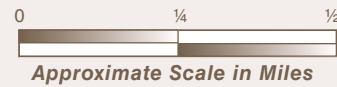
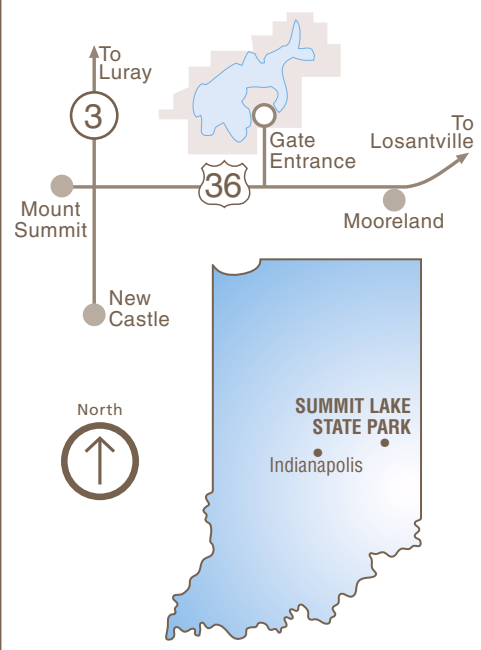


SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK

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2,680 acres Established 1988

LOCATION MAP



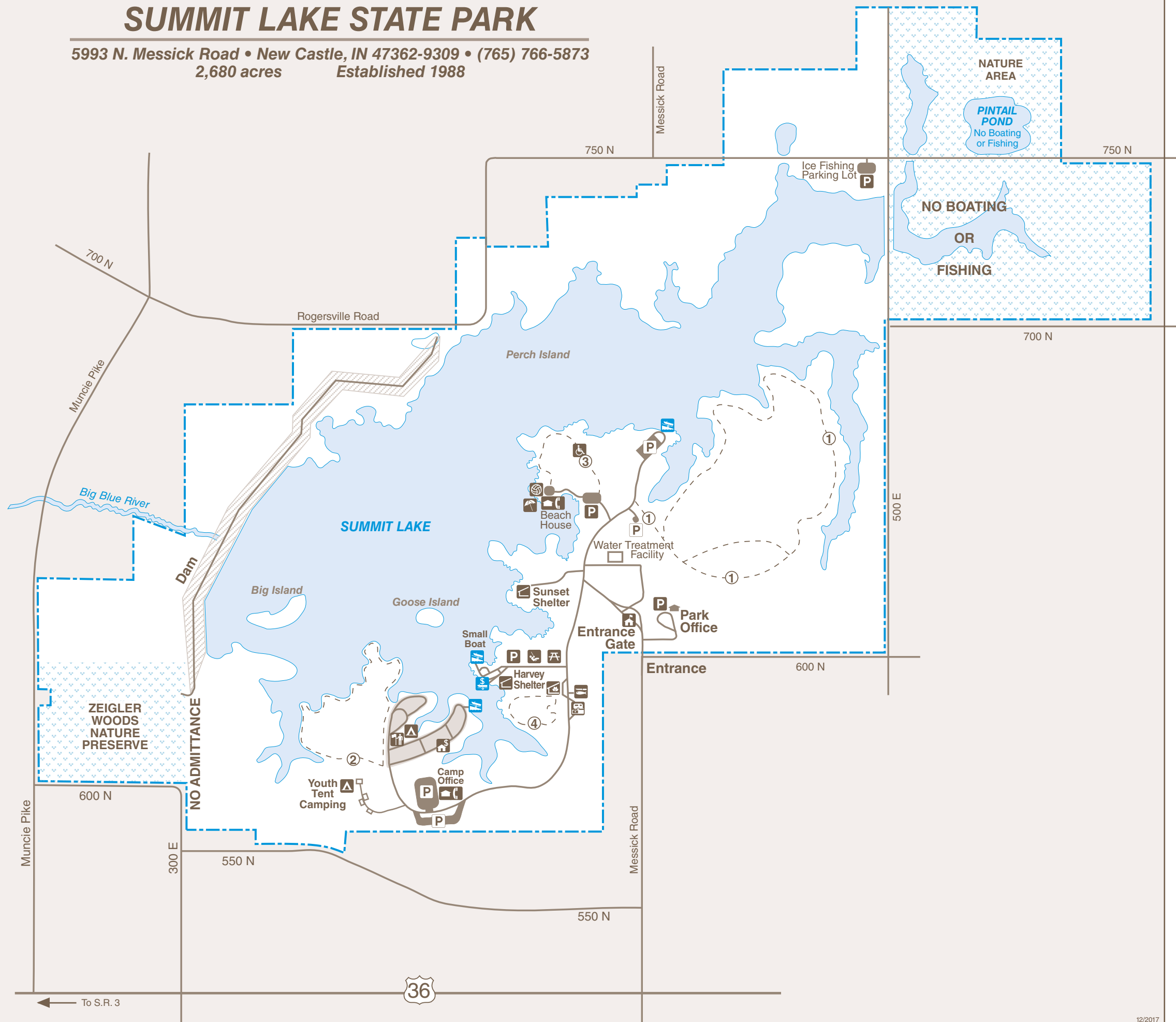
TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1 Prairie	2	Moderate
2 Campground	1.25	Moderate
3 Beach	.9	Accessible
4 Self-guided Nature Trail	.75	Moderate

LEGEND		
		Accessible
		Campground
		Telephone
		Fish Cleaning Station
		Shelter
		Rent-a-camp Cabin
		Entrance Gate
		Picnic Area
		Naturalist Office
		Naturalist Site

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

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

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To S.R. 3

- **Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve**-hiking trails, parking
- **Mounds State Park**-camping, fishing, hiking trails, interpretive services & center, historic features, picnic area, play/sports area, shelter house, swimming pool, youth tent areas
- **Wilbur Wright Fish and Wildlife Area**-dog training areas, fishing, hunting, target ranges, trapping, wildlife watching

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

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River Conservancy District started to make that dream reality. The group's goals included flood control along the river and waterway improvement, in addition to a recreational facility close to home. By 1966 the Big Blue

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Anglers, swimmers, bird watchers and wildlife photographers are among the many admirers of Summit Lake State Park. The 2,680 acres, including an 800-acre lake, shady wooded areas, and lots of open space, serves as home for many woodland animals and 100 species of birds.

Fish—and fishermen—love it, too. Bass, sunfish, crappies, yellow perch and channel catfish abound.

Boat rentals include paddleboats, rowboats and canoes. Guests can also launch their own craft at one of three boat ramps. The large swimming beach is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A modern bathhouse and concession building, including restrooms, is located at the beach.

Three hiking trails offer a good view of the lake. All campsites are electric with water hookups.

Summit Lake became Indiana's 19th state park on Jan. 9, 1988, but its history traces back to the 1950s, when Henry County residents began to talk of having a

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Visitors shall observe the 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.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

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

- Outboard motors may be operated at idle speed only.
- Park closes from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. No one is allowed in the park when closed, except campers using their swimming beach, with permit.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited, except on the snowmobiles are prohibited.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Swimming is limited to places and times designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Groups must be under adult supervision.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- 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.
- 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.
- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood because it rebuilds the natural humus.

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**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Summit Lake State Park
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New Castle, IN 47362-9309
Call: (765) 766-5873
Online: stateparks.IN.gov/2967.htm

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.



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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.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

The trail begins in a field of prairie grasses punctuated with bright colors of wildflowers in the summer. It winds through a meadow with young tulip trees, second-growth shrubs and a wet area with a short boardwalk. The trail ends with a scenic view of the lake. Hikers may see waterfowl, swallows and other water-loving birds, depending on the season. A bench along the path offers a quiet resting place for bird watching.

Self-Guided Nature Trail .75 miles Moderate

This trail has a firm and stable surface with less than 2% cross-slopes, grades no greater than 5% and widths no less than 60 inches. The trail starts in a small wooded lot. The trees include maple, oak and cherry. The remainder of the trail is mostly open, with views of the lake across rolling topography.

Beach Trail .9 miles Accessible

Starts in the open but soon enters the largest wood lot in the park. Hikers will see areas of oak-hickory mixed with cherry, ash and areas of beech-maple mix. The topography includes uplands and low glacial depressions that stays wet year-round. The trail then goes through some scrub growth on the edge of the fields, then into open fields across rolling terrain, with excellent views of the lake.

Campground Trail 1.25 miles Moderate

Starts in the small oak-hickory woods, with a glacial depression that stays wet year-round. The trail then goes through some scrub growth on the edge of the fields, then into open fields across rolling terrain, with excellent views of the lake.

Prairie Trail 2 miles Moderate

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BOAT LAUNCH—Privately owned boats may be launched. A launch permit is required to launch private boats. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt batteries, are allowed. Outboard motors are permitted to operate at idle speed only.

BOAT RENTAL—Rental rowboats, paddle boats, kayaks and canoes are available by the hour or day.

CAMPING—All sites are electric. Campground is equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Sites will accommodate trailers. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

CONCESSIONS—Located at the beach.

RENT-A-CAMP CABIN—One queen bed and one twin loft bed; sleeps 3 people. Two small benches; one ceiling light with fan and two electric outlets; modern comfort station with showers nearby. ADA accessible. Reservations through the Central Reservation System.

FISHING—Fishing is allowed away from the beach area. A state license is required. No fishing on beach is permitted when beach ropes are in place.

HIKING—Easy-to-moderate marked trails are available for hiking all year.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—A seasonal naturalist is available from mid-May through Labor Day. Naturalist programming offered includes the Hoosier Quest outdoor adventure program. Additionally, cultural arts activities are scheduled for many summer weekends. Additional information may be obtained by visiting InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or calling (765) 766-5873.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, grills, toilet facilities and playground are available.

SHELTER HOUSE—Reservations for the Harvey and Sunset shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

SWIMMING—Swimming is permitted sunup to sundown, Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. There is no charge for swimming. The beach house and beach open the Saturday before Memorial Day and operate no later than Labor Day.