The Adventure Hiking Trail

The Adventure Hiking Trail (AHT) is a 25.5-mile rugged backpacking trail designed for the serious outdoor enthusiast. A National Recreation Trail and part of the American Discovery Trail, the AHT is one of Indiana’s longest, scenic, and most interesting backpacking experiences. It normally takes 2½ to 3 days to complete, with five overnight shelters available first-come, first-use. The trail is marked with green and white blazes. Day trips are also possible at several access points. Good physical condition, plenty of water, and proper equipment are necessities. For additional information, contact the park office.
This is your park

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding wild animals is prohibited. Feeding wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on a natural food supply of wild food are better able to survive. Please lock up all food and leftovers inside cars or campers. Roll up window tightly.

Activities and facilities

Access sites—Four public-access sites are commonly used throughout the park. O'Bannon Woods has 42 access sites at the mouth of the Blue River providing a convenient campground for both RV and boat users. O'Bannon Woods State Park also offers recreational facilities appropriate for a wide range of activities including boating, fishing, swimming, camping, driving, birding, and picnicking.

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Fishing—At fishing pond and Blue River access sites.

Hiking—The Blue River runs through the state park, providing a unique opportunity for visitors to enjoy a variety of habitats, from wetlands to forests.

Interpretive naturalist service—Open year-round. Program schedules are available online at Interpretive Naturalist Service (1-812-738-8234).

Nature center—Hickory Hollow Nature Center, 1480 N. Pine Valley Rd. The center is open year-round and offers educational programs, nature classes, and guided hikes.

Swimming—Family Aquatic Center. Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekends.

Wildlife viewing—Bird watching, playground, shelter house.

Horse trails

Begins at the campground, sharing access with the Tulip Valley hiking trail. This trail splits to the right and climbs along the ridge behind the campground before descending into the valley. Horses should not be taken to horses at two horse crossings. This trail intersects with the Breeden Ridge Trail, then twists and winds along the edge of Potowet Creek before crossing the creek bed.

Special note

Resorts and forests can be mined or by boat. O'Bannon Woods State Park is rich with resources dating back to prehistoric Native Americans. The stories of the region's history live on in the facilities and natural features of the park, which was formerly known as Packsaddle Woods State Recreation Area.

Dnr properties nearby

Patonka lake—archery range, boating, boat rental, bird launch, camping, fishing, ice fishing, bird trails, hiking, hunting, picnic, shelther house, swimming beach, interpretive center. Patoka Lake State Park, 7234 Old Forest Road SW.

Harrison-Crawford State Forest—bridge, biking, swimming, fishing, ice fishing, bird trails, hiking, hunting, picnic, shelter house, swimming beach, interpretive center. Harrison-Crawford State Forest, 1944 Old Forest Road.

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