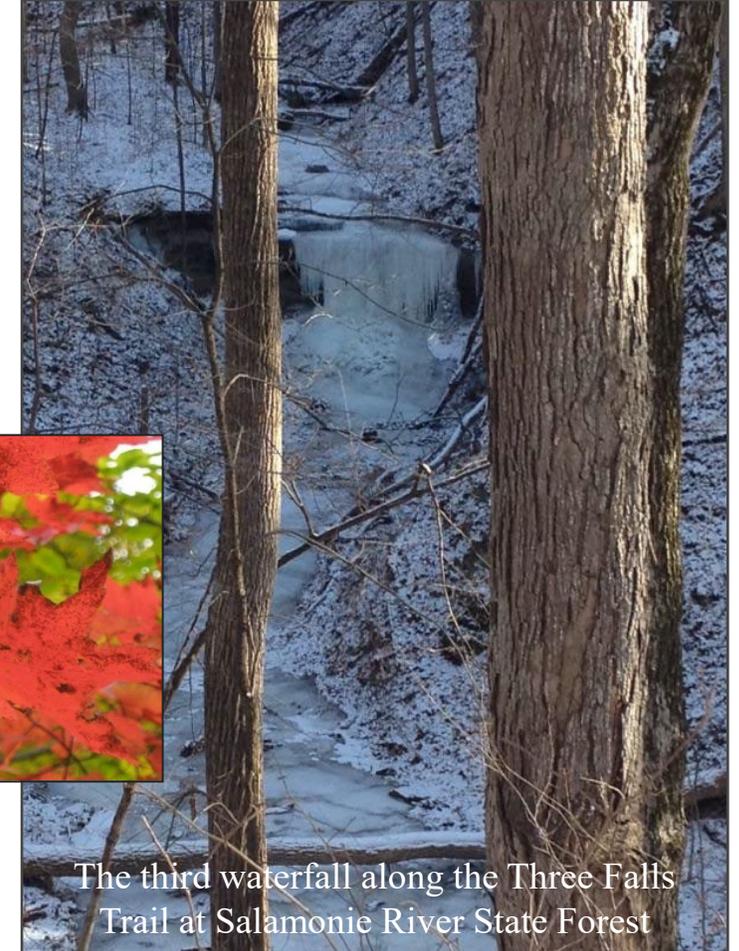


Salamonie River & Frances Slocum State Forests

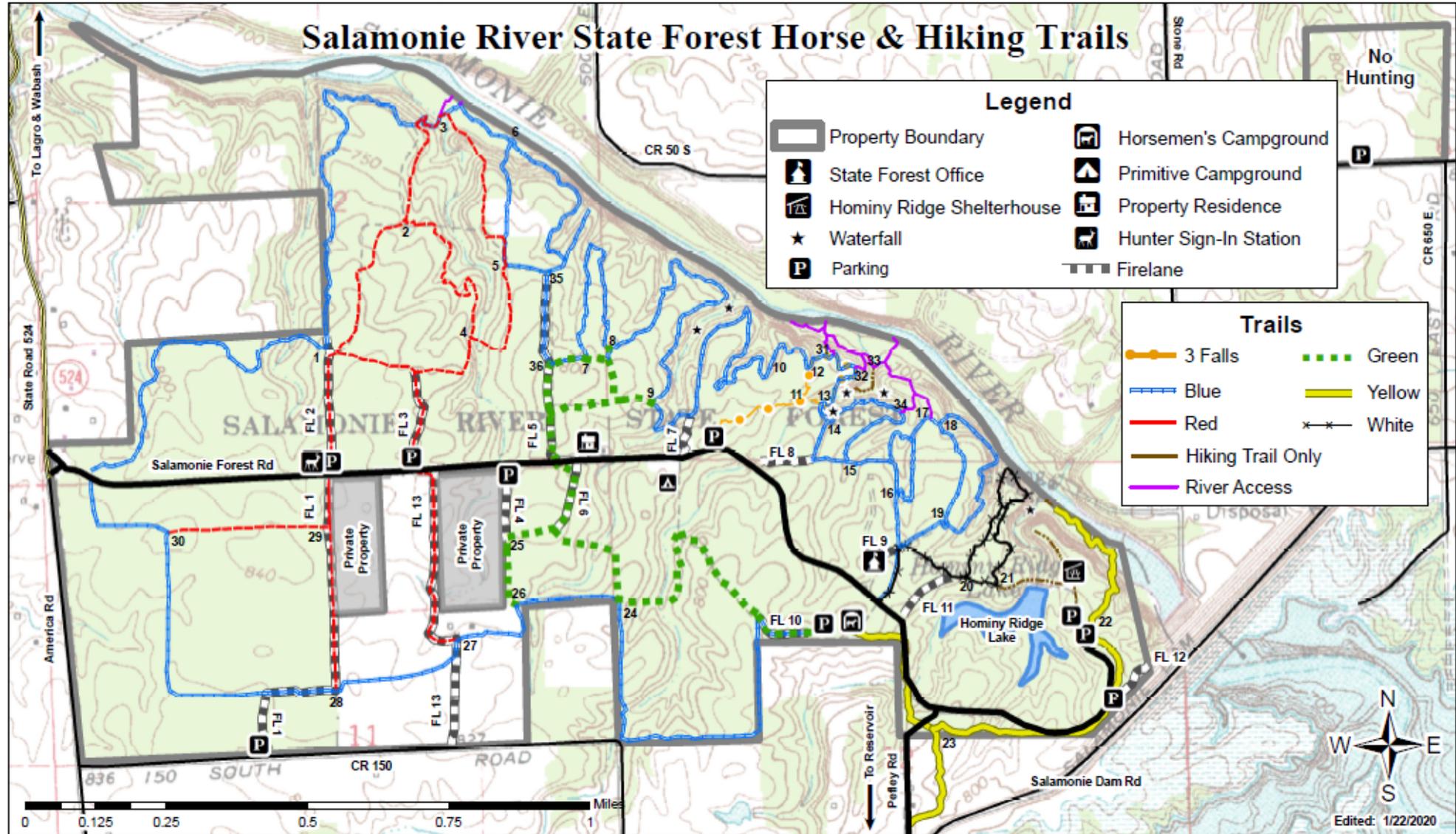
Salamonie River State Forest

- Established in 1933
- Encompasses 956 acres
- Located in Wabash County, Indiana
- Served as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp - Camp 589
- Open areas planted to trees by CCC
- Over 16 miles of equestrian & hiking trails
- 21 primitive family campsites
- 15 primitive equestrian campsites
- Picnic area with rentable shelterhouse
- 9-acre lake with boat ramp (trolling motors only)
- Access to Salamonie River
- Waterfalls
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Foraging



The third waterfall along the Three Falls Trail at Salamonie River State Forest

Property Overview



Frances Slocum State Forest

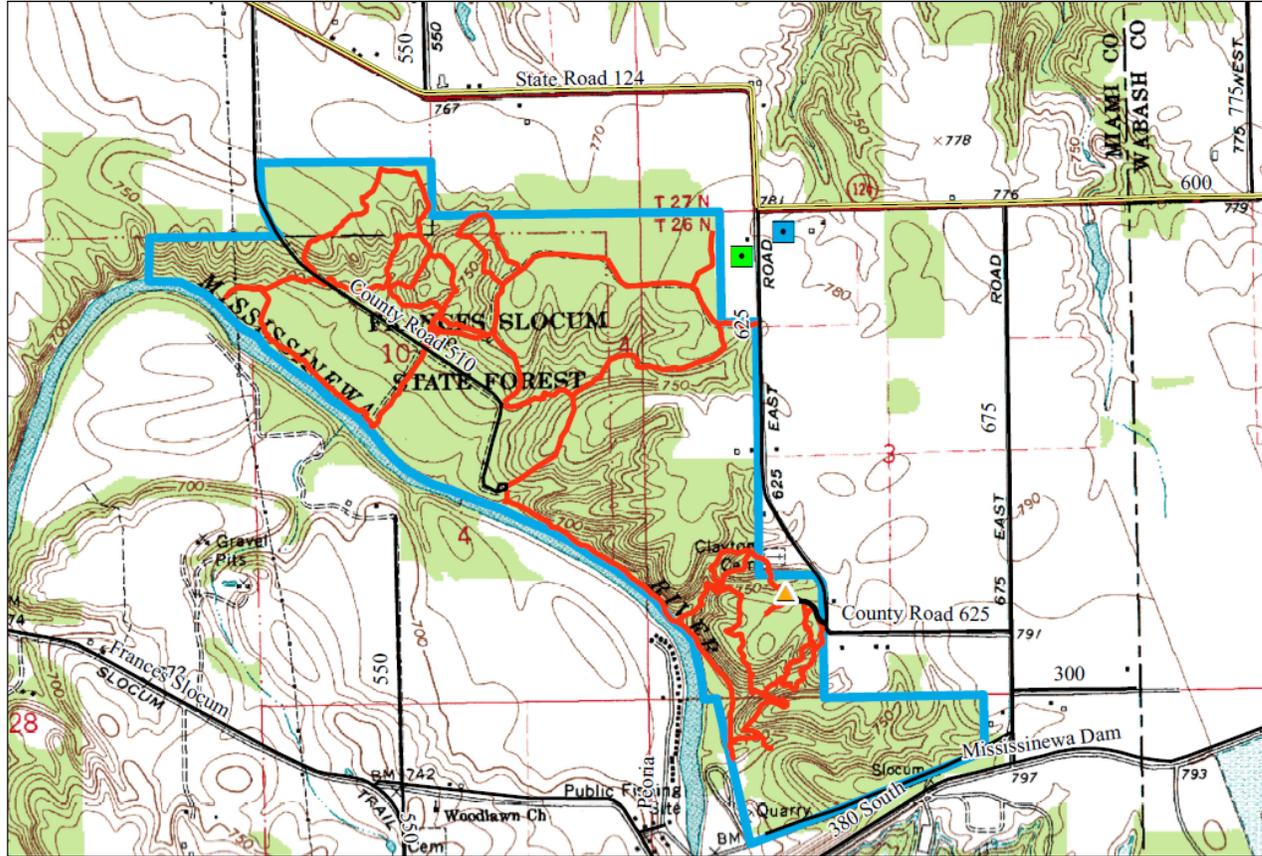
- Established in the mid-1930s
- Encompasses 516 acres
- Located in Miami County, Indiana
- Open areas planted to trees by CCC
- No camping
- Day use property only
- Equestrian and hiking trails
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Foraging
- Access to Mississinewa River



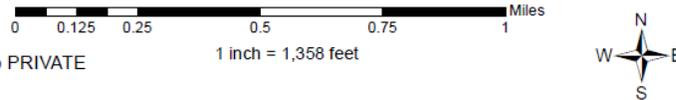
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Frances - Slocum State Forest

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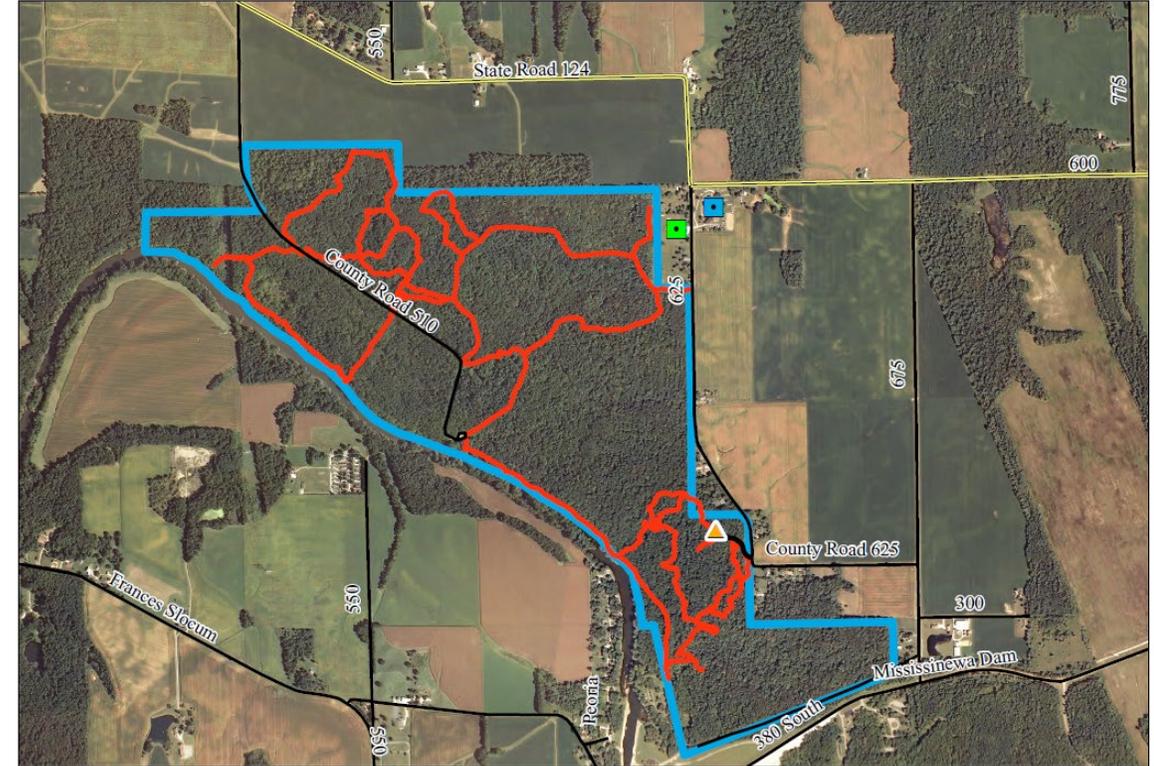


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- Property Boundary
- ▲ Day Use Parking Lot
- Frances Slocum Trail Riders Camp PRIVATE
- Horse camp property PRIVATE



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Completed Projects

The Salamonie River State Forest office conference room was remodeled. This was an extensive task completed by volunteer Roger Smith. Roger installed a drop ceiling, light fixtures, and created a bulkhead around the CCC constructed fireplace where special lighting was installed to highlight the Indiana shaped stonework in the chimney. Roger also extended duct lines into the conference room to improve heating and cooling. Roger's work is beautiful!



Completed Projects

Storm clean-up was a priority in 2021

- Salamonie River State Forest was hit by straight line winds during a storm on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.
- The storm left a swath of destruction from the Horsemen's Campground across the property to the Hominy Ridge Picnic Area.
- Unfortunately, most of the trees that came down or damaged were healthy, live trees.
- Volunteers had just completed trail inspections and clearing the Saturday prior to June 10th. Unfortunately, their hard work and effort went unnoticed.
- Up for the challenge, Salamonie River's amazing volunteers responded in stride and returned to clear the storm damage.
- Property staff also put in countless hours over the summer to clearing the storm damage.



It took two days to clear nearly a ½ mile stretch of road.



The Hominy Ridge Picnic Shelter also received damage in the storm event.



Several picnic tables in Hominy Ridge and Horsemen's Campground were destroyed.

Completed Projects



The Kerr Management Unit tree planting was completed in the spring of 2020. This was part of the ForestIN program. Red oak, white oak, and chinkapin oak seedlings were planted to begin the development of a new forest.



Other Completed Projects:

- A new information booth was constructed at the Three Falls Trailhead.
- A new culvert was installed on the Blue Trail to mitigate a muddy situation.
- Fresh stone was laid around hitching posts in the Horsemen's Campground.
- Some trees were planted in the Horsemen's Campground.
- New "Caution, Horse Crossing" signs were installed throughout the property.



In Progress Projects



Volunteers

A special thanks to those who took time away from their personal lives to volunteer at Salamonie River and Frances-Slocum State Forests. The collective effort of these volunteers helped make these state forests a great place to recreate in 2020. In some cases, volunteers donated gravel or used their personal tractors, dump trailers, or other equipment to see a project complete. The citizens of Indiana and the Division of Forestry thank each of you. The Division of Forestry looks forward to working with you in 2021.



Upcoming Projects

- 4 new precast concrete toilets are planned for installation in 2021. These new units will replace older existing units near the Hominy Ridge Shelter, Horsemen's and Family campgrounds.
- Salamonie Forest Road is scheduled to be repaved in 2021. This is an INDOT project. Some additional grading will be completed on the existing gravel roads as well.
- Repair stonework on the CCC picnic tables in the Hominy Ridge Picnic Area
- Install frost free water spigots in the Horsemen's campground.
- Install gate and improve parking area at Frances Slocum State Forest.
- Painting Hominy Ridge Shelter
- Update trail signage



- In 2021, Compartment 1 Tract 6 will be inventoried.
- Timber marking in Compartment 2 Tract 1 at Frances Slocum State Forest may begin in 2021.
- Follow-up maintenance on the 2020 tree plantings
- Invasive species management



Invasive species work