

## POINTS OF INTEREST (POI)

### # POINT OF INTEREST NAME & DESCRIPTION

#### 1 Rock Garden

A specialty vehicle crawl area. The rock garden is designed with four stages, from easy to extreme. Most 4WDs and ORVs can traverse stages 1 and 2. Stages 3 and 4 require experienced drivers and modified vehicles.

#### 2 Overlook Hill

One of the most beautiful vistas at Interlake. Easily accessed by any vehicle or ORV, this hilltop is one of the highest in the area. You can see all of Interlake from here.

#### 3 Hole in Rock

A short walk from the trail, this is a remnant from the mining era. Boulders like this are the result of drilling and blasting during coal extraction.

#### 4 Skinny Pedal Hill

A 4WD fun spot. This narrow, steep hill challenges some of the best. Use caution to stay upright and on your wheels.

#### 5 Marion Parking

A focal point from the past. Marion Parking was a mine-equipment parking area. Heavy equipment, such as Big Kate (a dragline manufactured specifically for Interlake and still used today), was staged here before moving into the production line.

#### 6 Football Field

This basin is a fun mud-and-climb area for all levels of drivers. Although the mud changes as nearby mining affects the hydrology of the area, the hill climbs remain. This is a great location for teaching young drivers how to shift on a hill, in a safe location, and near easy trails.

#### 7 Waterfall

Close to single track trails and a short walk from the dual track. Interlake's waterfall varies with the seasons and beaver activity. This impressive falls cascades from Perched Lake to the pit below. When it is in full stream, the sights and sounds rival those of many other falls in the state.

#### 8 Trail 4 Overlook

A serene stop along the trail. The view from this overlook is one of the finest, including the highwalls left from the mining operations and most of Interlake to the north and east.

#### 9 Observation Deck (ADA Accessible)

Located on the Observation hiking trail, near the main road and Trail 1. The deck overlooks a large wetland area that is an integral part of the biological water purification system established in 2008 to eliminate acidic drainage into the South Fork Patoka River. Migratory birds, beaver and other wildlife frequent the wetlands throughout the year. This is a great location for interpretive classes and school groups.

## HIKING TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>Overlook Trail</b>	1.29 miles

Meanders through a transition woods and along a scenic lake. Includes several picnic stops along the route. (enter from the office parking lot)

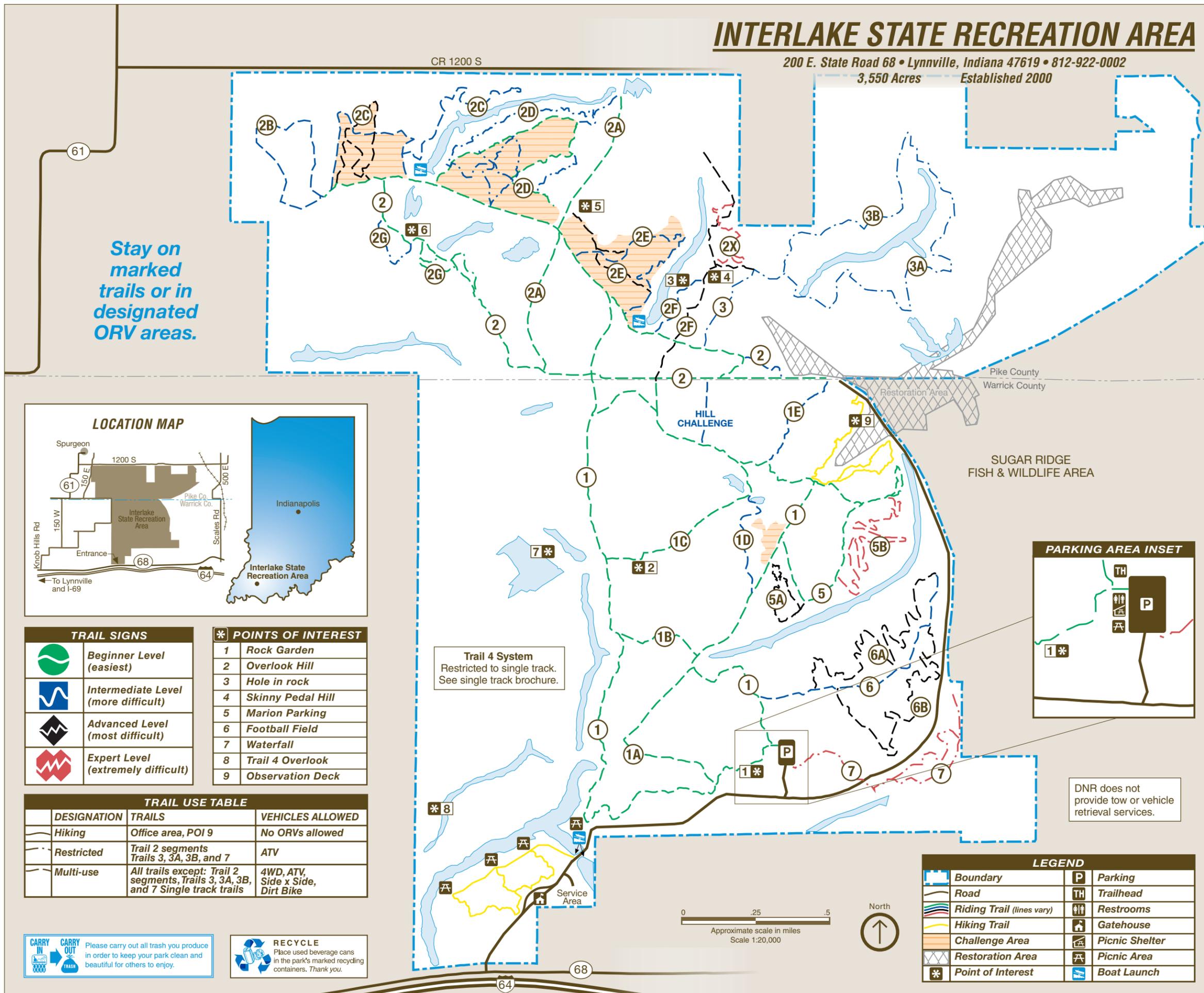
<b>Observation Trail</b>	1.07 miles
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Has an ADA overlook for visitors to watch wildlife in the reclaimed headwaters of the South Fork Patoka. It extends into former coal spoils for a refreshing woodland hike. (enter off the main road near POI 9)

## RIDE SMART, RIDE SAFE

Free ORV safety course with optional certification  
\*fee for certification

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**All ORVs must be registered with the state or street legal (licensed).** All ORVs must have a valid registration, Indiana permit or be legally licensed for street use. Please review ORV registration as defined by Indiana Code 14-16-1.

## OFF-ROAD VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

**NOTE:** Mileage does not include minor or connector trails that do not appear on the map.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
1	4.82 miles
1A	.73 miles
1B	.31 miles
1C	.7 miles
2	2.62 miles
2A	.5 miles
2B	1.15 miles
2C	1.18 miles
2D	1.15 miles
2E	1.37 miles
2F	1.41 miles
TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
3	.44 miles
3A & 3B Loop	2.47 miles
4	8.84 miles
6	.9 miles

**EASY/BEGINNER TRAILS** stock vehicle and novice-rider friendly

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## STATE RECREATION AREA

ORV MOTORIZED TRAILS



Interlake State Recreation Area, Indiana's largest off-road vehicle property, is a 3,500-acre destination focused on trails. Located in Pike and Warrick counties near Lynnville, it boasts nearly 100 miles of trails open to ORVs, horses, mountain bikes and hikers. Several lakes are available for boating and fishing, and former coal mine land provides excellent opportunities for hunting and mushrooming.

The terrain ranges from flat, to rolling, to steep hills, with some mud bogs. Many trails are rocky, providing a technical challenge. Full-size vehicles such as 4x4 trucks and SUVs are welcome, as are ATVs, side x sides and dirt bikes. The specialty-vehicle rock garden and Trail 5B are popular for those with modified ORVs.

Visitors have easy access to Interlake with a paved entrance off State Road 68. It has ample room for big rigs and trucks with trailers or boats to enter, maneuver and exit.

Because Interlake is still in the developmental stage, amenities are minimal. Visitors should bring water or other non-alcoholic beverages to stay hydrated, and food or snacks to fuel a full day of outdoor fun.

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TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
1	.21 miles
1D	.4 miles
1E	.37 miles
1F	.37 miles
2B	.92 miles
2C	1.52 miles
2D	2.08 miles
2E	.89 miles
2F	.28 miles
2G	.47 miles
3	.44 miles
3A & 3B Loop	2.47 miles
4	8.84 miles
6	.9 miles

**MORE DIFFICULT/INTERMEDIATE TRAILS** off-road tires and winches suggested

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Write:** Interlake State Recreation Area  
200 E. State Road 68  
Lynnville, IN 47619

**Call:** 812-622-0002

**Online:** [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4226.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4226.htm)

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Open dawn to dusk.  
\* Trails close 30 minutes before dusk.

## ENTRANCE FEES

*\*Fees are subject to change*

**Daily Motorized (ORV):** \$15 per vehicle that will use the motorized trails, which includes gate entry. (For example, a truck hauling four ATVs will be charged \$60.)

### Annual Motorized Trail-Use Permits available

Daily Non-motorized: Indiana State Park gate entrance and specialty fees apply for all non-motorized property use. Annual (state park) passes are accepted. Bridle tags are required, one per horse.

## SPECIAL NOTE

Interlake SRA is a direct result of off-road vehicle registration fees and federal Recreational Trails Program grant awards at work.



**Division of Outdoor Recreation**



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Highway Administration**



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These areas are found throughout Interlake, mostly in the northern one-third of the property. These areas have little trail marking and quickly shift from somewhat easy to extremely difficult. Conditions change with each passing season. You may encounter deep, mud-filled holes, long steep hills with little room to maneuver at top and bottom, boulders, roots, trees, narrow trail beside deep water, and muck. Very little grooming or maintenance is completed on these trails, leaving drivers to compete against nature at its finest.

## CHALLENGE AREAS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
2X	.51 miles
5B	1.37 miles
7	1.41 miles

**EXTREMELY DIFFICULT/EXPERT TRAILS** modified vehicles, aggressive tires, winches, off-road trail experience, and buddies highly suggested; ATVs not recommended unless trail is of restricted width, 50 inches or less

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
2C	.85 miles
2E	.52 miles
2F	1.09 miles
5A	.62 miles
6A & 6B Loop	2.69 miles

**MOST DIFFICULT/ADVANCED TRAILS** aggressive tires, winches, off-road experience and buddies suggested

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### GENERAL

- All vehicles must be registered or licensed (i.e., street legal) according to Indiana law.
- Everyone who enters Interlake SRA must pay at the gatehouse.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the property. All vehicles are subject to search.
- All ORVs must have functioning spark arrestors and mufflers.
- The operator of any vehicle, other than an ORV, traveling off road or on property trails, must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid driver's license.

### ORV OPERATION

- The operator of an ORV who is under age 16 must be directly supervised at all times by a parent or legal guardian who possesses a valid driver's license.
- DOT-approved helmets must be worn by everyone riding at Interlake SRA, with one exception. Adults 18 years old and older in vehicles or ORVs equipped with overhead protection and seatbelts. Seatbelts must be worn at all times by everyone when operating vehicles.
- Youth under 18 years of age must wear DOT-approved helmets in all ORV, including side x sides and UTVs.
- Passengers are not allowed on ATVs or OHMs, except on vehicles designed by the manufacturer for two-up riding.

### ORV TRAILS & DESIGNATED USE/CHALLENGE AREAS

- Most trails are marked by designated use (e.g., ATV, OHM, full-size ORV). ORVs are not permitted on trails that are not designated for their use. Any ORV operator traversing a trail that is not designated for that use may be ejected from the property.
- Trails may have ORV size limitations. Any ORV operator traversing a trail in a vehicle larger than the designated size for that trail may be ejected from the property. If a trail does not have a use or size designation/limitation, it is open to all vehicle types.
- Areas of Interlake may be closed due to ongoing development. Trespassing on closed areas is illegal.

## TERMS TO KNOW (for legal definitions see IC 14-8-2)

- ATV** - All-terrain Vehicle
- DOT** - Department of Transportation
- OHM** - Off-highway Motorcycle
- ORV** - Off-road Vehicle, includes ATV, OHM, RORV and UTV; not street legal (licensed) vehicles
- RORV** - Recreational Off-road vehicle
- UTV** - Utility Task Vehicle, Utility-terrain Vehicle
- Vehicle** - any mode of transportation other than an ORV; for legal definition see 312 IAC 8-1.5-22
- Overhead Protection** - roll bars or fully enclosed metal cab