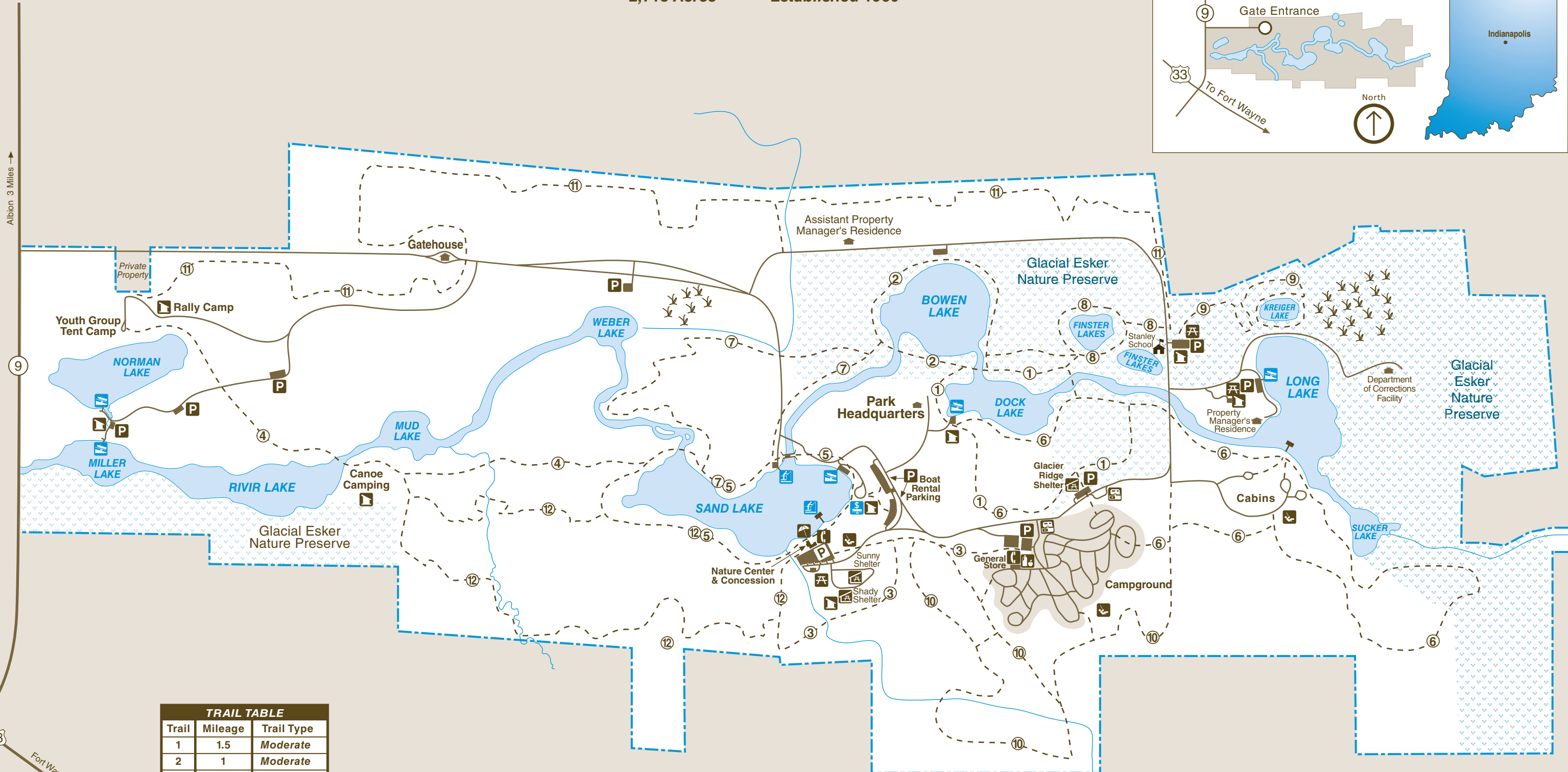
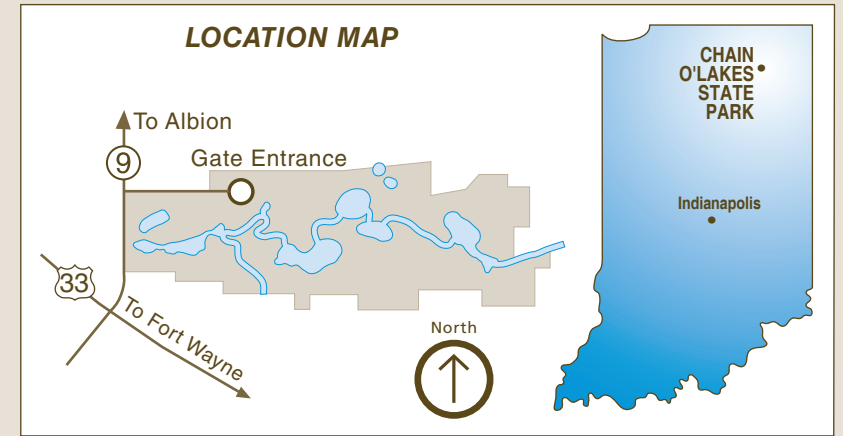


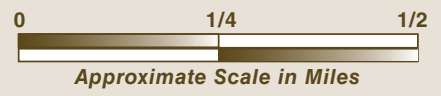
CHAIN O' LAKES STATE PARK

2355 E. 75 South • Albion, Indiana 46701 • (260) 636-2654
2,718 Acres Established 1960



TRAIL TABLE		
Trail	Mileage	Trail Type
1	1.5	Moderate
2	1	Moderate
3	1.3	Easy
4	1.5	Moderate
5	1.3	Easy
6	3	Rugged
7	1.8	Easy
8	.5	Moderate
9	.75	Rugged
10	2.5	Moderate
11	4.4	Easy
12	3.5	Moderate

LEGEND			
	Boundary		Picnic Shelter
	Road		Picnic Area
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	Marsh		Telephone
	Nature Preserve		Vault Toilet
	Boat Launch		Dump Station
	Fishing Pier		General Store
	Boat Rental		Parking



RECYCLE
Place used beverage cans in the park's marked recycling containers. Thank you.

CARRY IN CARRY OUT
Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy.

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Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

campground with up to 50-amp electric service. Today there are 18 modern cabins and a 413-site shaded orchards and pasture, and families with lake cabins. In the 1950s, the area was populated by farms, mostly When Chain O'Lakes State Park was being established. The park was dedicated on June 12, 1960. acres. The state acquired about 300 additional project, while the state acquired about 300 additional a joint county park board purchased 1,200 acres for the the commissioners of Noble, Whitley and Allen counties, acquisition and park development. With the backing of Indiana General Assembly supported the process of land Township as a future state park site. A year later the the natural lake area located in Noble County's Green Department of Natural Resources, recommended The Department of Conservation, the precursor of through six. The 1954 public school year was its last. serving grades one through eight to serving grades four developed and consolidated, the schoolhouse went from more than two miles to get to school. As school systems The idea was to prevent children from having to walk placed in the center of four sections within a township. location since 1848. In Indiana, schools were originally one-room Stanley Schoolhouse. The current building was constructed in 1915 and was the fourth school in the same One of the unique buildings in the park is the restored known as Bowen Lake. on the north shore of the lake, which eventually became in the area in the 1830s. In 1840 he constructed a home Indian Lake. William Bowen was one of the first settlers was located on the north shore of what was once called by Native Americans. A village of about 30 bark wigwams Before its settlement by pioneers, the area was inhabited example of the geological feature in the state. it deposited the esker. This esker is considered the best under a glacier. There was a tunnel conducting the melt and gravel of peculiarly uniform shape that was deposited park. An esker is a long winding ridge of stratified sand dedicated in 2012 to protect the glacial features in the The 732-acre Glacial Esker Nature Preserve was connect nine of the 13 lakes in the park. resulting from melting ice carved the channels, which glaciers were still huge blocks of ice. Rivers of water The lakes in this chain are kettle lakes formed when the melted from this part of the Midwest near the end of the massive ice sheets that advanced over and then

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This is lake country and a small boater's paradise. Nine connecting lakes will be the center of your adventures at Chain O'Lakes. Paddle through the chain of serene kettle lakes, hike the 23 miles of forested trails, fish the electric-motors-only lakes, stay overnight in a hillside family cabin, visit the park's historic one-room schoolhouse, or explore the Nature Center. Other facilities available for visitors to enjoy include a campground, beach and picnic shelters. One of the most interesting features at Chain O'Lakes is its shape, about two miles wide and four miles long. Within its boundaries are 2,718 acres, including 212 surface acres of water and more than seven miles of varying shoreline. The park owes much of its surface form and geologic makeup to the action of glaciers during the Ice Age (Pleistocene Epoch). The effects of the most recent major ice advance, the continental glacier of the Wisconsin Age, are evident. The steeply rolling hills, bogs and interconnected lakes bear witness to

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- **Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area**—boating, boat ramps, dog training areas, fishing, hunting, target ranges, trapping, wildlife watching
- **Pokagon State Park**—bike trails, boating, boat rental, cabins, camping, cross-country skiing, fishing, group camp, hiking trails, inn, interpretive services & center, picnic area, toboggan run
- **Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site**—Author, photographer, naturalist and entrepreneur Gene Stratton-Porter was a woman ahead of her time. Her Cabin at Wildflower Woods is nestled on the shores of Sylvan Lake amongst 148 acres of fields, woods, and beautiful formal gardens.

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at park office.

- The park is closed 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., except to campers at their site and cabin guests with a receipt or key.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Water is tested regularly for purity.
- Hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This Drinking water should be taken only from pumps.
- Swimming is limited to the beach at Sand Lake.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day-use areas. Overnight guests shall put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Campfires shall be under adult supervision.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets are not allowed in the family cabins or their immediate vicinity.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, paint gun, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-loaded and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood because they rebuild the natural humus.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

Connects the Stanley Schoolhouse and Youth Group Tent/Rally campgrounds. This turf-covered trail is excellent for cross-country running or skiing.

Trial 12	3.5 miles	Moderate
Trial 11	4 miles	Easy
Trial 10	2.5 miles	Moderate
Trial 9	.75 miles	Rugged
Trial 8	.5 mile	Moderate
Trial 7	1.8 miles	Easy
Trial 6	3 miles	Moderate
Trial 5	1.3 miles	Easy
Trial 4	1.5 miles	Moderate
Trial 3	1.3 miles	Easy
Trial 2	1 mile	Moderate
Trial 1	1.5 miles	Moderate

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

- **BOATS & CANOES**—Boats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are rented by the hour or day. Life jackets are also available. Only electric trolling motors are allowed.
- **CAMPING**—Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites accommodate trailers. Electricity and dump stations available. A rally campground and youth group tent camp area are available. Camping reservations available through the Central Reservation System.
- **FAMILY CABINS**—Family cabins may be rented from April through October. Cabins are rented by the week from Saturday to Saturday during June, July and August. They may be rented by the night during April, May, September and October. Cabins are non-smoking and pets are prohibited. Cabins are not rented to persons younger than 21.
- **FISHING**—Bass, bluegill and other small gamefish are common. A state fishing license, which may be purchased at the park office, is required.
- **GENERAL STORE**—Located in the campground. Firewood, ice, groceries and souvenirs are available.
- **HIKING**—More than 23 miles of easy to rugged hiking trails are available.
- **INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—A naturalist is available year-round. Hikes, Junior Naturalist and Hoosier Ecologist programs, plus evening activities are offered. Program schedules are at the gatehouse, park office or nature center or online at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov.
- **PICNIC AREAS**—Tables, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields.
- **REFRESHMENT STAND**—Soft drinks, ice cream and snacks are available at the beach refreshment stand. Operating hours are posted.
- **SHELTERS**—Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.
- **STANLEY SCHOOLHOUSE**—Built in 1915, the schoolhouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit and take a step back in time for free. Open weekends from May-October.
- **SWIMMING**—There is no charge for swimming. The bathhouse and beach are open the Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day.
- **TELEPHONE**—Public phones are located near the campground control station and the beach.
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** about activities and facilities is available at the park office.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made online or by calling toll-free. Call: **1-866-6campIN** (1-866-622-6746) Online: **camp.IN.gov**

Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by phone. Call: **1-877-lodges1** (1-877-563-4371) Online: **IndianalInns.com**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

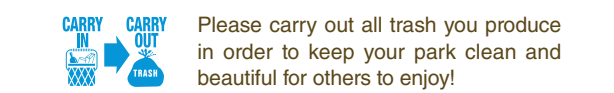
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Call: (260) 636-2654
Online: stateparks.IN.gov/2987.htm

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the main office.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

Visitors shall observe the following rules, which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the public's use and enjoyment.



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

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