

PATOKA LAKE

Hiking Area

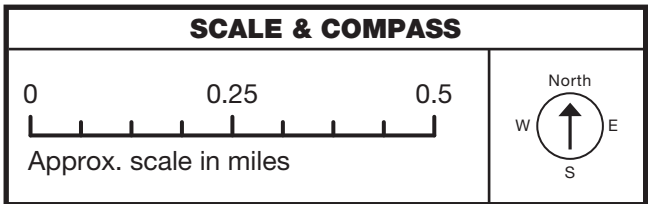
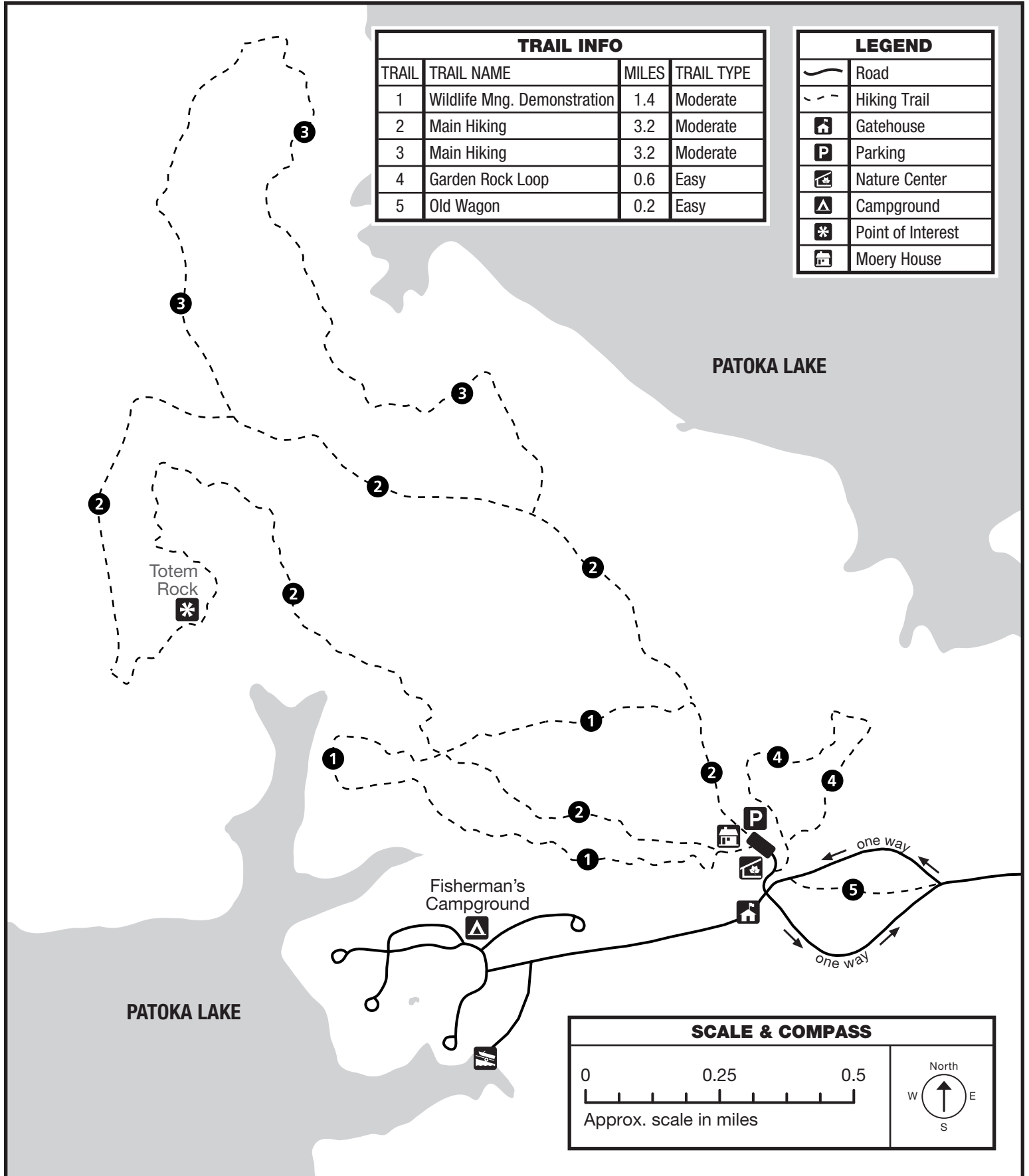
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DNR Dispatch: 812-837-9536
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TRAIL INFO			
TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	Wildlife Mng. Demonstration	1.4	Moderate
2	Main Hiking	3.2	Moderate
3	Main Hiking	3.2	Moderate
4	Garden Rock Loop	0.6	Easy
5	Old Wagon	0.2	Easy

LEGEND	
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Gatehouse
	Parking
	Nature Center
	Campground
	Point of Interest
	Moery House





OUR STORY

Patoka Lake's hiking area, in the Newton-Steward State Recreation Area, contains nearly 1,000 acres on a peninsula. This area provides opportunity to explore on foot a large roadless tract of southern Indiana uplands. Hikers can spend an hour or a day exploring mature beech-maple and oak-hickory forest, rock shelters and outcroppings, pine plantations, abandoned farm fields in various stages of plant succession, and panoramic views of the lake. Wildlife watchers will find the diverse area supports many native bird species, deer, small mammals or even coyotes.



ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.



HIKING: Wildflowers, the scent of pines, and the sound of birds are best experienced in the natural world and away from roads.



INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE: Join us for scheduled walks and hikes that may last 30 minutes to three hours. These walks are an enjoyable way to see the lake, learn about nature and history, and meet other people.



MOERY HOUSE: Historic homestead with interpretive programs. Check with nature center for programming.



TOTEM ROCK: Large rock shelter once used by Native Americans and early settlers.



THINGS TO LOOK FOR

- **DEN TREES:** Beech and other trees provide homes and food for a variety of wildlife.
- **EASTERN RED CEDARS:** Common "pioneers" in abandoned fields and grow well in poor soils. Cedars also provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- **ROCK SHELTERS:** Used by American Indian hunting parties and later as livestock pens by settlers. Notice animal burrows often found near the base.
- **WILDLIFE:** Look for tracks, droppings, nests/dens and trails. Many animals are seldom seen because they come out only at night or are secretive.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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HIKING TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- Bicycles prohibited on hiking trails.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
1. Wildlife Management Demonstration	1.4 mi.	Moderate
A loop trail beginning at the Nature Center. Illustrates habitat requirements of wildlife as well as wildlife management techniques used on the property. Demonstrations include food plots, protective cover planting, controlled burning and much more. A booklet keyed to numbered posts is available for this self-guided interpretive trail.		
2. Main Hiking	3.2 mi.	Rugged
Begins at the Nature Center. Well-maintained but with a small number of signs. Average hiking time is three to four hours. Check out Totem Rock.		
3. Main Hiking	3.2 mi.	Rugged
see above. A "Birdwatching Spur" is on north end.		
4. Garden Rock Loop	0.6 mi.	Moderate
A short loop trail begins just across from the Nature Center's front door. Features rock overhangs, ferns and pines. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes, but is hilly.		
5. Old Wagon	0.2 mi.	Easy
Easy, scenic stroll through the trees.		

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