

Stewardship Notes

Indiana Division of Forestry



Recreation Opportunities on State Forests

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry owns and manages nearly 150,000 acres of forestland for the benefit of Indiana residents. These properties and working forests provide numerous recreational opportunities as well as timber products, wildlife habitat, watershed protection and research projects.

Clark State Forest--a 25,000 acre property with 7 lakes (trolling motors only); 45 campsites, 26 primitive horsemen's campsites, 53 acres of picnic area, hiking and bridle trails, hunting, fishing, picnic shelters, a gun range and 2 nature preserves.

Deam Lake State Recreation Area--a 1,300 acre property with Deam Lake itself occupying 194 acres. There are 115 Class A campsites, 108 Class A horsemen's campsites, hiking trails, swimming beach with picnic area, beach house, boat rentals, a nature center, hunting and fishing. The property also features horse stalls for campers, 12 camping cabins for rent, and rentable picnic shelters.

Ferdinand State Forest--a 7,700 acre property with 90 acre Ferdinand Lake and 3 smaller lakes. There are 77 campsites, a 10-acre picnic area, 5 picnic shelters, a swimming beach, boat and canoe rentals, hiking trails, hunting and fishing.

Greene-Sullivan State Forest--a property with 8,900 acres including more than 120 lakes, 100 campsites, 20 horsemen's campsites, hiking and bridle trails, hunting and plenty of fishing, and an archery range. There will be 12 rentable camping cabins coming in late 2013.

Harrison-Crawford State Forest--a 24,000 acre property with canoeing on Blue River; youth group and primitive campsites, Adventure Hiking Trail (25 miles), bridle trails, hunting and fishing. (The recreation areas are managed by adjoining O'Bannon Woods State Park.)

Jackson-Washington State Forest--a property with 18,000 acres including 5 lakes, picnic shelters, picnic area, 54 primitive campsites, youth group camping, 2,500 acre backcountry area, hiking and bridle trails, hunting, fishing and an archery range.

Martin State Forest--a 7,800 acre property with 3 small lakes, 26 primitive campsites, 4 picnic shelters, hiking/biking trails, hunting and fishing.

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Morgan-Monroe State Forest--a 25,668 acre property with 3 small lakes, 35 primitive campsites, youth group campsites, 2,700 acre backcountry area, cabin rental, hiking trails, picnic area, picnic shelters, nature preserve, hunting and fishing.

Owen-Putnam State Forest--a 6,300 acre property with several small wildlife ponds, 25 primitive campsites, 15 horsemen's campsites, hiking and bridle trails, hunting and fishing.

Pike State Forest--a 4,900 acre property with 11 primitive campsites and 29 horsemen's campsites, 1 shelter house, hiking and bridle trails, Patoka River access, hunting and foraging.

Salamonie River & Frances Slocum State Forests--recreational facilities on these properties are managed by the Division of State Parks & Reservoirs

Selmier State Forest--a 355 acre property with a small pond, hunting, hiking and foraging.

Starve Hollow State Recreation Area--280 acres with 145 acre Starve Hollow Lake, boat rentals, 55 Class A and 98 Class B campsites, 20 primitive campsites and 13 camping cabins, 2 rentable picnic shelters, swimming beach, beach house, nature center, hiking/biking trails, recreation field.

Yellowwood State Forest--24,425 acres with 134 acre Yellowwood Lake, 3 small lakes, 80 primitive campsites, 12 horsemen's campsites, youth tent campsites, boat docks and rentals, rentable picnic shelters, picnic areas, hiking and bridle trails, fishing, hunting and winter sledding hill.

Covered Bridge Retreat--A unique 300 acre working forest retreat with rentable 3 bedroom modern lodge, 21 site campground, horse barn and indoor arena, 5 miles of hiking/biking/horse trails-- a truly one-of-a-kind experience! See www.coveredbridgeretreat.dnr.in.gov.

Firewood on DNR State Properties

There are 140 known pests and pathogens that can be moved from place to place in firewood. We all have a responsibility to conserve our forests, so the DNR has implemented a new firewood management rule effective for all of our properties. We also know how important campfires are to each of you when you camp, so we've included ways that you can still bring firewood in with you. You can bring firewood into a state park, reservoir, state forest or state fish and wildlife area if it is:

- Kiln-dried scrap lumber.
- Firewood from your home or other location in Indiana and has the bark removed.
- Purchased firewood that comes with a [compliance stamp](#) issued by either the state of Indiana or USDA.

Firewood that does not meet the above standards may result in confiscation or citation. For questions see www.firewood.dnr.in.gov