

Don't let Old Man Winter keep you from enjoying the outdoors!



Winter Camping

Camping is a four-season activity in Indiana. Seriously. The variety of accommodations available at Indiana State Parks allows you to plan an experience as comfortable or as adventurous as you desire.

Indiana State Parks Winter Camping Accommodations

Roughing it, for real

- Primitive camping sites remain available at all state park campgrounds throughout winter, offering full exposure to the elements for hardy, experienced campers.
- Reservations can be made year-round so you can see what camping loops and sites are open for winter camping and reserve a site if you choose to. Walk-in registrations are still accepted, and can be made at the park office or the gate.
- Electricity is generally available in most modern campgrounds but water may not be, so prepare accordingly.

Roughing it, with heated restrooms and water

Several campgrounds offer heated modern comfort stations (restrooms and showers) and/or a water source through all or part of winter.

- **Brookville Lake (Mounds SRA):** Water available. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **Brown County:** One modern comfort station and water available all winter.
- **Chain O'Lakes:** One modern comfort station open through Nov. 26.
- **Charlestown:** Water available at campground gate. Vault toilet only in campground.
- **Clifty Falls:** One heated modern family restroom open all winter.
- **Harmonie:** Water available. Comfort stations closed.
- **Indiana Dunes:** One heated modern family restroom open all winter.
- **Lieber SRA (Cagles Mill Lake):** Water available. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **Lincoln:** Water available in 2 locations in Class A campground. Modern comfort stations closed after Nov. 25.
- **Mississinewa Lake:** Water available at property office. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **Monroe Lake:** Water available. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **Mounds:** Water available. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **O'Bannon Woods:** One modern comfort station open all winter.

Tips for Winter Camping

When it comes to winter camping, failing to plan is a plan to fail. Always:

- Check the forecast.
- Make sure someone knows where you will be camping and when you will return.
- Bring more food, water, clothes and firewood than you think you'll need.
- Make sure sleeping bags are rated for the conditions you will be in.
- Know the signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- Layer your clothing, beginning with a wicking (or perspiration-removing) layer, followed by insulating garments, topped off by a wind and/or waterproof shell.
- Drink plenty of water. It's easy to get dehydrated in the cold.
- Prepare warm, hearty meals.

- **Ouabache:** Two heated modern comfort stations open all winter. (One camping loop closed through Dec. 31 for the “Wonderland of Lights.”)
- **Patoka Lake:** Heated modern comfort station in Modern Campground Section A open all winter. Water available at the front of the camp store.
- **Pokagon:** Campground 3 open all winter with one heated comfort station and water available.
- **Potato Creek:** Two heated modern comfort stations until Nov. 29. Water available.
- **Prophetstown:** One heated family restroom open until Nov. 30. Full-hook-up sites have water available.
- **Raccoon SRA (Cecil M. Harden Lake):** Water available at property office and at campground gate. One non-heated comfort station open until Nov. 25 in modern campground.
- **Salamonie Lake:** Water available. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **Spring Mill:** Water available at 4-way stop in campground. Modern restrooms closed.
- **Shakamak:** Water available. Modern comfort station closed.
- **Summit Lake:** Water available at main gate. North ramp restroom heated (no showers).
- **Tippecanoe River:** Water available in modern and horse campgrounds. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **Turkey Run:** West Campground Modern Comfort Station open all winter.
- **Versailles:** Water available at main gate. Modern comfort stations closed.
- **Whitewater Memorial:** Water available. Modern restrooms closed.



Need a remedy for cabin fever? How about a real cabin?

- Cabins are a good place to start for those inexperienced at braving the cold. Some cabins are open all winter.
- Check the Indiana Recreation Guide (www.in.gov/dnr/5280.htm) for properties offering winter cabin usage.



Just not sure you want to camp or try a cabin? State Park Inns are great alternatives!

- Indiana State Park Inns offer a winter 2-nights-for-the-price-of-one deal from late November through the end of February on Sunday – Thursday nights. (Weekends and holiday weeks excluded.)
- Spend your days out in the park enjoying winter hikes, and come back to a warm room and a comfortable chairs in the lounge next to the fireplace.
- Make your reservations at www.indianainns.com or call 1-877-LODGES1.