



## Yellowwood State Forest

### Location:

Yellowwood State Forest is located 7 miles west of Nashville, and 10 miles east of Bloomington north of State Highway 46. The forest's 23,326 acres offer many recreation opportunities. Its close proximity to Brown County State Park, T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Monroe Reservoir, Indiana University and the quaint village of Nashville offers visitors a unique and wide variety of activities.

### Camping:

Campsites are centrally located within the forest around Yellowwood Lake. Primitive (Class C) camping areas are located west of Yellowwood Lake Road: Red Pine (31 sites), White Oak-Hickory (18 sites), Redbud (11 sites) and Black Gum (19 sites). A picnic table and grill is located on each site. Tents-only camping is available at the north end of Yellowwood Lake. A primitive (Class C) Horseman's Camp with 12 campsites is located at the south end of the lake convenient to the many miles of horse trails that wander through the forest. Reservations for campsites are not accepted.

### Lakes:

133 acre Yellowwood Lake is noted for its excellent fishing; a valid Indiana fishing license is required to fish at Yellowwood. Rowboat rental is available. There is a boat ramp located at the south end of the lake. Boat motors are limited to electric trolling motors only. Bear Lake and Crooked Creek Lake are also popular fishing areas. Camping is not permitted at Bear Lake or Crooked Creek Lake, and swimming is not permitted in any lake.

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### Hiking:

Hikers may use designated hiking and horse trails. Off-road vehicles, mountain bikes and other bicycles, and horses are not permitted on hiking trails. Hikers are advised to wear hunter orange or other bright clothing while on trails during hunting season.

#### Jackson Creek Trail - 1.5 miles (easy)

This self-guiding interpretive trail traverses a variety of terrain and forest types. The trail head is located 3/4 mile north of the Forest Office. Booklets are available at the Forest Office and the trailhead. Wheelchair accessible to Jackson Creek.

#### High King Vista Trail - .5 miles (moderate)

This steep trail winds its way up a heavily forested hillside and leads to a scenic view of Yellowwood Lake. At the vista you can choose to continue on 4 mile Scarce O' Fat Trail or return to the trailhead.

#### Scarce O' Fat Trail - 4 miles (rugged)

Some parts follow fire trails, so watch for trail markers. Begins just north of High King Trail along road to the spillway.

#### Resource Management Trail - 1.5 miles (moderate)

Self-guiding interpretive trail. Brochure available at Forest Office. Trailhead across the road from the office.

#### Yellowwood Lake Trail - 5 miles (moderate)

Circles Yellowwood Lake. Trail uses segments of other trails and can be picked up via the Resource Management Trail or Jackson Creek.

### Horse Trails

Horseback riding is allowed at Yellowwood State Forest, and only on designated horse trails; horseback riding is not permitted at Morgan-Monroe State Forest. An annual horse use permit is required. Horseback riders are advised to wear hunter orange or other bright clothing while on trails during hunting season.

#### Horse Trail "W" - 3 miles

Starts at Crooked Creek Road and enters into Brown County State Park trail "D".

#### Horse Trail "X" - 2 miles

Ends on Brock Road and connects to Horse Trail "Z".

#### Horse Trail "Y" - 8.6 miles

Starts and ends near the Horseman's Campground.

#### Horse Trail "SY" - 4 miles

Creates a shorter loop of Trail "Y"

#### Horse Trail "Z" - 4 miles

Starts at the Horseman's Campground connects to "X".

### Facilities:

Rowboat rental is available at Yellowwood State Forest. There are picnic areas and one picnic shelter available for day use. Picnic tables and grills are located at most picnic sites. The picnic shelter may be reserved; contact the Yellowwood Forest Office or the YSF web page for a reservation form.

### Hunting:

Whitetail deer, ruffed grouse, turkey, squirrel, fox, woodcock and raccoon. A valid hunting license is required. Hikers and horseback riders are advised to wear hunter orange or other bright clothing while on trails during hunting season.

Firearms, including handguns, are permitted in the forest when used according to hunting regulations. They may not be used for target shooting or "sighting in" in safety zones, or within 200 feet of trails.

### Yellowwood Tree

Yellowwood State Forest is named for a tree common in the mid-south but rare this far north. The yellowwood tree (*Cladrastis kentuckea*) has bright yellow heartwood that is hard and dense. A specimen is planted at the Forest Office on Yellowwood Lake and Trail #5 in Brown County State Park passes by several trees in their natural state.

### The Tecumseh Trail

#### The Trail's History

Tecumseh, which means "panther in the sky," was a Shawnee Chief who attempted to ally several tribes into one confederacy in the early 1800s. The trail name commemorates the leadership of this native resident of the lands the trail traverses. The path follows the Tecumseh trail proposed originally in 1973 that was to span from Florida to Canada.

### Safety

Hunting is allowed on State Forest properties. Bright color clothing is recommended during hunting seasons. Water sources along the trail may not be safe for consumption. Plan to carry in your drinking water or be sure to properly purify before use.