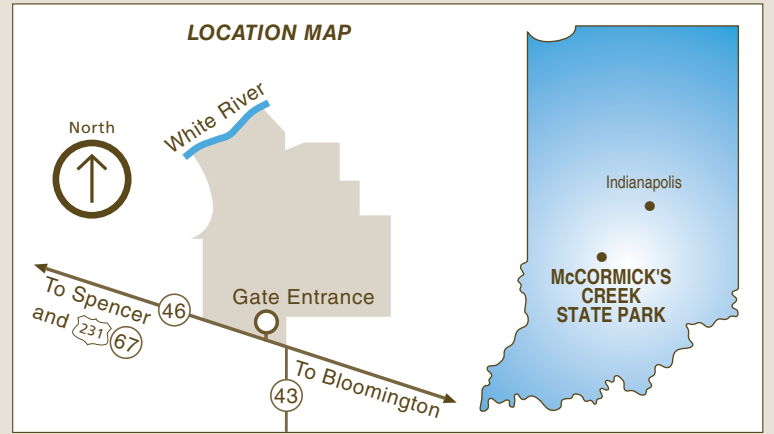
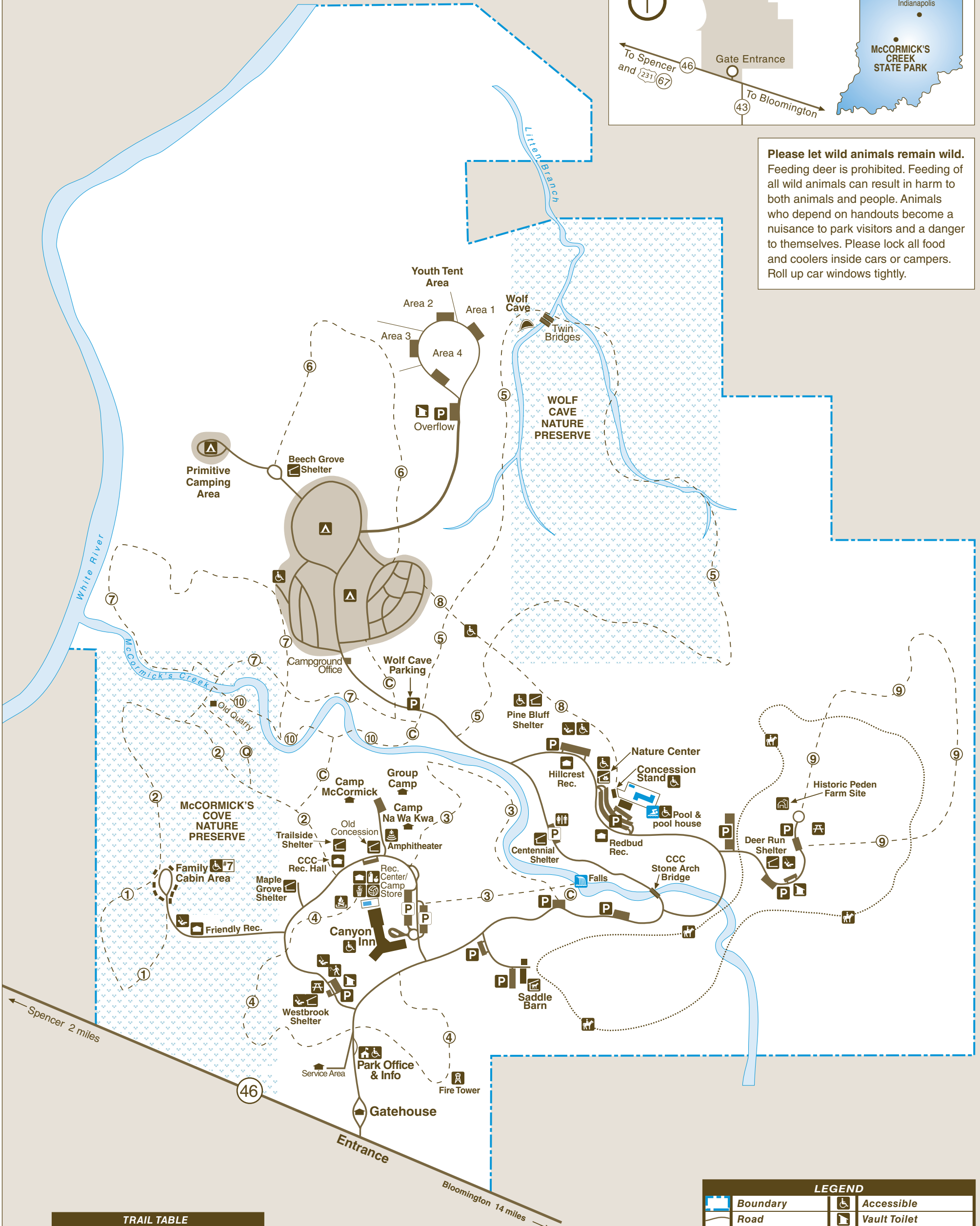


McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK

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1,961 acres Established 1916



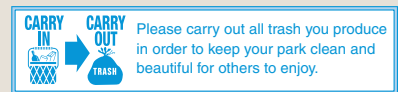
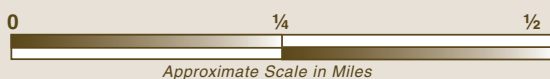
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TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	0.5	Moderate
2	1.0	Moderate
3	0.8	Rugged
4	1.4	Moderate
5	2.0	Moderate
6	0.6	Easy
7	1.8	Moderate
8	0.7	Accessible
9	1.2	Easy
10	0.7	Rugged

C - Connector Trails Q - Quarry Loop

LEGEND			
	Boundary		Accessible
	Road		Vault Toilet
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	Horse Trail		Camp Store
	Nature Preserve		Shelter
	Waterfall		Picnic Area
	Swimming		Amphitheater
	Restroom		Horse Stable
	Parking		Fire Ring
	Fire Tower		Tennis Court
	Nature Center		Park Office/Info
	Sports Courts		Recreation Center



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PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

3 stairway, leading out of the canyon. Trail begins across McCormick's Creek, from the Old State House Quarry, and proceeds upstream to the trail

Ten 1.7 miles Moderate

Trail begins in the Deer Run parking area and loops through hardwood forest, old farm fields and crosses the bridge trail twice before ending in the Deer Run area.

Nine 1.2 miles Easy

A paved trail that begins in the campground, between campsites 14 and 15, and proceeds through woodlands and the Pine Bluff picnic area, ending at the pool and concession stand.

Eight .7 mile Accessible

A loop trail that begins in the campground, between campsites 14 and 15, and proceeds through woodlands and the Pine Bluff picnic area, ending at the pool and concession stand.

Seven 1.8 miles Moderate

Begins beside Beech Grove Shelter, travels through dense forest and ends in the Class A campground

Six .6 miles Easy

A loop trail that begins at the Wolf Cave Parking Area, enters Wolf Cave Nature Preserve, loops through a Beech-Maple forest, crosses Litten Branch, and offers access to Wolf Cave before ending near the Wolf Cave parking lot.

Five 2 miles Moderate

Begins behind the Canyon Inn pool and travels toward the Recreation Field, McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve and the CCC fire tower. Trail 4 ends on the road near Canyon Inn.

Four 1.4 miles Moderate

A loop trail that begins across from Canyon Inn and offers access to the falls and canyon before ending at Stoney restaurant. There are no bridges crossing the creek. Fluctuating creek levels may make areas of the trail seasonably inaccessible.

Three .8 miles Rugged

Trail begins behind the CCC Recreation Hall, ventures into McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve and ends between family cabins 11 and 12. Also offers access to the Quarry Loop Trail for observation of the Old State House Quarry.

Two 1 mile Moderate

A loop trail that begins between family cabins 6 and 14, loops through large native timber in McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve and ends at the Family Cabin Area.

One .5 miles Moderate

Trail begins behind the CCC Recreation Hall, ventures into McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve and ends between family cabins 11 and 12. Also offers access to the Quarry Loop Trail for observation of the Old State House Quarry.

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING—Campground equipped with modern restrooms, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Both Electric and Primitive sites are available. Reserve through the Central Reservation System.

CAMP STORE—Offers a fully stocked camp store with nature-themed gifts. Located by the Inn.

PRIMITIVE AND YOUTH TENT CAMPING—No showers or modern restrooms available. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

FAMILY CABINS—Each cabin accommodates a maximum of six people and has a living area, bedroom, bathroom, screened-in porch and kitchen. Cabin 7 is accessible and sleeps 4 people. Pets are not permitted in the cabin area. Open April - October. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

GROUP CAMPS—Each camp, Camp McCormick and Camp Na Wa Kwa, has four sleeping barracks, capacity 25 people each; a large dining hall/kitchen accommodating 100 people in each camp; and a modern shower house located in the center of both camps. Reserve through the Central Reservation System.

HIKING—10.7 miles of easy to rugged trails.

INN—Guest rooms feature private bath, telephone, coffee pot, hair dryer, TV and air conditioning. The restaurant is open to the public and serves three meals, seven days a week, year-round. The inn's outdoor pool is open to inn guests only. No pets allowed. Guest and meeting rooms have Wi-fi. Reservations are available through the Inns Reservation System.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Open all year, and designed on a "Please Touch—Gently" theme, it includes natural history exhibits, nature games and quizzes, and a full range of naturalist-led activities. Program schedules are available at the Nature Center, at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (812) 829-4344.

PICNIC AREAS—Include tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields. In addition, McCormick's Creek has 8 open shelters and 4 recreation buildings. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

RECREATION CENTER—Complete with indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities including volleyball and basketball.

SADDLE BARN—Trail rides and Hayrides offered. For reservation information, contact McCormick's Creek Stables at (812) 829-8848

SWIMMING—Park pool open the Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day. For availability, contact the park office.

TENNIS COURTS—Lighted for night playing. Located behind Canyon Inn.

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

Owen-Putnam State Forest—camping, hiking, bridge trails, hunting, mountain bike, trapping, fishing

Morgan-Monroe State Forest—boating, boat ramps, camping, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, picnic area, shelter house, group camp, trapping

Lieber SRA (Cagles Mill Lake)—boating, boat ramps, camping, fishing, fishing pier, hiking trails, hunting, seasonal interpretive service, seasonal interpretive center, marina, picnic area, play/sports area, boat rental

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

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

- 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, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be attended 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.
- 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 areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits, and park only in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to places and times set by the DNR.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadways. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Bicycles must be used only on roadways and are not allowed on hiking trails.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: McCormick's Creek State Park 250 McCormick's Creek Park Road Spencer, IN 47460 Call: (812) 829-2235 Online: stateparks.IN.gov/2978.htm Nature Center: (812) 829-4344 Saddle Barn: (812) 829-8848

SPECIAL NOTE

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

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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THIS IS YOUR PARK Visitors shall observe the following rules, which are established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the public's use and enjoyment.

Originally a little more than 350 acres, McCormick's Creek State Park grew to its present size through acquisition of surrounding farms and homesteads as they came up for sale. Much of the park's building improvements came in the 1930s, when the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) was in the park. The CCC men constructed most of the shelter houses, the old stone bridge, and the fire tower.

Another surge of development came in the early 1970s, when the present campgrounds, Nature Center and swimming pool were added. Today the park is a delightful combination of history set in modern surroundings.

Canyon Inn opened its doors in the old sanitarium as part of the state's centennial celebration. In 1916, dedicated as Indiana's first state park on July 4, 1916, McCormick's Creek State Park was purchased. McCormick's Creek in its park-like setting, so the land and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining it for sale at a land auction. Both Owen County and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining it for sale at a land auction. Both Owen County and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining it for sale at a land auction. Both Owen County and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining it for sale at a land auction.

The original sanitarium, built on the present-day Canyon Inn site, was a white-sided structure with long porches on every side. It offered guests plenty of access to the loveliness of the well-landscaped grounds, where Denkwalter planted a variety of trees and shrubs. Meanwhile, local residents continued to picnic and hike along the canyon, making the spot a favorite of everyone for rest and relaxation. With the death of Dr. Denkwalter in 1914, his estate went up for sale at a land auction. Both Owen County and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining it for sale at a land auction. Both Owen County and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining it for sale at a land auction.

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McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK

Imagine an area filled with canyons and ravines far too rugged for even Native American settlement. McCormick's Creek State park is such an area. Long before pioneers entered the land now known as McCormick's Creek, the Miami roamed, camping along the banks of the White River to the north and south. The eventual park land became a hunting ground, offering deer, squirrel, grouse, and fish from its deep woods and clear streams.

In 1816, the area's first settler, John McCormick, homesteaded nearly 100 acres along the canyon by the waterfalls. Since it was then common practice to name physical landmarks after the people who owned them, the area became McCormick's Creek.

Early residents in the area cut timber, grazed livestock on the steep slopes and farmed small patches of flat upland ground. They also tried building sawmills on the creek, but the water level and force were never great enough to make them profitable. Other enterprising businessmen opened

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