



CAMP INDIANA SPRING 2021

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

Located in Marshall, Indiana, Turkey Run State Park became Indiana's second state park in 1916 to celebrate Indiana's centennial. Hikes in the park are like walking back in time to see 600 to 300 million years of geological history. With several miles of hiking trails and the famous suspension bridge over Sugar Creek, Turkey Run is a nature wonderland right in the heart of the state.

At Turkey Run, you can walk along through ravines that have been eroded over millions of years. The exposed bedrock is made up of Mansfield sandstone, named after Mansfield, Indiana. It was created by the build-up of sand over time that became compacted from pressure and "cemented" into solid rock. Much like other state parks here in Indiana, the geological features were created by glaciers melting. Glaciers eroded the sandstone away at a relatively quick speed when it comes to rocks. However, the ground is still being eroded, but much more slowly by wind and water.

Much like the term, "Hoosier," Turkey Run has many legends about how it got its name. One of the main stories talks about how many wild turkeys called the area home. The turkeys would huddle in the canyon bottoms, or "runs" when the weather got cold to stay warm. People who lived in the area would use this to their advantage and herd the turkeys through the runs to a central location to harvest.



If you visit the park, there are many things to do. Turkey Run has over 14 miles of hiking trails, guided horseback riding, canoeing and kayaking along Sugar Creek, and several historical sites that document what it was like as a pioneer living in Indiana.

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Adventures in the Forest

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Bobcat	Hike	Mountain Lion	Grub
Trees	Rock	Flower	Wolf
Bugs	Ivy	Eagle	Possum
Woodpecker	Leaf	Acorn	Pinecone
Rabbit	Beaver	Porcupine	Weasel
Coyote	Fox	Frog	Chipmunk
Snakes	Skunk	Raccoon	Squirrel
Bees	Birds	Fish	River Otter
Caves	Picnic	Deer	Bear



Nature Walk



Draw pictures of 4 things you found on your walk
Describe them
