

The Tippecanoe River was a major highway for this trade; both groups plied its waters. Settlement came slowly but inevitably to the area. In the 1830s, clearing, draining and farming of the lands was taking place. The Potawatomi were removed to a Kansas reservation. The land in the vicinity of the park was slowly cleared. Farming and grazing became the primary activity as most wildlife disappeared. The area remained this way until the Great Depression in the early 1930s.

At about that time, the U.S. Department of the Interior, through its National Park Service, acquired about 7,353 acres of land in an area bordering Tippecanoe River and U.S. 35, approximately 5 miles north of Winamac, in Pulaski County. Most of the land, which has a high sand content, was not well suited for agricultural use. The area was called the Winamac Recreation Demonstration Area. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) developed most of the existing facilities at that time, under the direction of the National Park Service.

In 1943, the land was transferred to the Indiana Department of Conservation for operation as a state park. On Jan. 1, 1959, 4,592 acres were transferred to the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife and named the Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area. All of the 4,592 acres lie west of U.S. 35. The remaining 2,761 acres, which lie east of U.S. 35, are still part of the state park.

### THIS IS YOUR PARK

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.

#### Please let wild animals remain wild.

Feeding wildlife 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.

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

### **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, CO<sub>2</sub> 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. No youth groups are permitted in the family campground.
- · 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 in the Tippecanoe River is prohibited. Take no risks!
- · Drinking water should be taken only from 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 must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles, ATVs and golf carts are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

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

### **DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY**

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

- Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area-archery range, dog training areas, fishing, hunting, target range, trapping, wildlife watching
- Jasper- Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area-archery range, dog training, fishing, hunting, target range, trapping, wildlife watching
- Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area-fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife watching

## **CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM**



toll-free. Call: 1-866-6campIN (1-866-622-6746)

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: Indianalnns.com

### FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: Tippecanoe River State Park 4200 N US 35

# Winamac, IN 46996-9116 Online: on.IN.gov/tippecanoeriversp

# 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.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS**

Trails 2, 4, 7, and 8 should be avoided during wet periods, as they will be difficult to navigate.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
1. Sand Ridge Trail	1.9 miles	Moderate
Begins near fire tower pa	arking area	or waterfowl

parking lot, leads to fire tower, and traverses sand hills. Connects to trails 2, 6, and 7.

#### 2. Pin Oak Trail 4.7 miles Easv

Begins at fire tower parking lot. Short loop is 1 mile through sandy hills. Long loop is 3.7 miles of mostly flat ground that can be muddy or impassable during wet periods.

#### 3. Homestead Trail 1.4 miles Easy

Begins at trailhead parking north of electric campground entrance. Leads through oak and pine forest. Connects to trails 2, 4, and 5.

4. Oxbow Trail

2.3 miles Easy

2.7 miles Moderate

Begins at river picnic area and leads along an oxbow lagoon, through low river bottoms, along the river, through pine forest, past electric campground, and back to picnic area. Trail may be flooded during high water. Connects to trail 3 and 5.

#### 5. River Bluff Trail 4.2 miles Moderate

Liner trail that begins at trailhead parking north of electric campground and ends at Tepicon parking lot. Passes through pine and oak forests and near the river.

#### 6. Barrens Trail

2.1 miles Moderate Begins at fire tower parking lot and follows Trail 1 past fire tower. Hilly and sandy. Passes through open barren areas and oak forests. Connects to trails 1, 7, and 9.

#### 7. White Pine Trail

Begins at fire tower parking lot, follows Trail 1, and turns right before reaching fire tower. Passes through oak and pine forests. May be muddy or impassable during wet periods. Connects to trails 1 and 9.

8. Bluestem Trail 1.2 mile Moderate Begins at Tepicon parking lot. Goes through Sand Hill Nature Preserve. Passes through oak forest, oak savanna, mature pines, and a small prairie. May be muddy or impassable during wet periods.

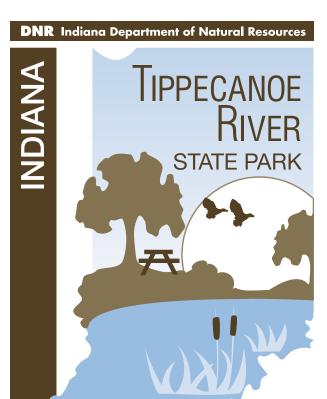
9. Black Oak Trail 1.9 miles Moderate

Begins in horse campground. Travels through oak woods and sand hills. Connects to trails 7 and 10.

10. Sand Blowout Trail Moderate .8 miles

East of horse camp and day-use areas. Circles prairie and sand blowouts. Connects to Trail 9.

#### PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.



trails.

- to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites will accommodate trailers. Electric sites (112) and dumping station are available. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.
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- **RIVER TENT CAMP** 10 primitive sites (tents only) with boat launch.
- - FIRETOWER—90 feet, open seasonally.

FISHING-Bass, bluegills, etc. State license

**ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES** 

launched on the river.

required.

HIKING-22.6 miles of easy-to-moderate trails.

HORSE CAMP-Also primitive, with 56 sites.

HORSE TRAILS-More than 14 miles of horse

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BOAT LAUNCH-Privately owned boats may be Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made online or by calling CAMPING—Campground is equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited

Online: camp.IN.gov

Call: 574-946-3213

of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available at the park office or at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov, or (574) 946-3213.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, grills, toilet facilities, Æ playground equipment, shelters and playfields. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

RECREATION BUILDING AND SHELTERS-The Tepicon Recreation Building is available mid-April through mid-October. Shelters are open throughout the year for day-use visitors. Reservations through the Central Reservation System.

RENT-A-CAMP CABINS—Two bunk beds (sleep \_\_\_\_\$ 4) with space for 2 floor sleeping spots (on floor or in a small loft). A small table with stools or benches. One light and two electrical outlets. Modern comfort station with showers nearby. Reservations through the Central Reservation System.

YOUTH TENT AREA—Accommodates up to 120 Δ people (see map). Reservations through the Central Reservation System.



### SWIMMING IS PROHIBITED

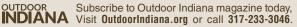
Tippecanoe River is extremely hazardous. No swimming or wading. Take no chances.



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 park offers some of the finest recreational opportunities in the state, featuring a unique natural area.

The land, which is generally level, drains toward the Tippecanoe River, which meanders approximately 7 miles along the eastern border of the park.

The park offers a variety of habitats, such as oak forests, pine plantations, prairie habitats, marshes and the river. An occasional small sand dune adds variety to the scenery. An extensive trail network offers hikers a variety of terrain and vegetation. The 112 campsites include four that are accessible. All sites in the family campground are electric. The Tepicon Recreation Building for day-use only is available mid-April through mid-October. In the 1600s and 1700s, this was the land of the Potawatomi. The early explorers were

French fur traders or "Voyagers" who came from Montreal, Canada. They sought Native American encampments, eager to acquire beaver pelts in exchange for blankets, utensils and any other items to barter.