Mountain bikes are permitted on the outer loop of the Blue Bridle Trail (not the interior connectors).

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- Bridle Trail (Blue)
- Pleasant Grove (Orange)
- Sandstone Bluff (Red)

**Legend**

- Boundary
- Road
- Hiking Trail
- Horse Trail
- Nature Preserve
- Private Property
- Parking
- Campground
- Playground
- Picnic Shelter
- Horse Camp
- Forest Office

**Map Areas**

- FISH CREEK CAMPGROUND AREA
- SEE INSET

Owen-Putnam State Forest contains 6,688 acres of forested land and is a great place to get away. Hike through some of the best hardwood forests in the country; enjoy deer, squirrel, and turkey hunting; fish in one of the many small ponds; or horseback ride through some of the beautiful hills of south-central Indiana. This property consists of many scattered holdings in a north-south orientation, and because of this scattered nature of landholding, be careful to avoid trespassing on private land.

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Enjoy a moderate hike through Owen-Putnam State Forest. This hike includes a wildlife pond as well as a waterfall that may occur after significant rain. Wearing hiking boots and carrying drinking water is recommended.

A short and moderate hike. Park by the shelter house and walk down to Fish Creek, enjoying a variety of tree species along the way.

**Horse Trails**

Owen-Putnam State Forest offers three horse trails that cover several miles of scenic beauty. To ride horses on state property, you must have a daily or annual horse tag, which you can buy at our office during normal business hours.

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Start this scenic route from the Horse Campground and ride to the Rattlesnake Campground area and back. Highlights include the Horse Camp and Rattlesnake campgrounds, no drinking water is available. Campers staying at either can access water from the office via an outside water spigot or at Fish Creek Campground.

**Camping**

There are three campgrounds. Each operates on a first-come, first-served basis and has its own self-registration booth. All campgrounds are primitive, with a picnic table, grill, and parking spur at each campsite. Water is available at Fish Creek Campground during the warmer months. At the Horse Camp and Rattlesnake campgrounds, no drinking water is available. Campers staying at either can access water from the office via an outside water spigot or at Fish Creek Campground.

**Hunting**

Deer, squirrel, and turkey hunting is available. A valid hunting license is required. Be aware of your surroundings—hunters must respect the rights of private landowners. Not all state forest boundaries are marked; however, the lines that are marked have orange paint on the state-owned side of the trees. Boundary signs are posted at intervals on the private side.

Many of our fire trails are cleared annually to provide access to the property. These trails are usually located near parking areas and have steel cables. To allow emergency access, please do not park in front of these cables.

**Mountain Bike Trail**

The bike trail is part of the Blue horse trail. Most riders will find the approximately 9-mile ride moderately difficult. An off-road cycling permit is required to use the trail. For the enjoyment of all our visitors, please remember:

- Mountain bikes are only permitted on the marked areas of the Blue horse trail.
- Mountain bikers share the trail with horseback riders. Right-of-way should be yielded to people on horseback.
- The trail is marked with blue decals, a horse, and a bicycle, on Carsonite-brand posts. The markers are located on the right side of the trail until you pass the halfway point on the loop. At that point, the markers will be on the left side.
- The trailhead parking lot has a capacity of four to six cars. Please do not block the fire lane entrance, which is normally marked by a steel cable stretched across it.

**Rules Governing Use**

Public lands are managed for the long-term use of our citizens. To protect these lands and assure their ability to provide multiple benefits forever, certain activities are prohibited, including use of off-road motorized vehicles, carelessness with fires, destruction of private or public property, unauthorized vegetation or fauna destruction, and unauthorized trail-making. Hunting and shooting is prohibited within 400 feet of recreation areas and across any roadway or trail. Please take care of your public lands and enjoy them.

**Help Prevent Wildfires**

- Build fires only in designated areas.
- Be sure to properly dispose of all smoking materials.
- Report any violation of fire regulations to park officials at once.
- Leave only footprints. Take only memories.

**For More Information**

Write: Owen-Putnam State Forest
2153 Fish Creek Road
Spencer, IN 47460
Call: 812-829-2462

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