This trail is a 5K course loop (3.1 miles) that leaves the central area through 8’ wide mowed trails. When returning to the central area, keep the uncut grass to your right until you come to a new mowed trail.
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 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.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded and unloaded and secured in a case or locked inside a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cattle cannot be tethered at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in the day-use area.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park in designated areas.
- Swimming is prohibited.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose.
- Water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Vehicles shall stay on paved roadways and must meet legal requirements under Indiana's vehicle code.
- Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- All boats on Fourteenmile Creek are restricted to the use of electric motors only. This rule is strictly enforced.

For a list of park events, visit interpretiveservices.IN.gov.

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**DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS**

**TRAIL & DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY**

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**Trail 1** Begins at the Trail 1 parking lot and follows an asphalt paved road a short distance before turning to the left and slowly descending into the Fourteenmile Creek valley. It then meanders through dense floodplain forest before climbing up the valley wall to wind along rock outcrops and abutments. A lower portion of the trail offers scenic views of Fourteenmile Creek before climbing again as it returns to the parking lot. Spring wildflowers along portions of this trail will strike the hiker to stunning displays. Wildlife, songbirds, and birds of prey may be seen along this trail.

**Trail 2**

Begins in the picnic area and follows several stream ravines in a circuit around the park area. The middle section of this trail runs along hillsides heavily forested with mixed deciduous hardwoods, bridges several small ravines, and offers scenic views of several small cascading falls and rock-bottom streams.

**Trail 3**

2.1 miles

The trail begins with a steep road grade that once led to a footbridge over Fourteenmile Creek. The bridge provided access to Rose Island, a 1920s amusement park. The Rose Island facilities were damaged beyond repair by the 1937 flood, and the Army allowed and encouraged the area to begin fishing. The bridge, built during the 1940s. Good areas for stream-bank fishing can be reached by following the paved portion of Trail 3 to Fourteenmile Creek. The middle section of this trail is very scenic with views of Fourteenmile Creek, rock cliffs high above the trail, abundant spring wildflowers, and mixed deciduous forests.

**Trail 4**

2.9 miles

Trail 4 begins at same parking lot as Trail 3. Beginning on gently rolling land, this trail soon begins to descend into mixed hardwood forests as it follows tributaries of Fourteenmile Creek. At about the halfway point, hikers will see commanding views of Fourteenmile Creek from a bluff more than 500 feet above the water. High quality woodlands and striking waterfall displays are found on this trail.

**Trail 5**

1.2 miles

Conveniently located in the campground near site 17, this trail is easily accessed. Descending a wooded ravine, the trail ultimately comes to a platform overlooking Fourteenmile Creek. This trail is directly accessed by hiking the 3-mile loop to the main loop.

**Trail 6**

3 miles

This scenic trail crosses the park from the Riverside Overlook and runs along the top of the river bluff. The bluff top offers glimpses of the Ohio River and Twelvemile Creek and overlooks the boat ramp. A bridge crosses a natural waterfall and descends to the old Charlestown Landing site, where logs used to load and receive goods by boat pre-1940s. From there it is a stroll back along the bluff bottom. Enjoy the towering bluffs. During spring, there is an abundance of wildflowers.

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**CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM**

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, Picnic areas, playgrounds, and forests can be made online or by calling toll-free.

Online: camp.IN.gov
Call: 1-866-636-camp
(1-866-636-camp) Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by calling toll-free.

Reservations: 1-877-lodges1
(1-877-563-4371) Online: indiansinns.com

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Charlestown, IN 47111

Call: 812-256-5600
Online: charlestonspark.state.in.us
Mapping Address: Charlestown State Park
12500 State Road 62
Charleston, IN 47111

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The birth of the Ohio River, the primary feature of the park, began in the ice age, when glaciers and periodic natural damming began to form the river. Historically, the river was shallow enough to walk across in the hot summer months, but in the late 1800s to early 1900s it was increasingly navigable and the 10-foot deep, meandering Ohio River became the center of commerce. The Portersville Bridge was eventually rebuilt as the 1937 flood damaged the bridge and destroyed the park, which was an amusement park in the 1920s. The site boasted a small zoo, pony rides, merry go-round, Ferris wheel, roller coaster, shooting gallery, cafeteria, swimming pool, and more. After the Great Depression attendance to Rose Island slowed, and the 1937 flood damaged the park beyond repair. Not only an island but actually a peninsula, visitors could only reach the park by steamboat, bridge, ferry or today. Park visitors can reach Rose Island across the Ohio River. The bridge was dismantled from Dubois and Daviess counties, and rebuilt at its present site between 2008 and 2011.

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**PLEASSE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS. THIS IS YOUR PARK**

Visitors shall follow our 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.

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