VERSAILLES STATE PARK
Box 205, 1387 E. U.S. 50 • Versailles, IN 47042 • (812) 689-6424
5,988 Acres            Established 1943

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

SINK HOLE

North Vernon

Covered Bridge

Town of Versailles

Old Fire Tower Road

Gatehouse

Covered Bridge

Hiking Permitted on Mountain Bike Trails

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

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Fallen Timber Creek

Lakeview Shelter

Schimmerhorn Shelter

Heron's Point Shelter

Cedar Grove Shelter

Schimmerhorn Shelter

Play Field

Property Dedication

See Horse Trail Map for Trails

LEGEND

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

LOCATION MAP

VERSAILLES
STATE PARK

U.S. 50 & South Co. Rd. 300E, Versailles, IN 47302

*1.75 miles from Versailles SP Entrance.

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CAUTION:

Please carry out all trash you produce.
It is illegal to dump your garbage.
Thank you.

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Approximate Scale in Miles

5 Miles

To Cincinnati

To Bradt Natural Area
recreation building to house the boys ranging from 18 to 29 years old, known as the Civilian Conservation Corps. These CCC enrollees developed the park through tree planting, native stone masonry and wood construction, road building, water supply, water control, and water construction projects. President Franklin Roosevelt’s “tree 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 determined 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 330-acre lake was built as an area water supply and recreation outlet, opening to the public for boating, fishing and swimming in June 1958. The lake area has since been utilized for recreation to the park over the years. A swimming pool complex, complete with a waterpark, opened in the 1970s. As a result swimming in the lake is no longer permitted.

Running directly through the park is Laughery Creek, named after Col. Archibald Lochry, a Revolutionary War soldier. In 1781, Col. Lochry and his men were traveling down the Ohio River to meet with George Rogers Clark. The story of how this area was named after Col. Archibald Lochry, a Revolutionary War soldier is an example of how history is woven throughout the natural beauty of the park.

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

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BRADT NATURAL AREA

Enjoy the scenery of the eastern side of Versailles State Park, known as the Bradt Natural Area. Donated in November 2001, this is where the Bradt family resided from 1836 to 1853. The following years, the Bradts operated the farm until 1880. The Bradts were descended from a prominent Virginia family known for their farm management skills. An abundance of history lies below the park’s surface. Over time Laughery Creek has cut its way through Silurian reef limestone, creating cliffs and recesses, and exposing fossil-rich, 475-million-year-old Ordovician rock. Throughout many of the park’s caves, hikers can find fossils, including bryozoans, brachiopods, corals and crinoids. Numerous sinkholes and associated springs point to an extensive underground drainage system that creates the park.

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ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BOAT RENTALS—Boats may be rented by the hour or day. Powerboats are launched at the boat ramp. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt batteries, are allowed.

BRIDLE TRAILS—25 miles of bridle trails. Trails are for day-use only. Horseman’s Campground available for overnight stays. Stables available. Reservations can be made online or by calling 1-866-622-6746.

CAMPING—Tent or Trailer. Campground has flush toilets, hot water and showers. Each site has electricity and a fire ring. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reserve through the Central Reservation System.

CAMP STORE—Located adjacent to the Nature Center near the lake. Its interactive exhibits prove to kids of all ages that a trip to Versailles can be both educational and recreational. Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding wildlife 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 to danger to themselves. Please lock all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

LAKE SWIMMING IS PROHIBITED

Swimming is prohibited in Versailles Lake.

RULERS AND REGULATIONS

• Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood because they rebuild the natural humus.
• Any firearms (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by the permit.
• Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
• Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
• Camping is permitted only in the campground. No youth groups are permitted in the family campground.
• Pets are not allowed on hiking or biking trails.
• Please comply with the Carry In Carry Out trash policy in all use day areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose. Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas.
• Swimming is limited to the pool, when lifeguards are on duty.
• Horseback riders shall ride on horse trails only. Horses are not permitted on hiking or biking trails.
• The park is closed from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. No one is allowed entrance into the park between those hours, except anglers and registered campers at their site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Versailles State Park
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1387 East U.S. 50
Versailles, IN 47042
Call: (812) 689-6424
Email: versaillesstpark
Mapping Address: Versailles State Park
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SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the main office.

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