Harrison-Crawford State Forest

The State Forest was established in 1932 with a purchase of approximately 3,600 acres the first year. The State Forest grew as the state purchased additional acreage and now encompasses 24,000 acres in Harrison and Crawford counties. The forest is managed through a multiple-use approach. This management technique includes timber harvesting, wildlife, karst, watershed, and recreation management. You may occasionally observe permanent wildlife openings which are created to diversify and enhance habitat. Through multiple-use, the State Forest is able to conserve and protect Indiana's natural resources.

What You Need to Know

The Adventure Hiking Trail (AHT) route is marked at intervals with green and white blazes on trees, 4x4 posts, or Carsonite posts. Hiking the entire 25-mile trail generally takes 2 ½ to 3 days and should be attempted only by hikers in good physical condition with the necessary knowledge and equipment. Due to the karst landscape of the area, water is frequently scarce. Plan to carry water or pick up water in the karst terrain along the AHT.

Overnight Trips

Hikers planning overnight trips on the AHT should register at either the State Park gatehouse or at the State Park property office which is located at 7234 Old Forest Rd Corydon, IN 47112. Additional camping and trail information may also be obtained at these locations. Primitive camping along the AHT is allowed as long as the campsite is at least one mile from any main road and out of sight of the trail (but close enough to be considered along the trail).

Roadway Access

SR-462 north of Feller Rd (Rock Creek Trail Head Parking Lot)
SR-462 just north of the intersection of SR-462 and Old Forest Rd
Old Forest Rd halfway between Kintner Rd and Feller Rd
Cold Friday Rd roughly 4.5 miles south of Old Forest Rd
Main State Park Rd (Pioneer Picnic Shelter)

Potential Closures

Because Harrison-Crawford State Forest is a multiple-use property the AHT could be temporarily rerouted due to trail improvement or forest management activities. As a result this map and trail may differ. Generally, closures are posted at the location and reroutes are flagged with pink and black striped flagging. The trail will be returned to its original location when activities are completed. For information regarding potential closures please call the State Forest office at (812) 738-7694.

Overnight Shelters

Five overnight shelters are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Shelters were scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most improved.

Old Barn Shelter – 1 (roof, three walls, dirt floor) This shelter is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the Rock Creek Trail Head Parking Lot on the AHT.

Homestead Overnight Shelter – 4 (wooden floor, three walls, and a roof)

Indian Creek Shelter – 4 (wooden floor, three walls, and a roof) This shelter, located on the bluffs above Indian Creek boasts a spectacular view.

Ohio River Shelter – 5 (totally enclosed with wooden floor, windows, door, and a roof)

“The Deschamp Homesite on French Hill” (pictured below) This homestead was built some time after 1855 and was owned by the Deschamp family into the early 1900s. Over 100 years later the homestead’s chimney is still standing at what is now the Homestead Overnight Shelter.

For More Information

Harrison-Crawford State Forest
7311 Old Forest Rd SW
Corydon, IN 47112
Office: (812) 738-7694

O’Bannon Woods State Park
7234 Old Forest Rd SW
Corydon, IN 47112
Office: (812) 738-8232
Overnight Shelters are first come first serve. Overnight camping along the AHT is permitted.

For general information call the State Park Office (812) 738-8232. For information on closures call the State Forest Office (812) 738-7694. Hours: 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday Closed Weekends and Holidays

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