

TURKEY RUN CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

TO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE:

- 📍 Visit each stop.
- 📷 Take a photo at each stop or answer each question.

You may complete the challenge in one or multiple visits. Show your photos and tell your answers at the Nature Center to earn a sticker. If the Nature Center is closed upon your completion, email your photos, answers, and mailing address to SPContests@dnr.IN.gov, and your sticker will be mailed to you.

Important: Turkey Run is known for its ravines and challenging hiking. If you are unable to visit a stop due to an accessibility issue, please stop at the nature center and view the History of Turkey Run State Park video (video plays on loop) to complete the challenge. Nature Center hours may be limited, so please plan accordingly.

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Lusk Home



Salmon Lusk moved from Vermont to Parke County around 1811. He met and married his wife Mary (Polly), whose father was a miller and taught him the trade. In 1841, he, his family, and hired hands built a two-story brick house that still stands. The home is in the eastern part of the park. You can access the Lusk Home via car from Narrows Road and park in the designated parking area or hike there from trails 1 or 4.



Rated: Accessible, viewable from car at the Lusk Home parking area. If hiked to, expect a moderate uneven surface trail

- 📷 Take a photo in front of the home, **OR**
- 🔍 Read the sign and tell us one piece of information you learned.

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Narrows Covered Bridge



One of 31 covered bridges in Parke County, this was the mill site used by Salmon Lusk. At this spot, where the water “narrows,” it moves faster, making it a perfect site for a gristmill, and later, a sawmill. It became so successful that flatboats were built to carry products downriver, and a tavern, post, and general store were erected.

Rated: Accessible, viewable from car on Narrows Road. If hiked to, expect a moderate uneven surface trail.

- 📷 Take a photo of Narrows Covered Bridge, **OR**
- 🔍 Read the sign and tell us one piece of information you learned.

◀ Continue your journey inside

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3 Lieber Memorial



Turkey Run serves as the final resting place for Col. Richard Lieber, the father of Indiana State Parks. His foresight allowed Indiana to become one of the first states to preserve significant natural areas in a system of state parks. You'll find his memorial atop a peaceful hemlock grove near the end of Trail 11.

Rated: Easy, relatively flat trail, uneven gravel surface.

- 📷 Take a photo of the Lieber Memorial, **OR**
- 🗨️ Tell us, what's your favorite Indiana State Park?

4 Juliett Strauss Memorial



Learn how Juliet Strauss's gift for public outreach was called to action when the precious old-growth forest of what is now Turkey Run was threatened by timber companies. Her memorial can be found behind Turkey Run Inn on Trail 11.

Rated: Accessible, flat paved trail.

- 📷 Take a photo of the Juliett Strauss Memorial, **OR**
- 🗨️ Read the sign and tell us: Who was Juliet Strauss?

5 Lieber Cabin



Constructed of virgin timber in the 1840s, the cabin is the oldest of its kind in the state. It can be found at the top/beginning of Trail 6.

Rated: Accessible, flat paved trail to outside of cabin. There are steps to access the inside of the cabin.

- 📷 Take a photo at the Lieber Cabin and go inside the cabin (if open), **OR**
- 🗨️ Read about the Lieber Cabin on the bulletin board in front of the cabin and tell us: Who was Richard Lieber?

6 Sunset Point

Sunset Point has been a destination at Turkey Run enjoyed by many for generations. See this stunning vista over Sugar Creek from the top/beginning of Trail 6.

Rated: Easy, accessible route to Sunset Point interpretive sign. There are steps down to the overlook.

- 📷 Take a photo at Sunset Point, **OR**
- 🗨️ Spend 10 minutes looking over Sugar Creek. Make note of what sounds you hear, what you see in or around the water, the air on your skin, and the smell in the air. People just like you have been enjoying this same spot for more than 100 years.



7 (OPTIONAL) Newby Gulch CCC Shelter



The shelter houses, a saddle barn, and sandstone trail structures are the legacy of the hard-working young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Camp 8, stationed at Turkey Run from 1934-1935. Take the road past the saddle barn to visit one of the distinctive double-sided shelters.

Rated: Accessible, viewable from car at the shelter's parking lot.

- 📷 Take a photo at the shelter, **OR**
- 🗨️ If the shelter is occupied, please do not disturb the users. Instead, drive past the saddle barn to see another CCC constructed building.

More Recommended Stops

There is so much more to see throughout the park! See two of the following to get the most out of your visit to Turkey Run:

- Suspension bridge
- Rocky Hollow (Trail 3)
- Turkey Hollow (Trail 6)
- Coal mine (Trail 4/8)
- Boulder Canyon (Trail 9)