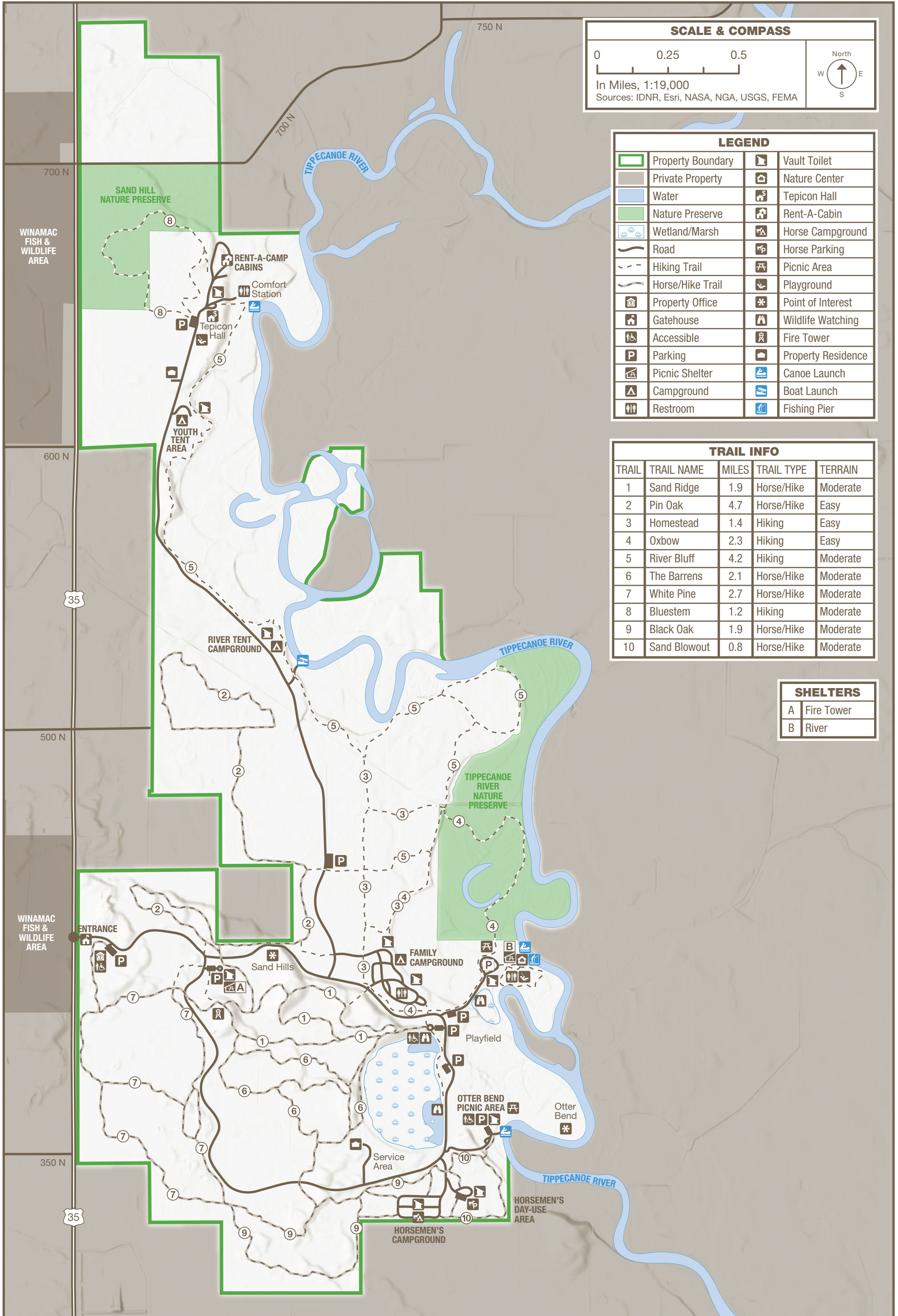


TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK

4200 N. US 35 | Winamac, IN 46996 | 574-946-3213
2,785 Acres | Established 1943



SCALE & COMPASS

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In Miles, 1:19,000
Sources: IDNR, Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA

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LEGEND

	Property Boundary		Vault Toilet
	Private Property		Nature Center
	Water		Tepicon Hall
	Nature Preserve		Rent-A-Cabin
	Wetland/Marsh		Horse Campground
	Road		Horse Parking
	Hiking Trail		Picnic Area
	Horse/Hike Trail		Playground
	Property Office		Point of Interest
	Gatehouse		Wildlife Watching
	Accessible		Fire Tower
	Parking		Property Residence
	Picnic Shelter		Canoe Launch
	Campground		Boat Launch
	Restroom		Fishing Pier

TRAIL INFO

TRAIL	TRAIL NAME	MILES	TRAIL TYPE	TERRAIN
1	Sand Ridge	1.9	Horse/Hike	Moderate
2	Pin Oak	4.7	Horse/Hike	Easy
3	Homestead	1.4	Hiking	Easy
4	Oxbow	2.3	Hiking	Easy
5	River Bluff	4.2	Hiking	Moderate
6	The Barrens	2.1	Horse/Hike	Moderate
7	White Pine	2.7	Horse/Hike	Moderate
8	Bluestem	1.2	Hiking	Moderate
9	Black Oak	1.9	Horse/Hike	Moderate
10	Sand Blowout	0.8	Horse/Hike	Moderate

SHELTERS

A	Fire Tower
B	River



THE PARK STORY

The Tippecanoe River's high quality continues to attract wildlife and the people who appreciate it to Tippecanoe River State Park.

Thousands of years ago, glacial meltwater carved the river's path, depositing huge amounts of sand. Wind worked the sand into today's ridge and hill topography.

Wooded banks along the winding river provided a thriving aquatic ecosystem. Fish, mussels, and macroinvertebrates formed healthy food chains.

The river attracted early people. The Myaamia (Miami) named this river "place of the buffalo fish" in their language. Beginning in the 1600s, the Bodewadmi (Potawatomi) also lived here.

In the mid-1800s, Indigenous people were forcibly removed, and European settlement began. Wetlands were drained, streams were channelized, and woodlands were cleared. Farming and grazing became the primary activity.

The U.S. Department of Interior acquired more than 7,000 acres bordering the river during the 1930s, and it became the Winamac Recreation Demonstration Area. The Depression-era Works Progress Administration developed the property for recreational use.

In 1943, 7,353 acres were transferred to Indiana to become Tippecanoe River State Park. In 1959, 4,592 of those acres became Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area just next door.

Today, Tippecanoe River State Park implements prescribed fire, deer management hunts, bank stabilization projects, and invasive species removal to maintain a healthy landscape. Surveys of the river and other park locations reveal high species diversity, including river otter, bobcat, and Blanding's turtle.

Whether you're planning a day of hiking or a longer stay in the campgrounds or cabins, Tippecanoe River State Park offers something for everyone.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

BOAT LAUNCH: Privately owned boats may be launched on the river.

CAMPING: Flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites will accommodate trailers. Electric sites and dumping station are available. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

RIVER TENT CAMP: 10 primitive sites (tents only) with boat launch.

FIRETOWER: 90 feet, open seasonally.

FISHING: Bass, bluegills, etc. State license required.

HIKING: 22.6 miles of easy-to-moderate trails.

HORSE CAMP: Primitive, with 56 sites.

HORSE TRAILS: More than 14 miles of horse trails.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE: Seasonal. Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. For program info, visit interpretiveservices.IN.gov or call 574-946-3213.

PICNIC AREAS: Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, shelters and playfields. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

RECREATION BUILDING and SHELTERS: The Tepicon Recreation Building is available mid-April through mid-October. Shelters are for day-use visitors. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

RENT-A-CAMP CABINS: Two bunk beds (sleep 4) with space for 2 floor sleeping spots (on floor or in a small loft). A small table with stools or benches. One light and two electrical outlets. Modern comfort station with showers nearby. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

YOUTH TENT AREA: Accommodates up to 120 people. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

SWIMMING is PROHIBITED
Tippecanoe River is extremely hazardous. No swimming or wading. Take no chances.



HIKING TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- Bicycles prohibited on hiking trails.
- Trails 4 and 8 should be avoided during wet periods, as they will be difficult to navigate.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
3. Homestead Trail	1.4 mi.	Easy

Begins on TR2 north of campground entrance, north to railroad, then returns to park road. Leads through oak forest, pine plantation, and open fields. Connects with Trail 2.

4. Oxbow Trail	2.3 mi.	Easy
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Begins in main picnic area and leads along Oxbow Lagoon, through low river bottoms, along the river, and up into the pines and fields, then back to the campground and picnic area.

5. River Bluff Trail	4.2 mi.	Moderate
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Begins north of campground. Covers prairies, river bluffs, and oak woods. May be hiked from canoe camp, north of trails 3 and 4, or from group camp or Rent-A-Camp area.

8. Bluestem Trail	1.2 mi.	Moderate
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Begins at Tepicon parking lot and covers Sand Hill NP with Prairie grasses and oak woods.



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

- Find more DNR properties at on.IN.gov/recfinder.

WINAMAC FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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HORSE/HIKE TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- Trails 2 and 8 should be avoided during wet periods, as they will be difficult to navigate.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
1. Sand Ridge Trail	1.9 mi.	Moderate

Begins near fire tower parking area or waterfowl parking lot, leads to fire tower, traverses sand hills and marsh area.

2. Pin Oak Trail	4.7 mi.	Easy
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Begins .5 mile north on TR2 road. Horses may begin near fire tower on TR1 road. Leads through oak forest and open fields. Rises on sand hills.

6. Barrens Trail	2.1 mi.	Moderate
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Begins north of horse camp, crosses main road along marsh up into sand hills. Leads through oak forest and open fields then returns to camp.

7. White Pine Trail	2.7 mi.	Moderate
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Enter from gate, park office, or Trail 9. Covers flat woodlands, open fields, and pines.

9. Black Oak Trail	1.9 mi.	Moderate
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Begins at the horse camp. Circles west through oak woods and sand hills. Connects to Trail 7.

10. Sand Blowout Trail	0.8 mi.	Moderate
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East of horse camp and day-use area. Circles prairie and sand blow-outs.



TRUE TALES

- **HISTORICAL FEATURE:** Good fishing along the river led Indianapolis businessman George A. Hilgemeier to purchase acreage for a retreat in the 1940s. In 2007, Tippecanoe River State Park bought the land and renamed it Otter Bend.
- **GEOLOGICAL FEATURE:** The Tippecanoe River is fed by 88 natural lakes, which add clean, cool water to the river.
- **INDUSTRIAL FEATURE:** One of the structures built by the WPA was the 90-foot fire tower that offers guests an outstanding view of the countryside.

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