

# CLIFTY FALLS CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

## TO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE:

📍 Visit each stop.

📷 Take a photo at each.

Begin your journey at either park entrance, as this adventure takes you throughout the park. You can drive to each location and walk short, easy distances to take

photos of each stop. You may complete the challenge in one or multiple visits. Brough's Tunnel is an optional stop. Show your photos to the naturalist to earn a sticker. If the nature center is closed upon your completion, email your photos and mailing address to [SPContests@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:SPContests@dnr.IN.gov), and your sticker will be mailed to you.



### Clifty Inn

Clifty Inn was built in 1924, funded by the citizens of Madison who raised \$60,000 for the project. In 1974, the original inn was destroyed by a devastating tornado. The inn was rebuilt, and the present day facility opened in 2006. Read the interpretive panel near the inn's front doors to learn more.

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### Garber Memorial

Behind the inn, overlooking the Ohio River, is the Garber Memorial. Michael Christian Garber Jr. was the principal leader in the many years of civic work that created Clifty Falls State Park. He was the head of the citizens' movement in Madison that raised money and secured options on the land. The Madison Courier, his family newspaper business, donated \$100 to the establishment of the park.



◀ Continue your journey inside

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Consider volunteering and becoming a member of the Friends of Clifty Falls State Park group ([friendsofclifty.org](http://friendsofclifty.org)), which continues to help research park history.

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### 3 Nature Center



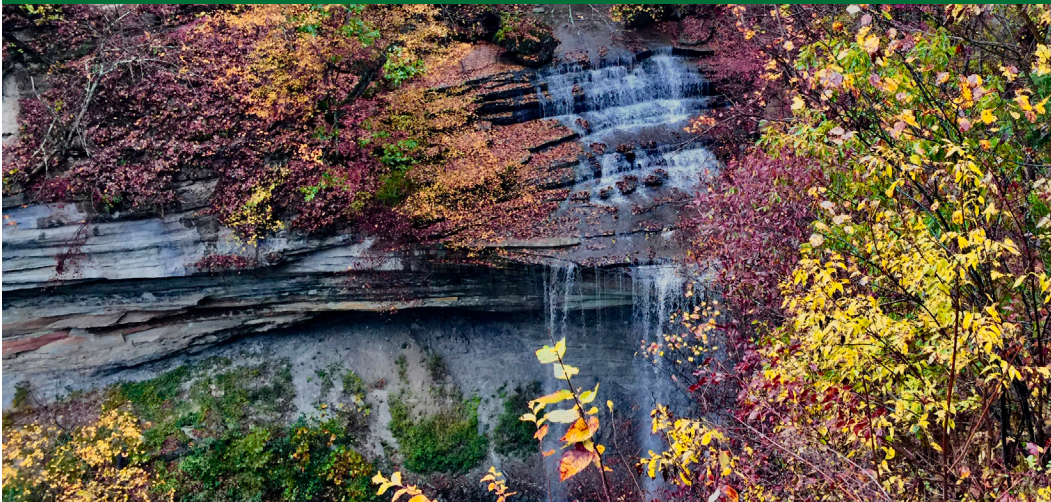
The building housing the current nature center began as a saddle barn constructed in 1938 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The park had several riding trails totaling about 10 miles. There was also a quarter-mile horse ring, said to be one of the finest of its kind in southern Indiana, where annual horse shows were held. It was also used for horse riding lessons. In 1975, the saddle barn closed. The nature center opened in 1981. Read the interpretive signs inside to learn more.

### 4 Clifty Shelter



The CCC built several shelter houses, but this is the only one still in the park. Companies 540, 1597, and 1543 all worked in the park at different times from 1934 to 1941. They not only built Clifty Shelter, but also the nearby restroom and the rock wall at the overlook of Big Clifty Falls.

### 5 Big Clifty Falls



Big Clifty Falls, at 60 feet high, isn't the tallest waterfall in the park, but it is the widest. Read its interpretive sign to learn more.

### 6 Lilly Memorial

The memorial was built in honor of James Watkinson Lilly, who was instrumental in securing the land for the state park. He was a member of the State Hospital board, an Indianapolis businessman, and president of the Lilly Hardware Company. The plaque was placed on an old stone house behind Clifty Inn in 1927, but was moved to its current location by the CCC when they built the Lilly Memorial Overlook in the mid-1930s.



### 7 (OPTIONAL) Brough's Tunnel

In 1852, John Brough, president of the Madison Indianapolis Railroad, was planning a new route through what is now Clifty Falls State Park. A 600-foot tunnel was dug, but it was neither tall enough nor wide enough for a train to fit through. More money was needed to finish the project; but requests for more funding were denied. Due to bankruptcy, the project was abandoned. The tunnel now serves as a home for endangered bats, cave salamanders, and more. To protect its wildlife and yourself, please do not enter the tunnel—it is closed due to rockfalls near the entrances. You may still look at both tunnel entrances from Trail 5. To learn more about the tunnel, read the interpretive signs at either entrance or the one in the nature center.

### 8 Guthrie Memorial



When you enter the park through the south gate, you'll see a plaque on the stone wall to your left, honoring William A. Guthrie. Guthrie, from Dupont, was a former state senator and first chairman of the Indiana Department of Conservation, DNR's precursor, who was active in fostering the acquisition and development of Clifty Falls State Park and other conservation properties, including McCormick's Creek, Turkey Run, and Indiana Dunes state parks. The tablet memorial was dedicated on May 13, 1936 on his 85th birthday.

At the dedication, Gov. Paul McNutt said, "In the years that the park has been established, it has been visited by more than a million persons, representing every state and many foreign countries. All these visitors, whether they came for a few hours or for many days, have made some contribution to the financial welfare of this community. Thus, the generosity of the people of Jefferson County in acquiring this land and presenting it to the state has been repaid many times."