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 rebuff the natural humus.
- 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-rooked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Pets must be attended at all times and kept on a leash of 6 feet or less. Owners are required to clean up any fecal matter left by their pets in the park. Pets are not allowed in the restrooms, shower houses or nature center.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision. Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day-use and camping-size pool open waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park on designated areas.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway. Snowmobilers are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Bicycles prohibited on hiking trails, except where specifically designated. Please remain on paved surfaces and use bike trail lane, as well as paved bike trail from park entrance.
- Park closes from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. No one is allowed in the park, except guests using overnight facilities, between these hours.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BIKE TRAILS—Approximately 3 miles of trail are available in the campground area, with an additional 1.75 miles of trail and a 1-mile mountain biking trail outside the campground entrance.

MOONBAY BIKE TRAILS—Trailheads for 8 miles of mountain bike trails are located at Sycamore Ridge. Do not ride in soft or muddy conditions. Children under 12 should ride with an adult. Helmets are required.

CAMPING—200 electric sites; 20 sites have 40-amp; 40 sites are remaining with 30-amp. Five modern comfort stations available; one is heated during winter months. Occupancy is limited to two weeks. Most sites are adequate for trailer or tents. Six ADA sites are available. No individual water or sewer hookups at sites. Dump station located near entrance. Water available throughout campground. Pay phone. Youth tent camping available only where designated. Reservations through the Central Reservation System or by calling toll-free.

FAMILY CABIN—11 modern cabins, air conditioning and electric heat. Wood stove available, October to April. Outdoor charcoal grill. Occupancy limited to two weeks. No pets. Cabins are open all year. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System. Minimum rental age is 18 years. Cabins must be occupied by the renter and co-occupants over 6 years.

FISHING—Two ponds on trail 5, Wabash River picnic area also offers excellent fishing. State license required.

HIKING—Eight miles of easy to moderate hiking trails. Vehicles are prohibited on hiking trails. Horse Trail—7.5 miles of horse trails for day use only

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Available from mid-May through October. Hikes, programs, talks, crafts plus evening activities, school, scout and other group programs should be scheduled at least one month in advance. Program schedules are available at Interpretive Services, campground, and park office.

PICNIC AREAS—An ideal environment for a family gathering or company celebration. Six picnic areas, five have houses, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and playground equipment. Seasonal restrooms. Reserve shelters through the Central Reservation System.


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

DESCRIPTIONS OF HIKING TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY
Trail 1 - Big Four Nature Trail
- A relatively short trail leading from the youth tent campground into a ravine and gradually ascending into wooded areas and grassy plateaus. This trail returns to the youth tent area.
- 1.5 miles Moderate

Trail 2 - Leads from the modern campground between wooded hills, descending to a small stream. Meanders on an old country road next to a fast flowing brook, with some steep hills in certain places. Returns to the modern campground entrance.
- 1 mile Moderate

Trail 3 - Begins at the Poplar Grove picnic area and continues past the water tower. Overlooks Wabash river stream. Returns to picnic area after ascending a steep hill.
- 2.5 miles Moderate

Trail 4 - A fairly long trail with steep hills, winds through natural forests descending into ravines across two streams. The trail joins three picnic areas, any of which may be used as a starting point. Follows Wabash River.
- 7.5 miles Easy

Trail 5 - Beginning near the campground gatehouse, crosses the dam on a small wildlife pond and ends at the cabin. This is a good trail for observing pond life and white-tailed deer. Additional loop returns back to where you started.
- 7.5 miles Easy

Trail 6 - Three-fourths of a mile, easy trail. Begins and ends at Cherry Hill picnic area.
- 1 mile Easy

A short walk to a pioneer cemetery where two wives of Henry Edmonds are buried.

RIVER WALK — .25 mile Easy

This walk follows the Wabash River from picnic area to boat ramp.

EVENTS AND FACILITIES

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY
Trail 1 - Big Four Nature Trail
- A loop trail designed for riders of all skill levels. It can be ridden in either direction. This trail is also available for hiking.
- 6 miles More Difficult

This is a more difficult trail to ride, designed for an intermediate skill level. It is also available for hiking. Currently under construction; look for more miles in the future.

PARKD PROPERTIES NEARBY

Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area—wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, trapping, dog training area, boating, boat launch

Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area—fishing, ice fishing, boating, boat ramp, hunting, trapping, dog training area, recycling

Twins Swamps Nature Preserve—Hiking trails

Visit stateparks.IN.gov for complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at park office.

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 human food, particular potatoes, waste are dangerous to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

Please help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the state park by reporting lost or found articles to the park office. Respect other visitors' privacy by not disturbing campsites or people. 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 rebuff the natural humus.

The two experiments originated in New Harmony in the 1820s—the Harmonists of the Rappole Community (1814-1824) and the Owen Community (1824-1826). Immigrants from Wurttemberg, Germany, led by Father George Rapp, settled here to escape religious oppression. Expecting the imminent second coming of Christ, this group lived simply, working the land. In 1824, Father Rapp sold the town to Robert Owen, who was an industrialist and reformer from New Lanark, Scotland. Owen’s dream was to establish a new moral world through education by developing the sense of reason rather than education or factual knowledge. From this community emerged the first free public school, equal education for boys and girls, the first free public library, and the first kindergarten in the United States. The combination of a small interesting town, beautiful scenery, a friendly atmosphere and exciting recreation areas make this an ideal place for a Sunday drive, weekend outing or long vacation. You are always welcome!