CAUTION:
Trail crosses Laughery Creek. Impassable during high water.

VERSAILLES STATE PARK
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5,988 Acres  Established 1943

SINK HOLES

Legend:
- Boundary  Accessible
- Road  Campground
- Hiking Trail  Playground
- Bike Trail  Camp Store
- Bike Trailhead  Shelter
- Parking Lot  Nature Center
- Emergency Telephone  Picnic Area
- Restrooms  Dumping Station
- Boat Launch  Saddle Barn
- Swimming Pool  Trailhead
- Boat Rental  Covered Bridge
- Gatehouse  CCC Worker Statue

LOCATION MAP

Mountain Bike Trails

Trail Name  Mileage  Trail Type
1. Grandview Loop  6.0  More Difficult
2. Ranger Loop  2.0  More Difficult
3. Creekside Loop  1.4  More Difficult
4. Cliffside  2.5  More Difficult
5. Turtle Loop  1.6  Easy
6. Shark Run Loop  4.0  More Difficult
7. Last Chance  2.0  More Difficult
8. Eagle Trace  1.0  More Difficult
9. Worm Hole  2.5  More Difficult

Hiking Trails

1. Old Forest  2.25  More Difficult
2. Orchard  1.25  Easy
3. Fallen Timber Creek  1.85  Easy
4. Oiler Trail  1.5  Easy

Approximate Scale in Miles

Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy.

CCC Worker Statue

Horseman's Campground

Hiking Permitted on Mountain Bike Trails
recreation building to house the boys ranging from 18 to 20 years old, known as the Civilian Conservation Corps. These CCC enrollees developed the park through tree planting, native stone masonry and wood construction, road construction, flood control, drainage projects, erosion controls, and water construction projects. President Franklin Roosevelt’s “free army” also joined artisans in constructing buildings and shelters. Most of their original work is still present throughout much of Versailles State Park.

During fall 1937, Company 596 was pulled from Versailles to work in Oregon. By April 1943, the National Park Service decided to move the property to the state of Indiana, and the “Versailles Project” became Versailles State Park, Indiana’s largest state park. Today the park includes 5,988 acres.

Construction of Versailles Lake began in January 1954. Using prison laborers, the 230-acre lake was built as an area water supply and recreation outlet, opening to the public for boating, fishing and swimming in June 1956. New facilities and features have been added to the park over the years. A swimming pool complex, complete with a water slide, opened in 1986. As a result of swimming in the lake is no longer permitted.

Running directly through the park is the Laughery Creek, namely at Company 596. Col. Lochry and his men were traveling down the Ohio River to meet with George Rogers Clark at the Falls of the Ohio. Before they arrived, the soldiers died in a battle with Native Americans where Laughery Creek enters the mouth of the Ohio River south of Aurora.

An abundance of history lies below the park’s surface. Over time Laughery Creek has cut its way through Silurian reef limestone, creating rugged cliffs and exposing fossil-rich, 475-million-year-old Ordovician rock. Throughout many of the park’s creeks, hikers and geologists will find fossils, including brachiopods, bryozoans, corals and crinoids. Numerous sinkholes and associated springs point to an extensive underground drainage system that dominates the park.

The park’s beautiful hardwood forests provide expansive habitats for songbirds and a variety of wildlife. To learn more about Versailles State Park and the opportunities that the park provides, visit the Nature Center located near the lake. Its interactive exhibits prove to kids of all ages that a trip to Versailles can be both educational and recreational.

For a list of park events, visit interpretive@in.gov.