwood Lake in Yellowwood State Forest. Peace at Stone Head Nature Preserve.

## STATE FORESTS (SF)

These destinations are managed by the Division of Forestry. For more about each, see [on.IN.gov/forestry](http://on.IN.gov/forestry).

**State Forests (SF):** State forests offer diverse forest habitat, including dedicated nature preserves. Primitive camping is offered at most, including opportunities for dispersed camping at four of them for guests using designated trails. Other recreation opportunities include birding, fishing, hunting, and picnicking. Picnic shelters, horse trails, hiking trails, biking trails, and more are also offered. State forests are working forests. Check with the respective property office or [on.IN.gov/forestry](http://on.IN.gov/forestry) for advisories or to learn more.

**State Nurseries:** For purchasing native tree and shrub seedlings for conservation planting in Indiana. See page 8 for more.

## NATURE PRESERVES (NP)

More information is at [on.IN.gov/naturepreserves](http://on.IN.gov/naturepreserves).

State-dedicated nature preserves are areas identified as having unusual natural significance, and they hold substantial

protection under Indiana law. There are 297 State nature preserves representing 54,701 acres. Their primary purpose is to protect natural areas and the last remaining habitat for Indiana's rarest plants and animals. Recreation is often limited. Sensitive nature preserves may be closed or restricted to public access, but many others listed on page 4 have trails for hiking.

NPs may also be found within State Park and State Forest destinations and Fish & Wildlife areas, which may allow hunting, foraging, and other outdoor activities. Many more nature preserves outside of these larger DNR properties are owned and managed by the Division of Nature Preserves (DNP). At these destinations, foraging and collecting is not permitted. Still more NPs are owned by partner groups and are managed cooperatively with the DNP. For most NPs, expect small parking lots, natural tread trails, and no restrooms, shelters, or other facilities. Always check individual property regulations before you visit.

**Conservation Areas:** Areas owned and managed by the DNP but not formally dedicated as nature preserves. These areas may not be high-quality natural areas but may buffer and connect them.



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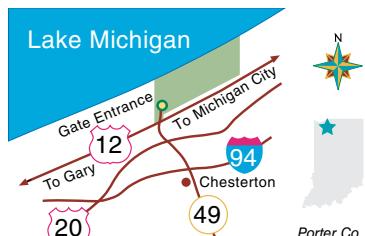
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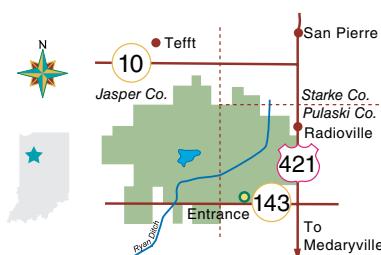
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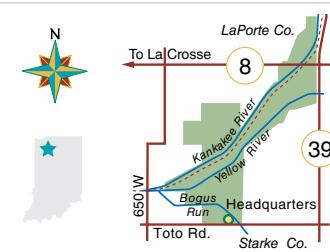
This is a small boater's paradise and hiker's haven in lake country. Paddle or fish (electric boat motors only) the nine quiet connecting kettle lakes, hike the 29 miles of forested trails, stay overnight in a hillside family cabin, or visit the park's original one-room schoolhouse. Year-round programming with a full-time interpretive naturalist is available. Other facilities available for visitors to enjoy include a campground, beach, and picnic shelters.



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.

### 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 Fish & Wildlife Lane

Medaryville, IN 47957

219-843-4841



### Kankakee FWA

4320 W. Toto Road

North Judson, IN 46366

574-896-3522



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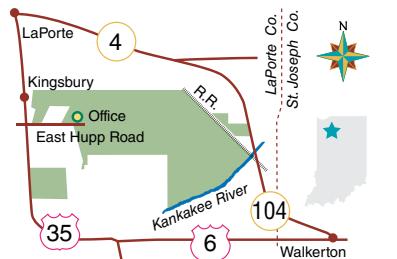
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**LaSalle FWA**

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



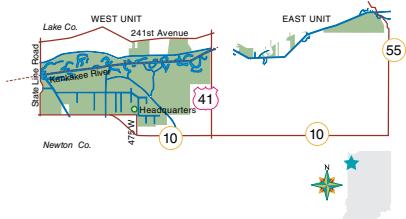
Experience a variety of outdoor activities at Kingsbury FWA, including hunting, fishing and target practice at the shooting range, which has 37 different shooting positions, is staffed by qualified range officers and provides indoor restrooms accessible to persons with disabilities. Restrictions and/or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

**Mississinewa Lake**

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



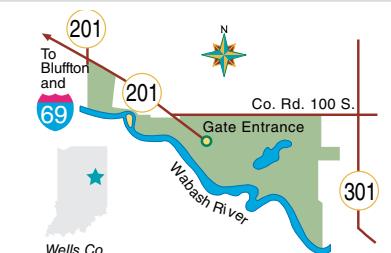
Just a short drive north of Indianapolis, nestled in the farmlands of north-central Indiana, Mississinewa Lake and its surrounding area are rich in American Indian history. Visitors can stay in the property's latest additions—seasonal campsites and Rent-a-Camp cabins. Pleasure boating, water skiing, 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 CCC Worker statue, a tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps.



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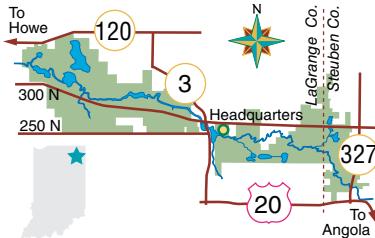
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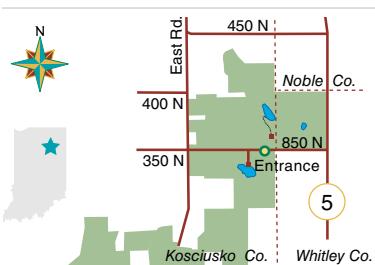
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Established in 1956, this property lies along the floodplain of the Pigeon River. The area maintains 11,794 acres of land, 529 acres of lakes and 17 miles of the river. Excellent waterfowl watching is available during spring and fall migration. Wetland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

**Pigeon River FWA**

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



The 445 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.

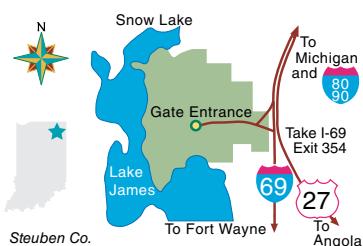
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**Pokagon SP**

450 Lane 100 Lake James  
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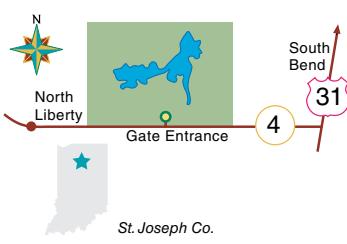
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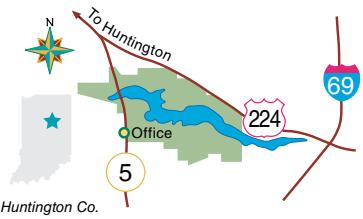
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North Liberty, IN 46554  
574-656-8186



Located 12 miles southwest of South Bend, 3,840-acre Potato Creek SP features 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. Boat, kayak, canoe, and bike rentals are available from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.



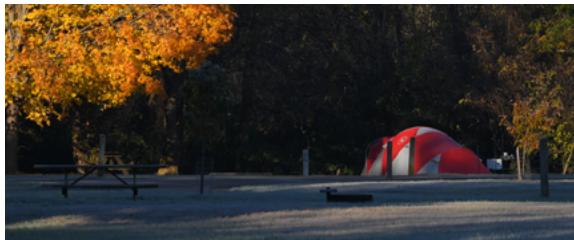
With 7,347 acres of land and 350 acres of impoundment, Roush is maintained by DNR for wildlife, recreation and resource management. Water levels are maintained by the USACE. A state-of-the-art shooting range serves as a main attraction. Hunting deer, small game, waterfowl and turkey is popular. Fishing, camping and wildlife watching are also available. Restrictions and/or permits are required for some activities.

**J.E. Roush Lake FWA**

517 N. Warren Road  
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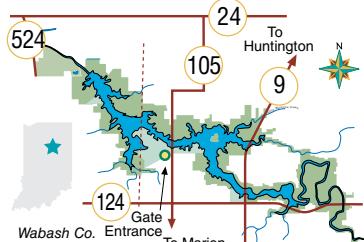
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### Salamonie Lake

9214 W. Lost Bridge West  
Andrews, IN 46702-9731  
260-468-2125



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.

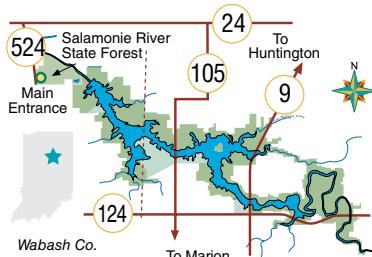


### Salamonie River SF

5400 E. Salamonie Forest Road  
Lagro, IN 46941  
260-782-0430



These 955 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.

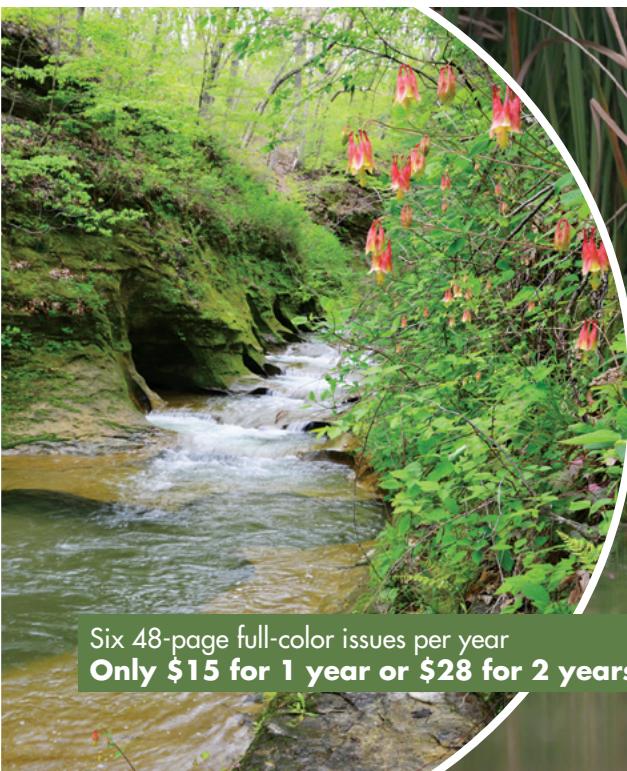
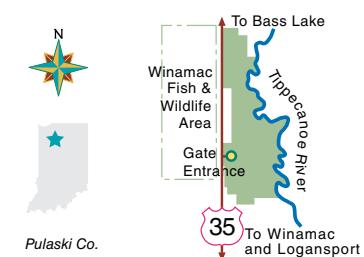


### Tippecanoe River SP

4200 N. U.S. 35  
Winamac, IN 46996  
574-946-3213



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.



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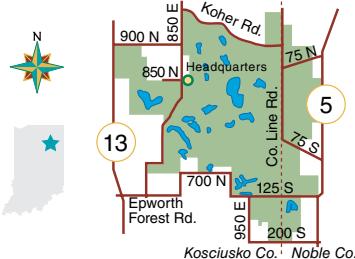
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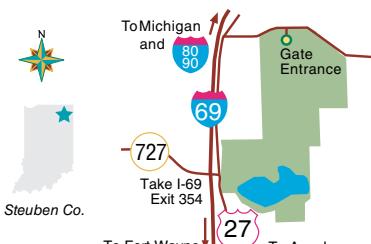
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The upland fields, oak-hickory woodlands and wetlands of Tri-County FWA attract nongame birds, migratory waterfowl, upland game, deer, furbearers and shorebirds. Hunting for woodland and upland game and waterfowl, and trapping furbearers are popular. Fishing opportunities draw anglers to the property's 10 natural lakes. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

### Tri-County FWA

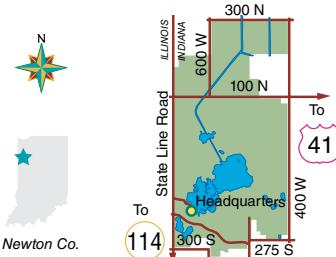
8432 N. 850 E.  
Syracuse, IN 46567  
574-834-4461



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.

### Trine SRA

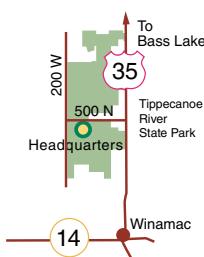
145 W. Feather Valley Road  
Fremont, IN 46737  
260-833-2012



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.

### Willow Slough FWA

1803 S. 700 W. (physical)  
6312 W. 100 N. (mailing)  
Morocco, IN 47963  
219-285-2704



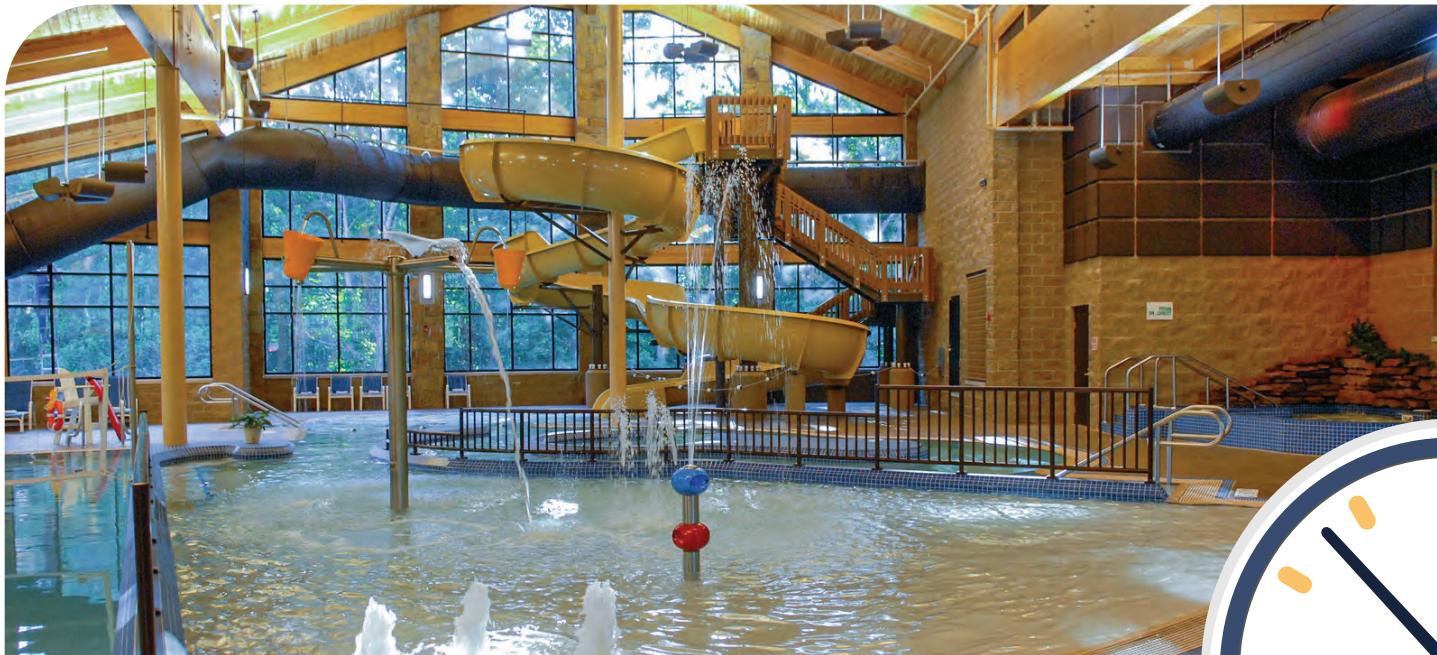
Winamac FWA, located in Pulaski County, totals 4,850 acres of oak forests and upland fields. The various habitats provide hunting for a number of species attracted to the area. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities. Overnight accommodations are available at adjacent Tippecanoe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

### Winamac FWA

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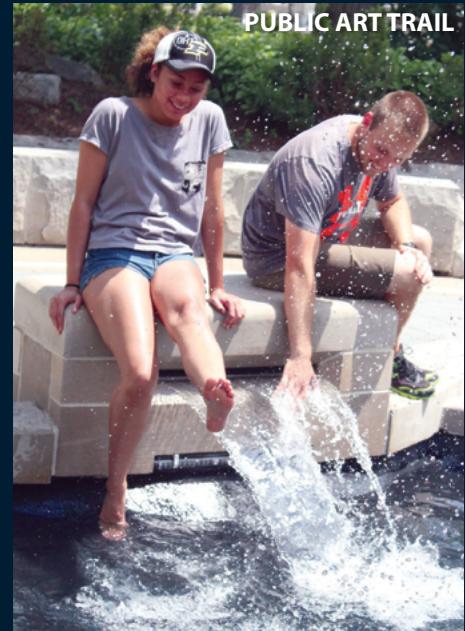
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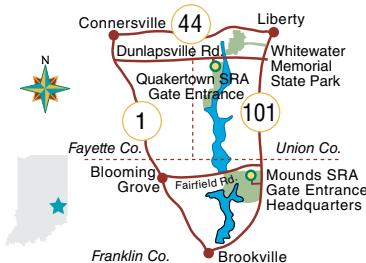
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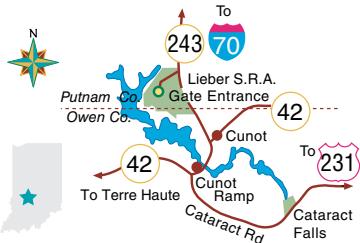
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Constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1975, Brookville Lake comprises 16,445 acres, 5,260 of which is water, for great fishing, boating and swimming. Camping and swimming are offered at Mounds and Quakertown SRAs within the property. Picnicking,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

### Brookville Lake

14108 S.R. 101  
Brookville, IN 47012  
765-647-2657



Cagles Mill Lake was the first U.S. 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 south of Cagles Mill Lake, also features the only surviving covered bridge in Owen County.

### Cagles Mill Lake, Lieber SRA

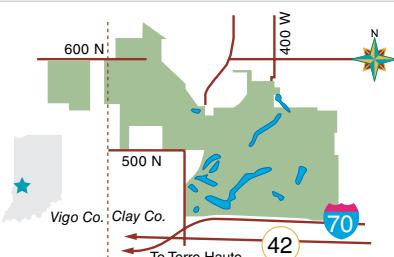
1317 W. Lieber Road, Suite 1  
Cloverdale, IN 46120  
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Cecil M. Harden Lake, known to most as Raccoon Lake, opened in 1960 as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' flood control project. The lake offers a wide variety of activities, including camping, fishing, boating and swimming. Raccoon SRA is just minutes away from the popular Parke County Covered Bridge Festival that is held each October.

### Cecil M. Harden Lake Raccoon SRA

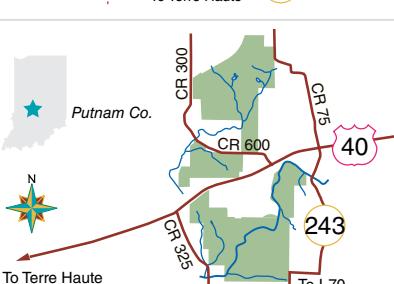
1588 S. Raccoon Parkway  
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The rolling grassland and strip pits of 2,180-acre Chinook FWA provide excellent opportunities to observe deer, turkey, waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. Approximately 80 acres of the property is water (mostly strip pits), providing quality hunting and fishing. All property users must sign in at a self-service check station.

### Chinook FWA

Managed by Deer Creek FWA  
Located south of Brazil in  
Clay County on Cory Staunton Road  
765-653-0453



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. The Deer Creek Shooting Range, located on the FWA at 8004 South S.R. 243, Cloverdale, 46120, is ADA compliant, safe, modern, and staffed by qualified range officers.

### Deer Creek FWA

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**Mansfield Roller Mill**

c/o Raccoon SRA  
1588 S. Raccoon Parkway  
Rockville, IN 47872  
6087 Mill Road (physical address)  
Carbon, IN 47837  
765-344-0741

**McCormick's Creek SP**

250 McCormick Creek Park Road  
Spencer, IN 47460  
812-829-2235

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at McCormick's Creek SP  
451 McCormick Creek Park Road  
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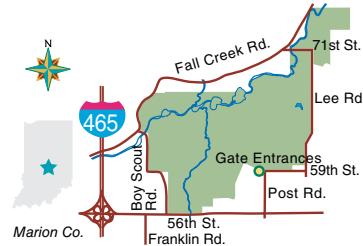
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**Mounds SP**

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



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



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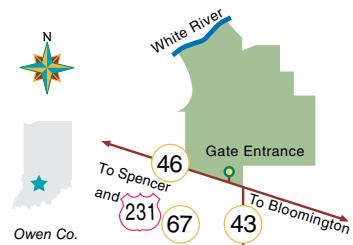


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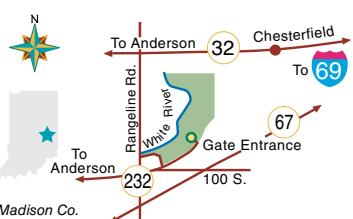
Constructed in 1880, Historic Mansfield Roller Mill is completely powered by turbines. Managed by staff at Raccoon SRA, the mill is on the National Register of Historic Places. The mill is 3½ stories high and houses original 1880s milling equipment on the banks of Big Raccoon Creek. Call Raccoon SRA, 765-344-1884, for hours.

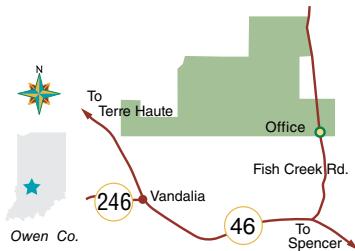
Limestone formations and scenic waterfalls highlight Indiana's first state park. Wooded trails and a canyon surrounded by high cliffs provide magnificent hiking for visitors. Camping and swimming are also available among the natural wonders of the park. The new Centennial Family Cabin is available for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



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Enjoy the landscape at Mounds SP and view unique earthworks built by prehistoric cultures. Enjoy a walk on the new ADA trail and boardwalk that take you to the Great Mound. 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.





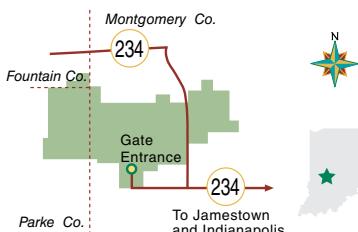
Hike through some of the best hardwood forests in the country at Owen-Putnam SF. Enjoy deer and turkey hunting, or view a 50-foot sandstone bluff from horseback in some of the beautiful hills of south-central Indiana. There are three campgrounds, including the horse campground. Quiet, family-oriented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

**Owen-Putnam SF**  
2153 Fish Creek Road  
Spencer, IN 47460  
812-829-2462



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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Prophetstown SP**  
5545 Swisher Road (GPS address)  
4112 E. S.R. 225 (mailing address only)  
West Lafayette, IN 47906  
765-567-4919



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. Canoe camping and backpack camping are also available.

**Shades SP**  
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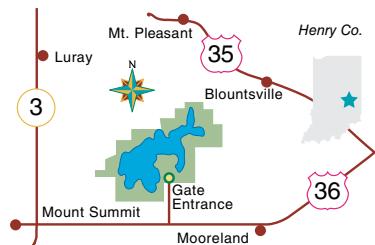
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**Summit Lake SP**

5993 N. Messick Road  
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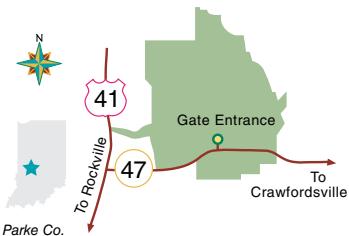
With a large lake on more than 2,600 acres, Summit Lake SP provides tremendous outdoor recreation. Facilities with electric campsites, boat launch ramps, a beach bathhouse and two large open shelters are great for picnics and family events. Fishing, bird watching and hiking trails provide an all-around enjoyable experience.

**Turkey Run SP**

8121 E. Park Road, P.O. Box 37  
Marshall, IN 47859  
765-597-2635



Deep canyons, towering cliffs, peaceful hemlock groves and Sugar Creek set the scene for unique hiking opportunities at Turkey Run SP. The Lieber cabin and log 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. Ice spikes can be rented for winter hiking.

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**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



Hunt, fish or trap in this 3,616-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



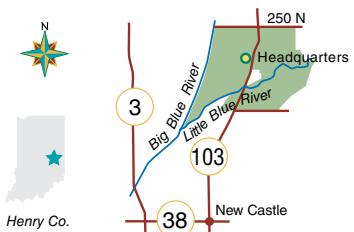
Whitewater Memorial SP is located on the north end of Brookville Lake. With a separate 200-acre, electric-motor-only lake, the property provides plenty of boating opportunities, including canoe, rowboat, kayak, paddleboard, and paddleboat rentals. Camping, swimming and horseback riding are also available. Silver Creek ramp provides access to the north end of Brookville Lake. A full-time interpreter offers programs year-round.

**Wilbur Wright FWA**

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



Wilbur Wright FWA offers 1,070 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. Bikes are allowed on the paved trail only. Restrictions and/or sign-in may be required for some activities.



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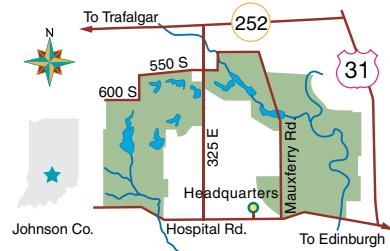
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**Atterbury FWA**

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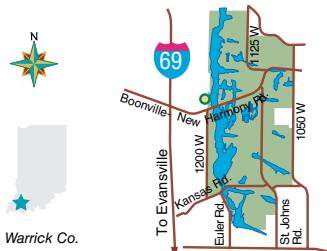
Formerly part of Camp Atterbury, Atterbury FWA now maintains more than 4,956 acres of upland game habitat, marsh, running creeks and shallow impoundments. Hunting and fishing are available. The public shooting range features four combination trap/skeet fields and 66 rifle/pistol positions. Restrictions 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  
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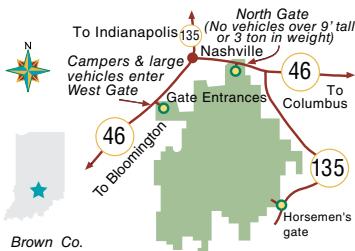
Blue Grass is a unique FWA because the land has been strip-mined. Blue Grass covers approximately 2,580 acres and features about 28 pits and lakes that provide hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching opportunities. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities. Motorboats are allowed 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.



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12500 S.R. 62, P.O. Box 38  
Charlestown, IN 47111  
812-256-5600



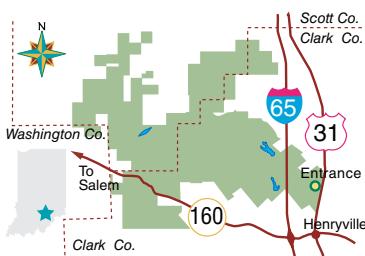
With 5,000-plus acres, Charlestown SP is the third largest Indiana state park. Campers will find spacious electric and full hookup sites. Visitors can enjoy hiking the rugged terrain, where they can see Devonian fossil outcrops and sinkhole topography unique to southern Indiana. A relocated historic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

**Clark SF**

#2 Service Road, P.O. Box 119  
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Henryville, IN 47126  
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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.



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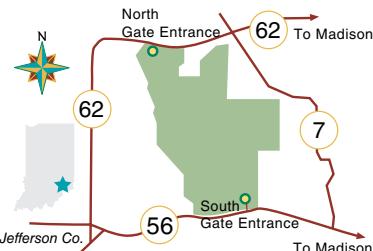


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### Clifty Falls SP

2221 Clifty Drive (mapping address)  
Madison, IN 47250  
812-273-8885



### Clifty Inn

at Clifty Falls SP  
1650 Clifty Hollow Road  
Madison, IN 47250  
812-265-4135 for information  
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(877-563-4371)

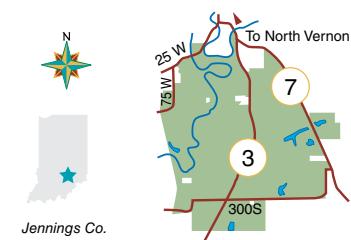
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### Crosley FWA

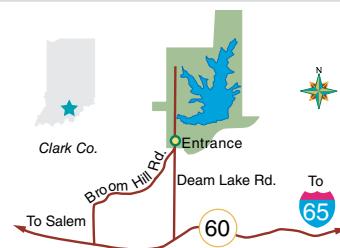
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North Vernon, IN 47265  
812-346-5596



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 for Indiana's first state forester. Visitors can hike, mountain bike, swim, camp, horse camp, fish, boat and picnic. Some activities are seasonal. Rent-a-Camp cabin options are available. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities. The starting trailhead for the Knobstone Trail is on property.



### Deam Lake SRA

1217 Deam Lake Road  
Borden, IN 47106  
812-246-5421

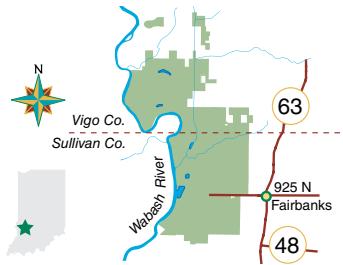


**Fairbanks Landing FWA**

Managed by: Goose Pond FWA

Located south of Terre Haute, east of State Road 63  
812-512-9185**Falls of the Ohio SP**201 W. Riverside Drive  
Clarksville, IN 47129  
812-280-9970**George Rogers Clark Home Site at Falls of the Ohio SP**1102 W. Harrison Ave.  
Clarksville, IN 47129  
812-280-9970**Ferdinand SF**6583 E. S.R. 264  
Ferdinand, IN 47532  
812-827-2857

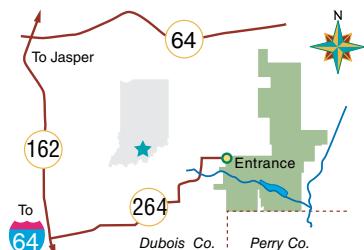
Fairbanks Landing FWA was developed through a partnership between the DNR and Indiana Michigan Power. The area includes 6 miles of Wabash River frontage and 7,234 acres of wildlife habitat. Plentiful deer, turkey and small game populate the property. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.



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. Interpretive Center exhibits feature the area's natural and cultural history. Fees are \$9 per adult and \$7 for ages 11 to 5. Children younger than 5 are free. For the park only, there is a \$2 parking fee but no gate fee. Night fishing requires an Annual Entrance Permit.



The site is at the lower end of Falls of the Ohio State Park. Gen. George Rogers Clark built his house at this place once called "Point of Rocks" with a commanding view of the Ohio River. Clark lived here from 1803 to 1809. This is also the location of Guinea Bottoms, the first free Black settlement in the Northwest Territories. A representation of a cabin that Ben and Venus McGee may have lived in is located here. As part of the state park, the site is on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.



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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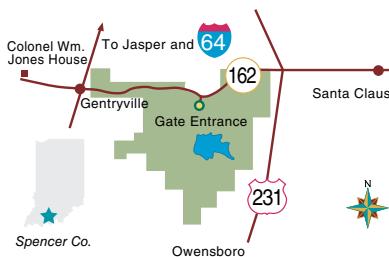
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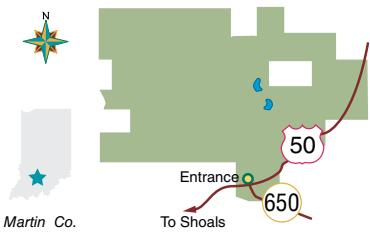






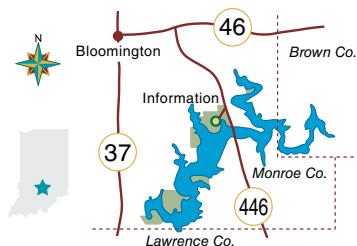
Discover Indiana's past throughout 10 miles of hiking trails, rolling forested hills and two scenic lakes. Visit the Col. Jones Home, the former residence of the merchant employer of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln Amphitheatre is managed by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation and the DNR, offering a diverse performance series including concerts and a Lincoln drama. For more information, visit [lincolnamphitheatre.com](http://lincolnamphitheatre.com).

**Lincoln SP & Col. Jones Home**  
15476 N. C.R. 300 E.  
Lincoln City, IN 47552  
812-937-4710



Martin SF features 8,180 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.

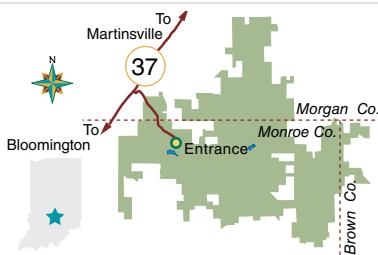
**Martin SF**  
U.S. 50 & S.R. 650  
14040 Williams Road  
Shoals, IN 47581  
812-247-3491



Scenic bluffs, rolling topography and lushly wooded areas surround Monroe Lake, Indiana's largest lake. Monroe offers a wealth of water-related activities as well as hunting, hiking, wildlife observation, camping, a nature center and a full-time interpretive naturalist. Numerous marinas provide excellent boating. Guests will love the hospitality of Fourwinds Resort and Marina.

**Monroe Lake**  
4850 S. S.R. 446  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
812-837-9546

Lake Monroe Boat Rental  
812-837-9909  
Two Herons Marina  
812-837-9394  
Fourwinds Marina  
1-800-824-2628



Morgan-Monroe SF is the gateway to southern Indiana's rolling hills and quality hardwood forest. Management of the forest resource is integrated with excellent hiking, hunting and camping opportunities. Three small lakes provide fishing opportunities. Several shelters and picnic sites are available. A new updated two-bedroom historic lodge is available and sleeps six.

**Morgan-Monroe SF**  
6220 Forest Road  
Martinsville, IN 46151  
765-792-4654



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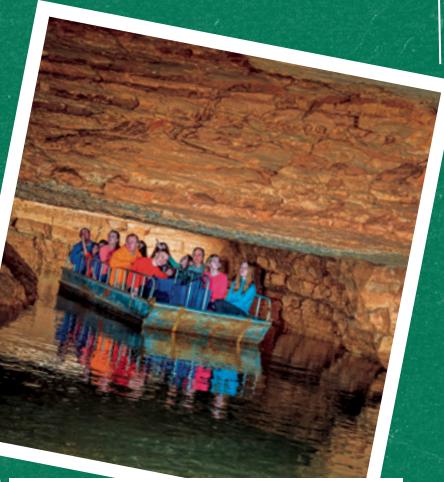
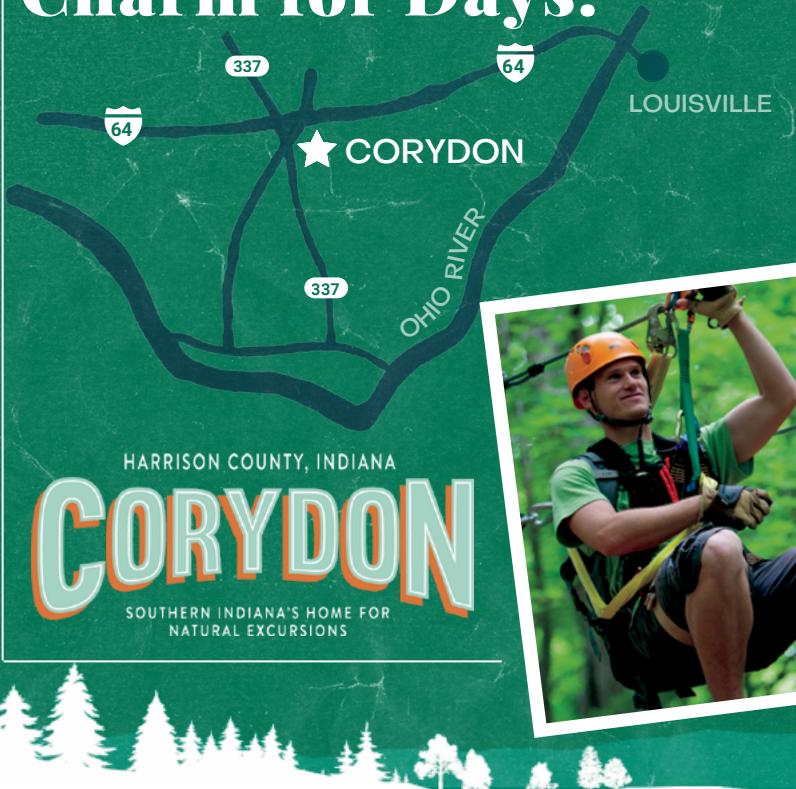
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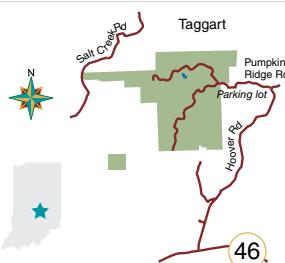


## Mountain Tea State Forest

Pumpkin Ridge Road  
Nashville, IN 47448  
812-988-7945



One of two new state forests established in 2020, Mountain Tea offers off-trail hiking, mushrooming and wildlife viewing. Hunting and fishing, per state regulations, are also offered. Visitors during hunting season should wear hunter orange. Mountain Tea's ridgelines are composed mostly of oak and hickory. The side slopes have both mixed hardwoods and oak-hickory communities. Mountain Tea was a 2020 planting location for the Division of Forestry's ForestIN program, an effort to plant a million trees by 2025.

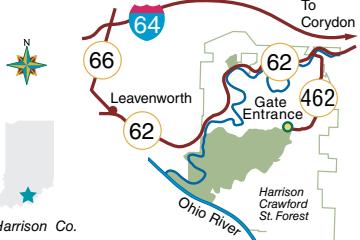


## O'Bannon Woods SP

7234 Old Forest Road SW.  
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.



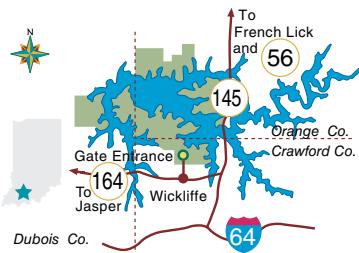
## Wyandotte Caves SRA

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



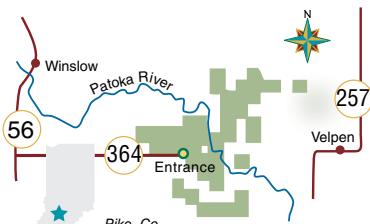
Visit magnificent Wyandotte Caves, part of O'Bannon Woods SP. Tours are offered seasonally through two different caves in one of the country's largest cave systems. See beautiful limestone passageways eroded through thousands of years of natural weathering and human use. Picnicking and access to Harrison-Crawford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





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.

**Patoka Lake**  
3084 N. Dillard Road  
Birdseye, IN 47513  
812-338-5589



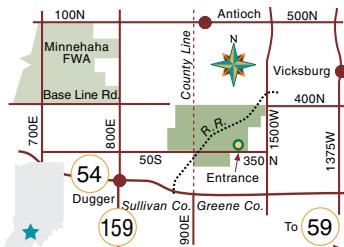
Managed by Ferdinand SF, Pike SF consists of 5,031 acres in southwestern Indiana near the town of Winslow. Hilly uplands to low bottomlands provide a diverse habitat for various plants and wildlife. Visitors can enjoy picnicking, hunting, horseback riding, bird watching and hiking through the property.

**Pike SF**  
5994 E. S.R. 364  
Winslow, IN 47598  
812-827-2857



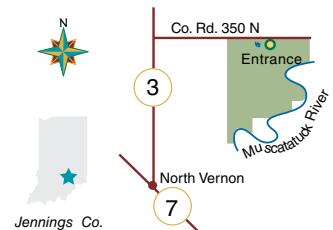
One of two new state forests established in 2020, Ravinia features rolling hills and valleys. It can be accessed via several parking areas located off Duckworth, Parker and Big Hurricane roads. Ravinia offers wildlife viewing; gathering of wild berries, nuts, and mushrooms; miles of hiking trails; and hunting. Ravinia is one of the planting locations for the Division of Forestry's ForestIN program, an effort to plant a million trees by 2025.

**Ravinia State Forest**  
N. Duckworth Road  
Paragon IN, 46166  
765-792-4654



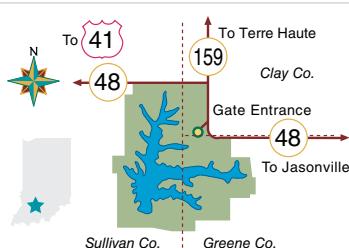
Redbird is 1,450 acres of former coal mine land that has been rehabilitated for recreational use. It is a premier location for off-road vehicle (ORV) recreation. About 35 miles of ORV trails range from easy to advanced, with level forest trails and major hill climbs. All trails are open for hiking and mountain biking; a few trails that wind through sensitive reclaimed areas are designated for hiking only.

**Redbird Off-road State Recreation Area**  
15470 W. C.R. 350 N.  
Linton, IN 47848  
812-847-0146



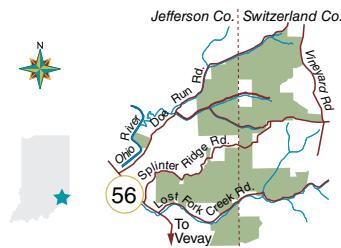
Donated to the state on behalf of the late Frank Selmier, Selmier SF contains 350 wooded acres, a small fishing pond and access to the Muscatatuck River. Fishing opportunities for bass, bluegills and catfish are good. Hunting and hiking trails are popular at this southeastern property.

**Selmier SF**  
905 E. C.R. 350 N.  
North Vernon, IN 47265  
812-346-2286



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.

**Shakamak SP**  
6265 W. S.R. 48  
Jasonville, IN 47438  
812-665-2158



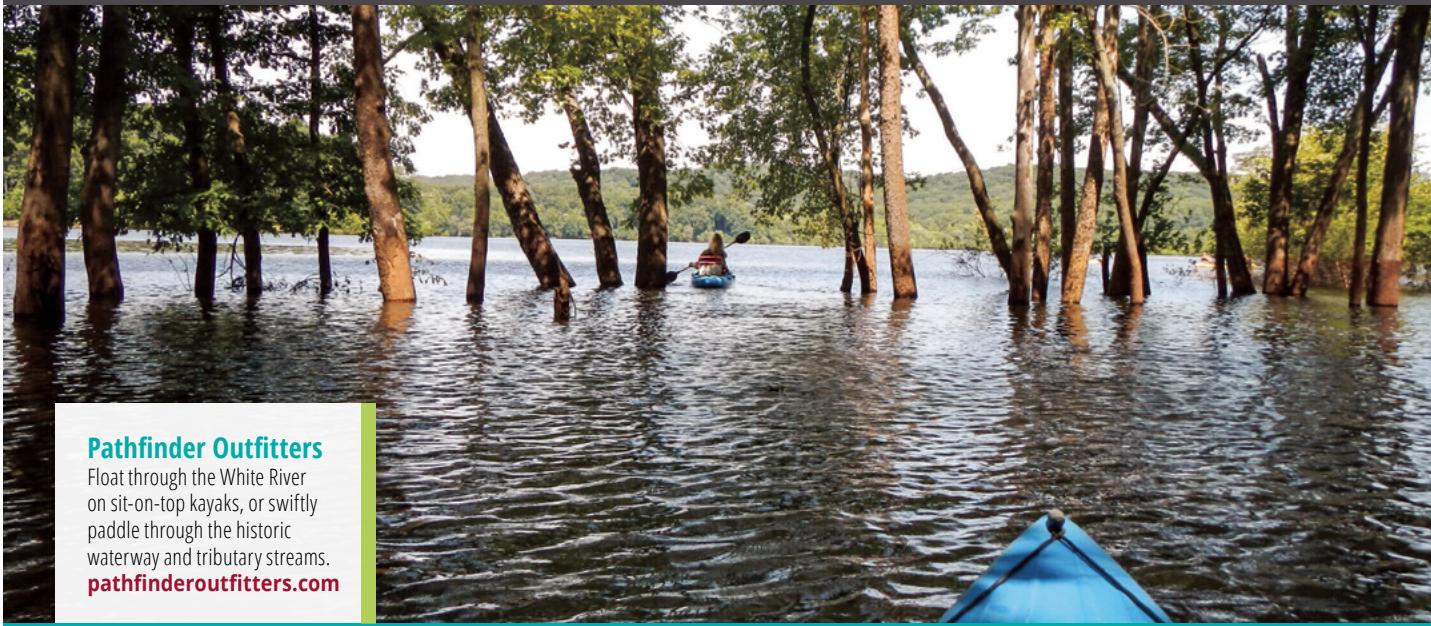
Splinter Ridge FWA features 3,014 acres of wooded hills and grassy pastures. Sportsmen and sportswomen can enjoy excellent hunting for small game, deer and turkey. Wildlife watchers will appreciate the various species of songbirds and woodpeckers attracted to the property. Restrictions and/or permits may be required for some activities.

**Splinter Ridge FWA**  
Managed by Crosley FWA  
9 miles east of Madison, northeast of Brooksburg  
812-346-5596



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[bluespringcaverns.com](http://bluespringcaverns.com)

1459 Blue Springs Cavern Rd. • Bedford

## Milwaukee Trail

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## Spring Mill SP

3333 S.R. 60 E.  
Mitchell, IN 47446  
812-849-3534



Spring Mill Inn  
at Spring Mill SP  
3333 S.R. 60 E.  
Mitchell, IN 47446

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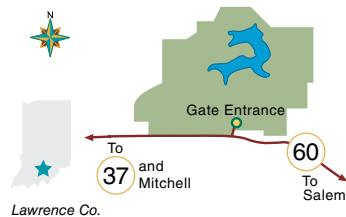
## Cave River Valley Natural Area

Cave River Valley Road  
Campbellsville, IN 47108  
812-849-3534



A working pioneer village, the Gus Grissom Memorial and tours through the Twin Caves await at this historic park.

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 Campbellsville. The area is day-use only and has no facilities. All park facilities have seasonal operations. Contact the park for current operating hours.



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- Game room
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**The inn and restaurant are closed for renovation in 2023. The park remains open.**



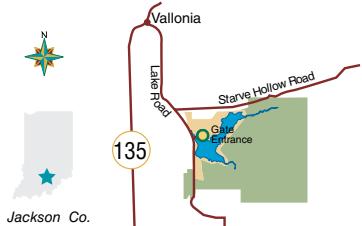
The main attractions for this 300-acre wooded property are its crevices, sinkholes and caves, the largest of which are Endless and River caves. The property is managed by Spring Mill State Park and is open to hiking and picnicking. Endless and River caves are open to groups for caving from May 1 to Aug.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



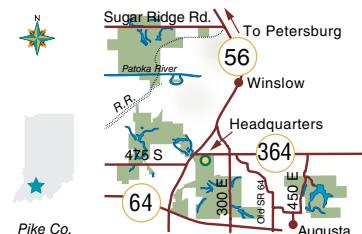
# ATTENTION BOATERS

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) provides a wealth of information on boating at [on.IN.gov/boaterguide](http://on.IN.gov/boaterguide). While there,

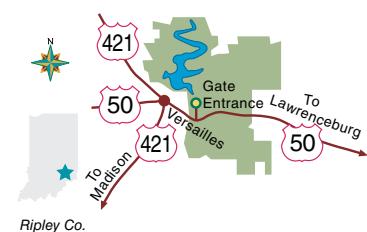
- Take the Clean Boater Pledge
- Check out the Boater's Guide to Indiana Marinas
- Learn about the Clean Marina Program



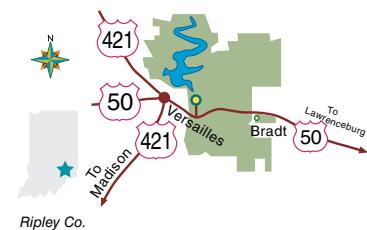
Enjoy the view from one of the many waterfront electric campsites available. Enjoy some of the best fishing in southern Indiana, paved boat ramps, fishing piers and a sandy swimming beach. Easy access to Jackson-Washington SF for hiking, biking and horseback riding. A staffed nature center offers a variety of activities for the whole family. Rent-a-Camp cabins provide a new overnight option.



Approximately 8,466 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.



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.



Yellowwood SF sits tucked away in the beautiful hills of Brown County. The campground is near 133-acre Yellowwood Lake, where kayak and 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 new, updated three-bedroom lodge that sleeps eight is available.

## Starve Hollow SRA

4345 S. 275 W., P.O. Box 207  
Vallonia, IN 47281-9741  
812-358-3464



## Sugar Ridge FWA

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



## Versailles SP

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



## Bradt Natural Area

S. C.R. 300 E  
Versailles, IN 47042  
812-689-6424



## Yellowwood SF

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



## Blue-Green Algae Indiana State Parks Advisories and Closings

The DNR advises the public of the blue-green algae threat through signs at the swimming areas, on the DNR website and through social media for the property beaches being sampled. The Indiana State Parks Advisories and Closings page has the full list of these facilities.

[algae.IN.gov](http://algae.IN.gov)



## Hunting and Fishing Licenses

### Buy online, in person, by phone or by mail.

**Online:** Go to [on.IN.gov/INhunfish](http://on.IN.gov/INhunfish), which also lists options for in-person purchase and fees.

**Phone:** Call 877-463-6367; please allow two weeks for delivery.

**Mail:** Write name, date of birth, complete address, phone number, height, weight, hair color, eye color, Social Security No. or Indiana

Driver's License No. and type of license needed. Include check; money order; or Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express number and expiration date. Make checks payable to Indiana DNR.

Send to: **Licenses, Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington St., Room W160A, Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., ET.

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## Annual Permits<sup>+</sup>

### Important Information for Annual Entrance (Resident and Non-resident) and Golden Hoosier Permits:

- Permits admit cardholder and all persons accompanying cardholder in a single private, family-type, non-commercial vehicle or two motorcycles to all properties administered by the DNR, State of Indiana, where entrances are designated and fees are charged.
- 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

To be purchased by Indiana residents who meet one of the following criteria:

- Purchase a Golden Hoosier Passport if you are at least 65 years or older.
- Purchase a DHV if you are a Disabled Hoosier Veteran (DHV) who possesses or is eligible to purchase a DHV license plate.
- Purchase a SSDI if you are receiving or eligible to receive Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) under 42 U.S. Code 423 as described by the Social Security Administration.

The Golden Hoosier Passport (GHP) is not transferable to family members or any other individual. The eligible cardholder must be present in the vehicle at the time of use.

\*Anyone who has been issued a Prisoner of War license plate may receive a GHP free of charge. Call 317-232-4140 for more information.

### Off-Road Cycle (ORC) Permit

- Annual \$20
- Daily \$5

The ORC is required for cyclists wishing to access and use mountain bike trails on state park, reservoir and forestry properties with trail ratings above beginner/easy. Each rider must

### Annual Entrance Permit • \$50

To be purchased by Indiana residents for gate admission.



### Annual Entrance Non-Resident • \$70

To be purchased by non-Indiana residents for gate admission.



### Golden Hoosier Passport\* • \$25

To be purchased by Indiana residents. See description for criteria list of specific Golden Hoosier Passport.



<sup>+</sup> All permits on this page, except the ORV Trail-use Permits, can be purchased online at [shopINstateparks.com](http://shopINstateparks.com)



**Notice:** All state park property guests must keep all pets on a leash not more than 6 feet long and attended at all times and must keep all service animals on a leash not more than 6 feet long or under the control of the handler.

possess and be able to produce the permit while engaged in off-road cycling activities. Cycling on property roadways, riding on paved bicycle paths and in other authorized riding areas does not require an ORC permit.

### Annual Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail-use Permit • \$95

Allows resident and non-resident cardholder to ride an ORV on the trails at Redbird OSRA or Interlake OSRA. 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 OSRAs. 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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## 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.

### Prophetstown SP & The Farm at Prophetstown Daily Entrance

#### In-state vehicles • \$8 Out-of-state vehicles • \$10

For non-commercial vehicles. Admits driver and passengers.

### Daily Pedestrian/Bicycle Entry

\$2 for each person, 5 years old and older, entering as a pedestrian, on bicycle or horseback.

### Annual Pedestrian/Bicycle Pass • \$10

Admits cardholder entering property on bicycle or on foot.

### Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center Daily Entrance\*

\$9 per adult

\$7 per child

\$2 per person per interpretive program

\$7 per student in school groups, includes program fees

\*Annual Entrance Permit does not cover admission to the Interpretive Center, except with a Falls of the Ohio Foundation membership. Restrictions apply.

### Daily Motorcoach/Commercial Bus Passenger Vans/School Buses

Buses and vans designed and used for institutional or commercial purposes will be charged \$2 per person.

### Groups with Program Reservations

Fee determined by property

### Daily Horse Permit • \$5

Entrance for one day per horse at DNR properties where horse use is allowed.

### Annual Horse Tag • \$20

For one-horse access and use of properties where horse use is allowed.

### Redbird OSRA/Interlake OSRA

#### Daily ORV Trail Pass • \$15

Admits one off-road vehicle (ORV) or street-legal vehicle, includes driver and passengers.

*Disclaimer: Fees, operating hours and other details may change during the year. Swimming pool operating hours depend upon lifeguard availability. Beaches may be unguarded, allowing patrons to swim at their own risk.*

## 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, except J.E. Roush Lake FWA. 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, except J.E. Roush Lake FWA. Valid for calendar year of issue.

### Annual Boat Mooring Permit

\$60 per post—Regular

\$90 per post—Improved  
(seawall or other improvement)

### Boat & Bicycle Rental Fees

The following rates are for State rentals. Rates may vary where boats/bikes are rented by private operators. Daily rentals may not be available at some locations or on holidays and weekends. A deposit may be required or an Annual Entrance Permit or driver's license may be held during the time of rental to ensure the return of all equipment at the end of the rental period.

### Kayaks (Single), Canoes, Rowboats

\$10 per hour, \$30 per day

### Kayaks (Double), Paddle Boards, Paddle Boats, Trike SRA Fishing Boats

\$15 per hour, \$40 per day

### Specialty Boats (Limited Quantity)

\$20 per hour

No daily rentals.

### Bicycles

\$10 per hour, \$30 per day

## Miscellaneous

**Camp Stores** and **Gift Shops** are located in many parks for your convenience.

### Toboggans

Pokagon State Park

\$20 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/dnrsaddlebarns](http://on.IN.gov/dnrsaddlebarns) 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](http://photos.dnr.IN.gov).

## Swimming

Depending on lifeguard availability, many swimming pools reduce hours of operation or close in the early and late parts of the swimming season. Please contact the park or destination for operating hours.

Swimming at beaches is free.

\$3 Daily pool admission per person

\$5 Daily aquatic center admission per person at Prophetstown & O'Bannon Woods SP.

25 cents Locker rental, where available

## Shelter Rental Fees

Prices range from \$25 to \$250 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 open on a free, 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](http://camp.IN.gov)

## Recreation Building Rentals

Recreation buildings are designed to meet the needs of a variety of groups, events and gatherings for day use. Before reserving a recreation building, contact the property from which you intend to rent for specific details.

Recreation buildings may be reserved up to one year (to the date) in advance of arrival. Prices range from \$80 to \$300 plus state sales tax and vary by property. The renter will be billed for any damage, breakage, or cleaning cost associated with the rental. Reservations: **1-866-622-6746** or [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov).

Recreation buildings are open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and are available at: Fort Harrison\*, McCormick's Creek, Mounds, Ouabache, Pokagon\*\*, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill and Tippecanoe River state parks.

\*At Fort Harrison SP, and Interlake and Redbird OSRAs, recreation buildings close at dusk.

\*\*At Pokagon SP, Swenson Lodge is only available from 8:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m. (Reservations made through the property only). The Warming Center is only available from 8:30 a.m.–10 p.m.

## State Park Inns Reservation Policy:

- Make reservations at 1-877-LODGES-1 or [IndianaInns.com](http://IndianaInns.com).
- A deposit equal to one night's stay plus tax is required.
- Deposits may be made by cash, check or credit card. If paying by check, the inn must

receive your check within 10 days of the reservation. Credit card deposits will be charged the first night's room rate upon reservation confirmation.

- All inns take reservations two years in advance.
- Checkout time is 11 a.m.
- Check-in time is 4 p.m.



## 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, until 2 p.m. ET on day 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
- horse(s) must be present to camp in these campgrounds

### 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

- Youth Tent Areas are NOT to be reserved for family camping.
- 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

### 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 SF 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](http://on.IN.gov/MississinewaLake), then click "Activities", then "Seasonal Camping" for a link to lottery information.
- 6-month rental, May through October
- 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 that are not reserved become available for first-come, first-served camping on the day of arrival ONLY. Remember that camping reservations can be made until 2 p.m. ET on your day of arrival, so we recommend that you reserve ahead of time to guarantee your spot.

**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 set-up 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 or a compliance stamp from Indiana or from another state.
- 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](http://firewood.dnr.IN.gov)

## Reservations and Campsite Rates for 2023

**State Parks Managed Properties:** Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Deam Lake SRA, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Mounds, O'Bannon Woods, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Starve Hollow SRA, 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:** Greene-Sullivan State Forest

	Sun.-Wed.	Thu.-Sat.	Holidays
<b>Full Hookup</b>	\$30	\$40	\$44
<b>Electric</b>	\$23	\$30	\$33
<b>Non-electric</b>	\$16	\$19	\$22
<b>Primitive</b>	\$12	\$12	\$12

### 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.

	Sun.-Wed.	Thu.-Sat.	Holidays
<b>Electric</b>	\$26	\$33	\$36
<b>Non-electric</b>	\$19	\$22	\$25
<b>Primitive</b>	\$15	\$15	\$15

### Deam Lake SRA Equestrian Campground

	Sun.-Wed.	Thu.-Sat.	Holidays
<b>Electric</b> (Non-waterfront)	\$26	\$33	\$36
<b>Electric</b> (Waterfront)	\$40	\$47	\$50

(includes 2 mandatory horse stalls at \$7/night per stall)

**Stalls**  
(individually)  
(2 stalls maximum per site) \$7 per stall per night, 7 days a week, including holidays.

### Other Camping Rates

#### Anytime

- 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-\$60 plus tax. Deam Lake SRA RAC cabins have an additional charge for two stalls.
- Cancellation Fee** ..... varies based on facility type & time of cancellations.
- Site/Date Changes** ..... \$5 site/date changes can now be made through the reservation line 1-866-622-6746 AND the reservation site at [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov).
- Transaction Fee** ..... A \$6 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

	Glendale	J.E. Roush	Willow Slough
<b>Electric</b>	\$23/\$15	\$15/\$15*	N/A
<b>Non-electric</b>	\$16/\$10	N/A	\$12/\$10**
<b>Primitive</b>	N/A	\$12/\$10	\$12/\$10

\* J.E. Roush Lake 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

	Mon.-Sun.
<b>Primitive</b>	\$13
<b>Equestrian Primitive</b>	\$16
<b>Backpack or Canoe</b>	\$10

## 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-restroom facility. All operate through the summer; Tippecanoe River and Pokagon also have limited winter usage available.

**Lincoln SP** • Camp Lincoln accommodates 155 people—\$620/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—\$400/night.

**O'Bannon Woods SP** • Wyandotte Group Camp accommodates 124 people—\$496/night.

**Pokagon SP** • Camp Mitig maximum occupation varies by season—\$480/night.

**Shakamak SP** • Camp Shakamak accommodates 270 people—\$1,200/night.

**Versailles SP** • Camp Laughery accommodates 120 people—\$240/night.



## 2023 Holiday MINIMUM STAYS

### For Camping:



**Memorial Day** May 26, 27, 28

**Independence Day** No minimum stay

**Labor Day** Sept. 1, 2, 3

### For Family Cabins:



**Memorial Day** May 26, 27, 28

**Independence Day** Regular weekly minimum

**Labor Day** Sept. 1, 2, 3

**Thanksgiving** Nov. 22, 23, 24, 25

**Christmas** Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25

**New Year's** Dec. 29, 30, 31, 2023 and Jan. 1, 2024

## 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 and are available at [Indianalnns.com](http://Indianalnns.com) or 877-LODGES-1 (1-877-563-4371).



## Park and Forestry-Operated Options<sup>+</sup>

Reservations toll-free at 1-866-622-6746 or online at [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov). Only a limited number of cabins are available during winter months.

	Check-in Time	Checkout Time	Number of Cabins	Capacity	Shower/Toilet	Type of Heating	Rate Sun.-Wed.	Rate Thu.-Sat.	Rate Holiday Stays
<b>Chain O'Lakes</b>	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	18	6	Yes	12 Wood 6 Elec./Wood	\$80	\$90	\$100
<b>Harmonie</b>	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	9 2 ADA	8 6	Yes	Elec./Wood	\$90	\$100	\$110
<b>Lincoln</b>	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	10	6	Yes	Electric (AC)	\$80	\$90	\$95
<b>McCormick's Creek</b>	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	14	6	Yes	Gas	\$65	\$65	\$65
Centennial Cabin, Sunset Cabin			1 first floor ADA	8	Yes	Electric	\$199	\$209	\$219
<b>Morgan-Monroe SF</b>									
Cherry Lake Lodge	1 p.m.	11 a.m.	1	6	Yes	Electric	\$175	\$175	\$175
Draper Cabin	1 p.m.	11 a.m.	1	14	Pit Toilet	Wood	\$40	\$40	\$40
<b>Potato Creek</b>	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	16 1 ADA	8 8	Yes	Elec./Wood	\$90	\$100	\$110
<b>Shakamak</b>									
1, 9-21, 24-26	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	17	6	Yes	Electric (AC)	\$60	\$65	\$70
B, C, D			3	6	Yes	Electric	\$60	\$65	\$70
Lakeview A or B			1 Duplex-Each side rentable separately	8	Yes	Gas (AC)	\$140	\$150	\$160
<b>Trine SRA*</b>	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	12	2-6	Yes	Electric (AC)	2 person: \$69 4 person: \$75 6 person: \$79	2 person: \$79 4 person: \$85 6 person: \$89	2 person: \$89 4 person: \$95 6 person: \$99
<b>Whitewater Memorial*</b>									
All except 6-10	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	18	6	Yes	Electric	\$90	\$100	\$110
6-10 (pet friendly)	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	2 ADA	6			\$100	\$110	\$120
<b>Yellowwood State Forest</b>									
Lodge at Yellowwood	1 p.m.	11 a.m.	1	8	Yes	Propane	\$225	\$225	\$225

Customers must bring their own linens for cabins listed above, except for 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. \*All rates are subject to change. All fees are subject to state and local taxes.

## Inns-Operated Options<sup>+</sup>

Reservations toll-free at 1-877-LODGES 1 or online at [Indianalnns.com](http://Indianalnns.com).

	Check-in Time	Checkout Time	Number of Cabins	Capacity	Shower/Toilet	Type of Heating
<b>Brown County</b> Abe Martin Lodge	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	56 18 2* 12 cabin suites	1-4 8 8 6	Yes Yes	Electric Elec./Wood (Firewood provided Nov. 1 -April 1)
<b>Fort Harrison</b> Fort Harrison Inn "Harrison House"	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	1 house	18	Yes	Gas (Air-Conditioned)
<b>Fort Harrison</b> Fort Harrison Inn "Officers Homes"	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	4 homes	12	Yes	Gas (Air-Conditioned)
<b>Pokagon</b> Potawatomi Inn	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	8 4 cabin suites	4 6	Yes Yes	Gas Electric (AC)
<b>Turkey Run</b> Turkey Run Inn	4 p.m.	11 a.m.	1 Family 1 Overlook 1 Roost 20 Sleeping	4 5 8 4	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Electric Electric Electric Electric

Contact us with questions or concerns about your visit:

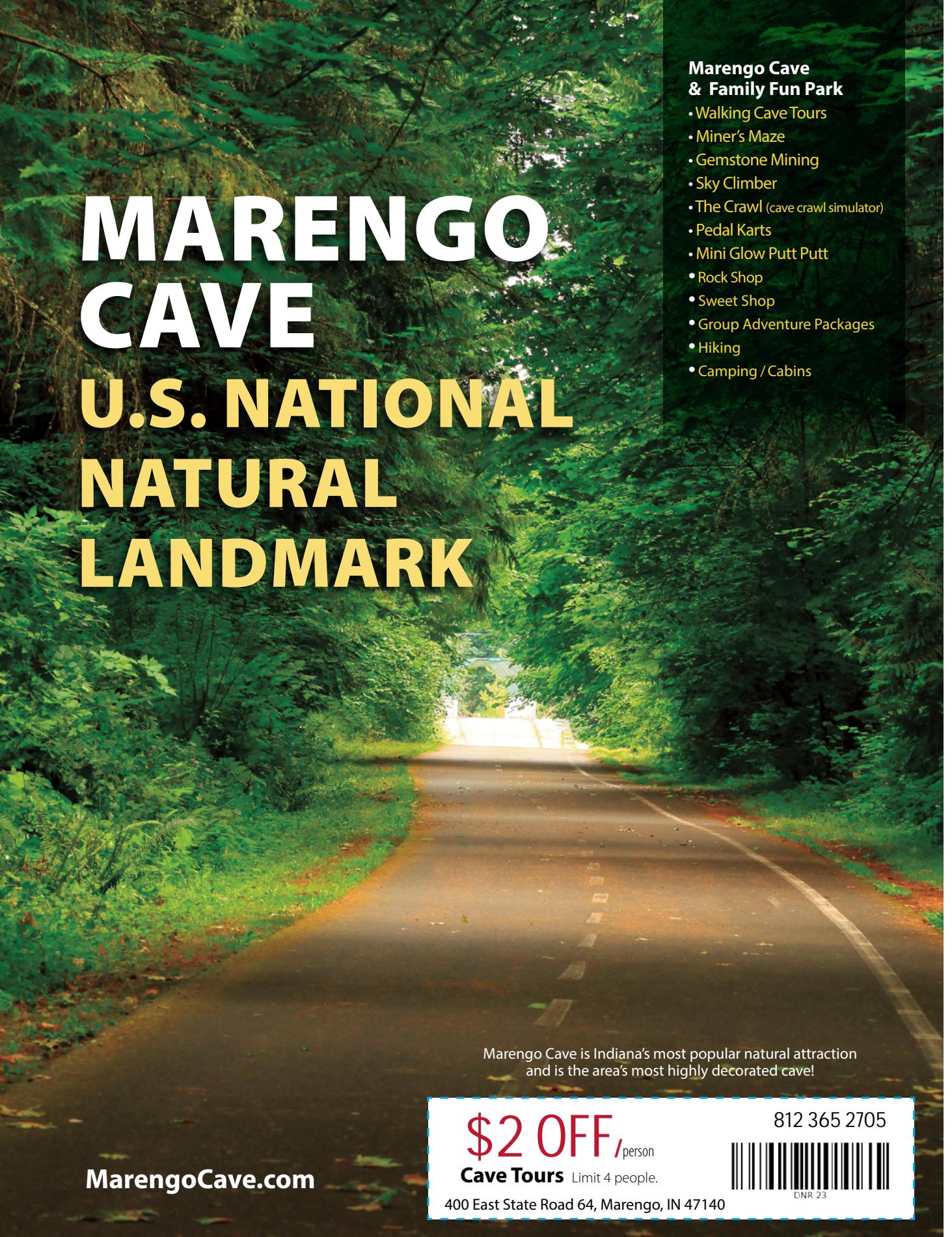
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Turkey Run Canoe & Camping  
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Turkey Run State Park  
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