DIFFICULTY
Moderate
Easy/Rugged
Moderate
Rugged
1.25 miles
.75 miles
3.5 mile
2.75 miles
2.75 miles
short
.5 miles

Brown County State Park is the largest in the state. In the first few years, as the park grew in popularity, several facilities were developed, including Abe Martin Lodge, several cabins and Ogle Lake. The park and many trails were added or improved.

On June 1, 1934, the Veterans Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1557 began its work in the park. Its planting of black locust, and the west lookout tower.

Nature Preserve
A hilly, wooded hike along the shores of Ogle Lake.
Joins Trail 4 from Ogle Lake and Trail 7. This trail was improved by volunteers from the Hoosier Hikers Council 2002-2007. Those who prefer the comforts of home may prefer the Ogle Hollow, an attractive self-guiding nature trail, which describes natural aspects of the park.

Several picnic areas, some of which have shelters equipped with fireplaces, are offered. Several have comfort stations with comfort stations and showers. The park also has a horsemanship's campground. Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and be attended at all times.

• 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 that involves single-use headed arrows.

• Dogs and cats may be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and be attended at all times.

• Vending is allowed in the park. Permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.

• Campers are allowed year-round. The campgrounds have restrooms with comfort stations and showers.

• Fires shall be built only in designated places.

• The Carry In/Carry Out trash policy applies to all day-use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles. The campgrounds, are offered for rent, as are 20 completely furnished, year-round family cabins and 10 cabins.

• Other park amenities include a swimming pool, shelter houses, playground equipment, two fishing lakes, guided horseback rides, hayrides, and interpretive services.

• Pet owners must observe speed limits and park in designated areas. 30 mph maximum speed. Swimming is permitted only in the pool.

• Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.

• Pull off roads while observing wildlife. Feeding wildlife is prohibited.

• Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

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

RULING & REGULATIONS
Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird, or other wildlife (including fish, amphibians, or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood because they rebuild the natural humus.

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Campers is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be supervised by adults.

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DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS
TRAIL DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY
4. Rally Campground 1.25 miles Moderate
Starts near site of the Rally Campground and leads through upland terrain to a deep ravine at the headwaters of Ogle Lake. Trail 7 for a short distance. Meets with Trail 5 at Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve.

5. Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve .75 miles Easy
Easy walk around Strahl Lake but challenging .7 mile-looping back to ridge top.

6. Strahl Lake 1.5 miles Easy/Rugged
Easy walk around Strahl Lake but challenging .7 mile-looping back to ridge top.

10. Fire Tower 2.2 miles Rugged
Folows ridge behind fire tower before keepoping northward crossing deep ravines and hilltops. Passes CCC shelter.

11. Vollmer Trail 2.75 miles Rugged
Trail 11 is a linear portion of trail that begins at Trail 7. It is an out-and-back trail—must you return the way you came (5.5 miles out-and-back). This trail has many elevation changes.

Friends Paved trail, with benches and vista on flat terrain. Constructed by the Friends of Brown County State Park.

DISCOVERY Friends Self-guided nature trail. Brochure available at the trailhead at the south end of the Nature Center parking lot.

Please stay on marked trails. 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 can be a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and clothes inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

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