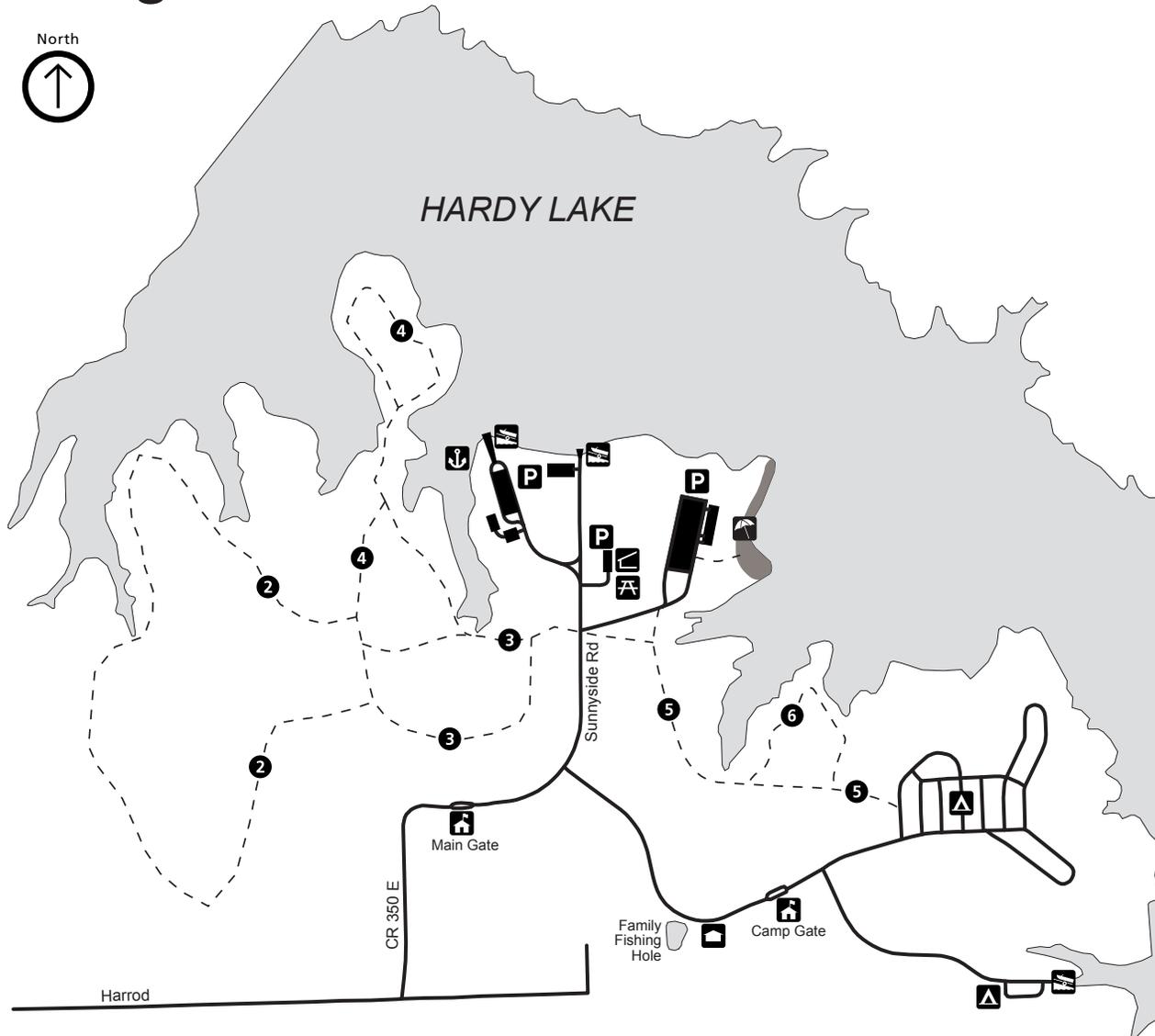


HARDY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

Hiking Trails



LEGEND	
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Gatehouse
	Office
	Marina
	Boat Launch
	Parking
	Beach
	Campground
	Picnic Area
	Shelterhouse

TRAILS LEGEND		
	Trail Name	Miles
②	Outward Bound	2.05
③	Cemetery Trail	.77
④	Island Trail	1.91
⑤	Honeysuckle Trail	.64
⑥	Lakeside Trail	.52

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

NAME & DESCRIPTION	MILES	DIFFICULTY
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2. OUTWARD BOUND	2.05	Moderate
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This trail takes you into a typical stand of Indiana hardwood trees. You will see both an oak-hickory and a beech-maple climax forest. This trail will also allow you to view some of the beautiful backwaters of Hardy Lake.

3. CEMETERY TRAIL	.77	Easy
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This trail takes you through an oak-hickory climax forest. The McClain Cemetery is a major point of interest on this trail. This family cemetery has headstones dating to the 1700s.

4. ISLAND TRAIL	1.91	Easy
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This trail branches off of either the Cemetery Loop or the Outward Bound Loop. Points of interest include beaver cuttings along the shoreline, wildlife food plots, and several areas along the island that overlook the lake.

5. HONEYSUCKLE TRAIL	.64	Moderate
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This trail connects Shale Bluff campground with the beach. Passing through different stages of succession, you will be able to see a managed pine grove, cedar thickets and tulip poplar trees, as well as a mature forest. Through one section, due to tornado damage, you will even be able to see nature in the act of repairing herself.

6. LAKESIDE TRAIL	.52	Moderate
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This loop presents a beautiful view of Hardy Lake. Several bird nesting structures are located along this trail. This trail will also pass by a colony of Allegheny (or mound-building) ants that are always hard at work. This is also a great trail to hike at night to see fireflies and foxfire, and hear an owl hooting.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

Please let wild animals remain wild.

Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

