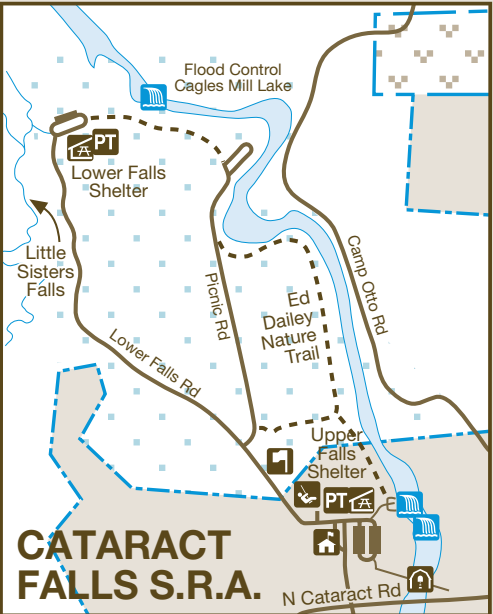
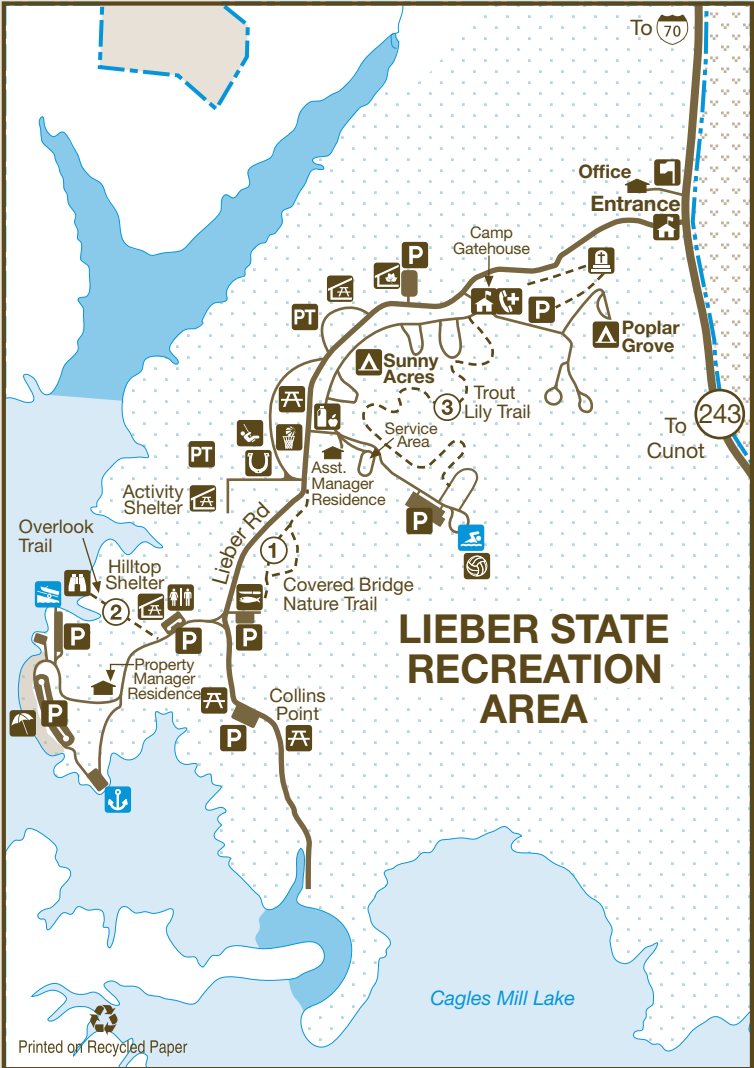
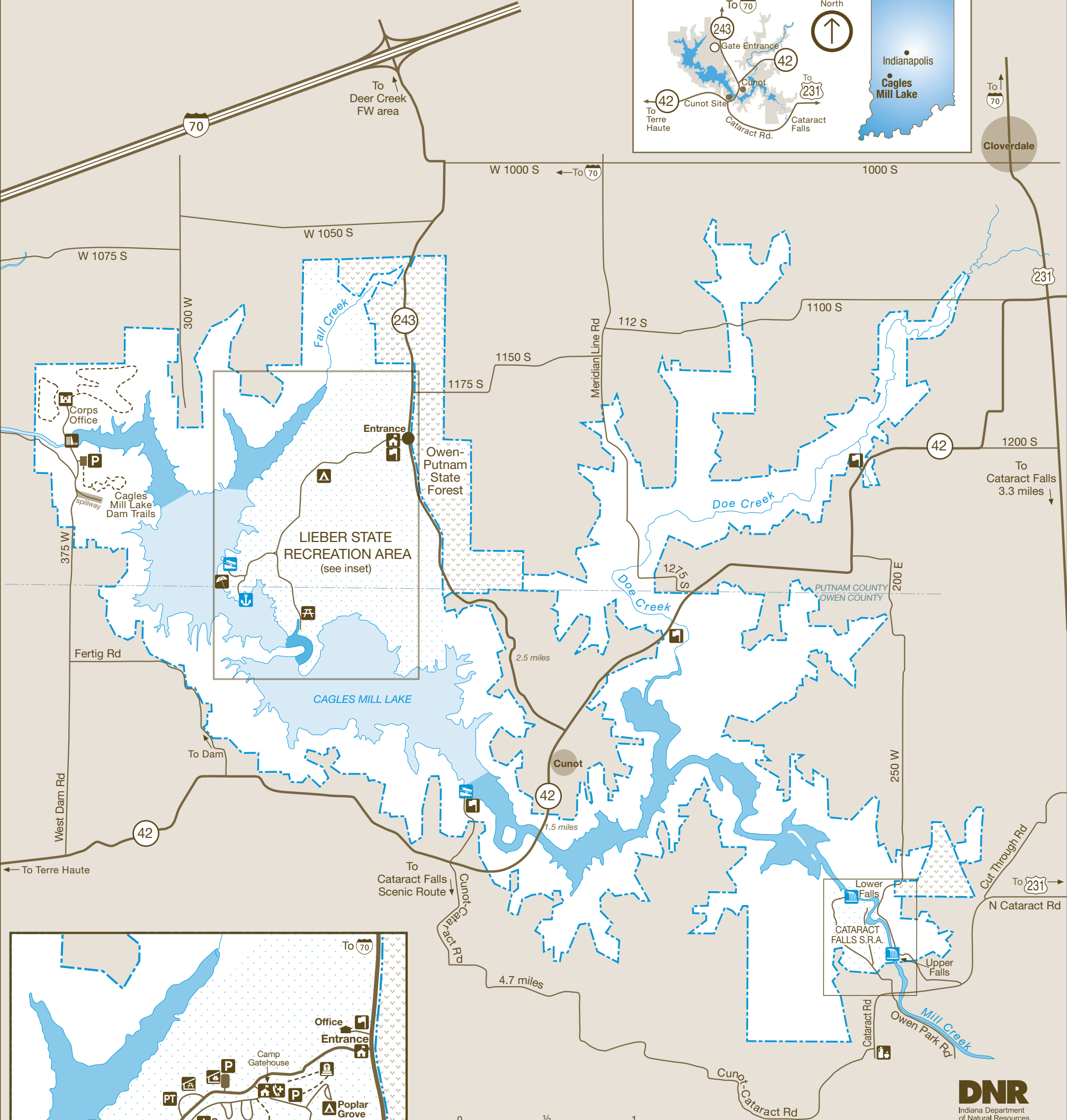
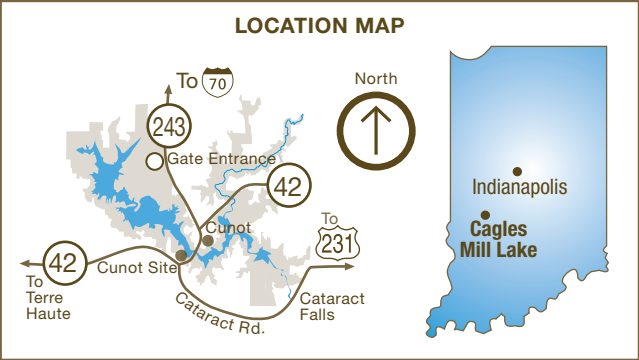


CAGLES MILL LAKE

LIEBER STATE RECREATION AREA and CATARACT FALLS STATE RECREATION AREA

**Cagles Mill Lake & Lieber State Recreation Area**  
1317 W. Lieber Rd., Suite 1 • Cloverdale, IN 46120 • (765) 276-0194  
8,075 Acres - 1,400 acre lake    Established 1953

**Cataract Falls State Recreation Area**  
2605 N. Cataract Rd. • Spencer, IN 47460



LEGEND			
	Boundary		Gatehouse
	Road		Campground
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	State Rec. Area		Camp Store
	Water		Parking Lot
	Idle Zone		Picnic Shelter
	Forest		Picnic Area
	Dam/Spillway		Nature Center
	Aquatic Center		Pit Toilet
	Boat Launch		Covered Bridge
	Marina		Beach
	Waterfall		Wildlife Watching
	Restroom		Fish Cleaning Stn.
	Hunter Check-in		Horseshoe Pit
	Emergency Call Box		Volleyball Pit
	Cemetery		Basketball Court
	Army Corp Office		

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

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

HISTORY & POINTS OF INTEREST

Cagles Mill Lake is located within the Wabash River Valley in an area of scenic beauty. Picturesque Cataract Falls is at the headwaters of the lake, providing a pleasant experience for visitors. An early settler appropriately described the region as “a sensitive display of rolling hills surrounded by numerous streams and creeks. The hills often rise into steep rock bluffs or furnish valleys with soil as rich as the prized river bottoms.” It was this presence of fertile soil and abundance of fresh water that had for centuries attracted Native Americans to the area.

The Miami, Shawnee and Potawatomi were the dominant tribes that inhabited the region through the 18th century. However, in the late 1700s, the relentless western expansion of white settlers reached the area and threatened the tribes’ claim to the land. Frequent conflicts followed, culminating with the battles of Tippecanoe and Fallen Timbers, which effectively destroyed the tribes as an organized fighting force, and forced the surrender of their land claims in the Indiana Territory.

The “Ten O’clock Line” Treaty, signed in 1809, gave pioneers claim to the land south and west of a line established by the shadow of a tree at ten o’clock. This line crossed what is now the Lieber State Recreation Area and Lower Cataract Falls. With the signing of that treaty and, subsequently, the Treaty of 1818, land in the Cagles Mill Lake area opened for settlement.














A great migration of pioneers eager to claim the valuable resources of the area ensued. They cleared the dense hardwood forests and farmed the river bottoms. The plentiful water supply spurred development of grist mills and sawmills, which gave rise to the local communities of Cataract and Cunot. Cagles Mill Lake bears the name of an old grist mill that was downstream from the lake. Cagles Mill was destroyed and rebuilt several times before finally being destroyed by fire in 1975. The old low-level dam is still in place.

Development of the region progressed rapidly with the discovery of limestone rock beds, gravel deposits, and other mineral deposits near Cloverdale, Putnamville and Reelsville. The National Trail (U.S. 40) and the onset of the railroad encouraged growth by providing employment and increasing business, while easing the transportation of goods and raw materials. The Vandalia, Monon and B&O railroads played an integral part in the diversified development of the Cagles Mill Lake area.

Today, more than a century later, many of the same industries provide a livelihood for area residents who take pride in their resourceful heritage. Livestock and grain farms, forest industries, and limestone quarries contribute to the local economy. The railroad lines (under different names) are still active and important for transport of area products

Visitors to the site of the old Jennings Mill in Cataract can relive the old days.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

-  **AQUATIC CENTER**—Located at Lieber SRA. Opens Memorial Day. Length of season may vary. For swimming availability, contact the property office.
-  **BEACH**—Swimming permitted Memorial Day through Labor Day.
-  **BOAT RAMPS**—Two locations available, boat-launching ramps are marked on the map.
-  **BOAT RENTAL**—Pontoon and fishing boats, hourly or daily rental. Visit the marina for details.
-  **CAMPING**—electric and non-electric sites. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reserve through the Central Reservation System.
-  **CONCESSION & CAMP STORE**—Wood, ice, picnic supplies and groceries. Open summer months.
-  **FISHING**—Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, hybrid stripers and walleye. State license required and available at property office.
-  **HIKING**—Easy to moderate nature trails are available for hiking all year.
-  **HUNTING**—All hunters are required by law to sign in and return a hunting permit card to a hunter sign-in station. Hunting in resting areas is allowed by permit only. Areas available for disabled hunters.
-  **INTERPRETIVE & RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**—Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying seasonal interpretive and recreational programs at the Nature Center. Program schedules are available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or call (765) 276-4933.
-  **MARINA**—Located at Lieber SRA. Concessions, seasonal mooring, fuel, boat rental and fishing supplies available.
-  **PICNIC AREAS**—Tables, grills, restrooms, playground, playfields and accessible areas.
-  **SHELTERS**—Reservations for shelters available through the Central Reservation System.

For a list of park events, visit [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov)

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

For a full list/map of all DNR properties visit [on.IN.gov/recguide](http://on.IN.gov/recguide) or [on.IN.gov/recfinder](http://on.IN.gov/recfinder).


- Owen-Putnam State Forest**  
horse trails, hiking, camping, hunting, bike trails
- Chinook Fish & Wildlife Area**  
fishing, boating, boat ramp, trapping, wildlife watching

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Sign in at a check stationbefore hunting. Take the appropriate check-in card with and when checking out.
- No person shall conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the Division of State Parks, except under a license.
- No person shall launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or other floating device, except during approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes. No person shall leave watercraft unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm, including a handgun, BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, or paint gun must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked in a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one-day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- A person who possesses a pet must attend it at all times and keep the animal caged or on a leash no more than 6 feet long.
- Vending or advertising without DNR permission 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. (25 mph maximum).
- 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 property office.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.


For a complete list of rules and regulations, visit the property office or go online at:  
**[on.IN.gov/INStateParksRules](http://on.IN.gov/INStateParksRules)**

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: Cagles Mill Lake  
1317 W. Lieber Rd, Suite 1  
Cloverdale, IN 46120  
Call: 765-276-0194  
Online: [on.IN.gov/liebersra](http://on.IN.gov/liebersra)

US Army Corps of Engineers

Cagles Mill Lake, Dam/Tailwater  
11979 S. Co. Rd 375 W.  
Poland, IN 47868  
Call: 765-795-4439

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CATARACT FALLS COVERED BRIDGE

Cataract Falls Bridge is the only covered bridge in Owen County. It is also one of only six Smith trusses in Indiana. This construction was patented by Robert W. Smith and built by his company or under license to him.

While the majority of Indiana’s covered bridges have Burr Arch trusses, Smith’s design was a simple latticework of crossing timbers. The members pointing away from the center as they go up were in tension, and the members pointing in as they go up were in compression.

Instead of constructing his bridge on site, Smith built bridges in the controlled environment of his Toledo shops and delivered the pieces to be assembled on location. This allowed the bridges’ white pine timbers to have smooth, planed surfaces and uniform dimensions.

Many covered bridges are a product of pre-industrial times. But, the one at Cataract shows many characteristic of the late 19th century Industrial Age that are associated with iron bridge construction. This bridge may be the best surviving example of a Smith truss.

The preservation work was partially funded with National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation (NHCBP) Program and Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) grants. These programs are instrumental in preserving numerous bridges, depots, and one-of-a-kind transportation-related historic structures throughout Indiana. Both programs are funded by acts of Congress, and operated by the Federal Highway Administration through the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Rehabilitation cost approximately \$520,000. The DNR’s share was approximately \$110,000.

The bridge was entered in the National Register of Historic Places in April 2005, and documented by the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) in 2004.

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
<b>1-Covered Bridge Nature Trail</b> Stone trail with benches and covered bridge, wheelchair accessible.	.75 mi.	Moderate
<b>2-Overlook Trail</b> Stone trail with benches and wildlife viewing platform.	.5 mi.	Easy
<b>3-Trout Lily Trail</b> A natural surface trail that begins by the camp gatehouse and ends by the pool. Winding through the woodlands, spring brings spreading colonies of trout lilies.	1 mi.	Moderate
<b>Ed Dailey</b> Loop trail of pavement and stone that can be used to connect upper and lower falls.	.5 mi.	Moderate
<b>Creekside Trail</b> Starts at upper falls overlook and follows the creek to the lower falls.	.75 mi.	Moderate

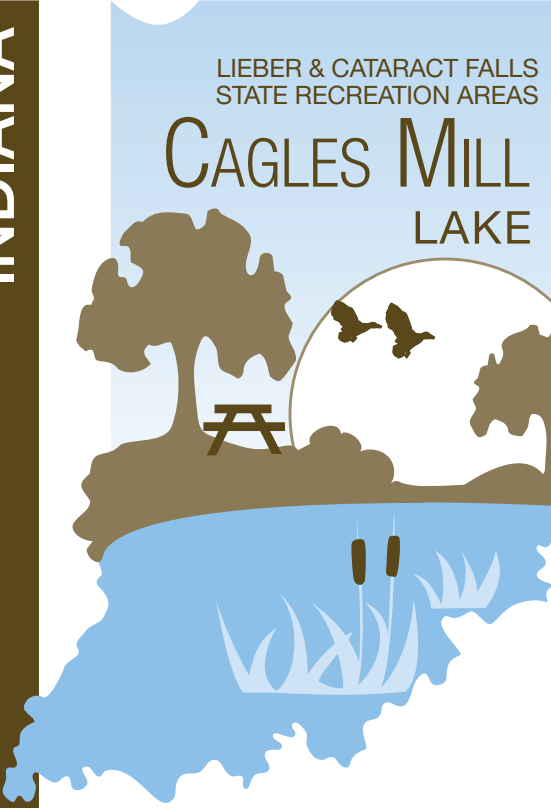
PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

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Cagles Mill Lake lies in Putnam and Owen counties in south-central Indiana—approximately midway between Indianapolis and Terre Haute.

Cagles Mill Lake was designed and built by the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is operated primarily for flood control in the Eel and White river watersheds, forming an integral unit of the comprehensive flood-control plan for the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Cagles Mill Lake was the first flood-control lake project in the Louisville District selected for construction under the authority of the Flood Control Act of 1938. Construction began in July 1948 and was completed in June 1953. The lake also is known locally as Cataract Lake.

The recreation facilities at the lake are maintained and operated by the State of Indiana, Department of Natural Resources, with the exception of the dam site, which the Corps maintains and operates.

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