

TRAILS

in

Indiana Dunes State Park

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Division of

STATE PARKS AND LANDS AND WATERS

STATE OF INDIANA

FIRE...

- Fire is the greatest danger to our State Parks and native woodlands.

- Build fires only in places designated.

- Put out your cigarette or cigar before you throw it away.

- Break your match before you drop it.

- Report any infringement of fire regulation to park rangers.

STATE OF INDIANA

YOUR PARK

Visitors are requested to observe the following rules in order that we may fulfill the purpose for which the State Parks were founded namely: THE PRESERVATION OF A PRIMITIVE LANDSCAPE IN ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.

1. Do not injure any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird, or wild animal within the park.
2. Firearms are prohibited.
3. Dogs are to be kept on leash.
4. There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Conservation.
5. Camps are provided. Camping fee is twenty-five (25) cents per car or tent for each twenty-four hours or fraction. Please put waste in receptacles provided.
6. Fires may be built only in places provided.
7. Motor vehicles shall be driven slowly and on established roads. Park in designated places only.
8. Bathing is limited to such places and times as the Department of Conservation deems safe.
9. Drinking water should be taken from pumps and hydrants only.

The failure of any person to comply with any provision of the official regulation (published and placed in effect September 15, 1927) shall be deemed a violation thereof and such person shall be subject to a fine as provided by act of March 11, 1919.

CONSIDER THE RESULTS IF THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER VISITORS USED THE PARK AS YOU DO!

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Division of Lands and Waters

Dunes Arcade Hotel

Excellent Hotel Accommodations

European Plan

\$1.50 to \$3.50, and Weekly Rates

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Dunes Arcade Pavilion

Dining Room, Coffee Shop

A la Carte Service, Plate Lunches

Sandwiches and Soft Drinks

at Popular Prices

Lockers and Bathing Suits

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Duneside Inn

American Plan

Rooms and Meals \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day.

Weekly rates. Meals served family style.

The proprietor of this Inn strives to maintain an atmosphere of congenial informality and cordially invites the patronage

of park guests.

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Grocery Store

Complete line of staple groceries

and fresh meats for campers and

picnickers.

EACH INDIANA STATE PARK is fully equipped with all facilities for picnic parties or campers. The over-night camp fee is twenty-five cents (25c) per car, which partly covers the cost of fuel, water and sanitary maintenance. The water is tested frequently throughout the season by the State Board of Health. Shelter houses and refreshment stands provide rest and comfort. Hotel reservations should be made by mail direct to the Inns.

A *Points of Interest* map showing the complete state highway system and location of each state park, memorial, game preserve, fish hatchery, and forest reservation with a more detailed description of each; likewise the location of ninety other points of interest, is free. Ask any park custodian, or write the Department of Conservation, 126 State House, Indianapolis.

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK in Parke County includes the finest of that interesting landscape for which Sugar Creek is famous. Here are the most spectacular gorges of the midwest, cut in sandstone by the action of glacial streams. Here also is an area of two hundred and eighty-five acres of virgin timber, including wonderful specimens of tulip poplar, walnut, oak, cherry, hemlock, sycamore and maple.

The heavy timber growth and the cool canyons decorated with lace-like ferns, moss and vines, provide a never ending thrill to nature lover and hiker.

Turkey Run Inn provides modern hotel quarters and meals. Shelter houses and refreshment stands are located in the picnic area.

CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK comprises a portion of the rugged, majestic landscape of historic Jefferson County near Madison, where the beautiful Ohio Valley is finest. The outstanding feature of this park is the water-worn gorge where Clifty Creek drops seventy feet from a stone ledge. Trails wind through the great hollow and along the sides of precipitous vine and fern-covered cliffs, giving access to wooded ravines and lesser water-falls.

Clifty Inn is on the crest of a steep slope, four hundred feet above the Ohio River. The sweeping curves of the river, Kentucky hills far distant, and the panorama of Madison are unsurpassed, viewed from the Inn veranda. The Inn provides comfortable beds, immaculate housekeeping, and well cooked food in abundance.

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, in the heart of the mountainous hills of Brown County, has that spectacular topography of dense woods and wide, sweeping valleys, all readily accessible over modern, all-weather roads.

The Kin Hubbard Ridge development consists of a group of delightful and fully equipped cottages serviced by the Abe Martin Hall. This community group nestles in the forest fringe atop a promontory and commands an unsurpassed view of the area. The Hall provides restaurant service or staple groceries. The cottages may be rented by the week upon application.

SHAKAMAK STATE PARK lies in a triangle of Clay, Greene and Sullivan Counties, offering the recreational features of rugged and wooded country. An outstanding feature of the park is a beautiful, meandering lake of fifty-five acres, affording boating and supervised bathing. The park contains a tree nursery and pheasantry, providing

demonstrations in reforestation and game culture to those interested in this phase of conservation. Shakamak is equipped with dormitories and mess hall to accommodate organization camps up to a capacity of two hundred and fifty people.

MUSCATATUCK STATE PARK, in Jennings County, embraces the finest scenery, gorges and timbered slopes of the beautiful Muscatatuck River. This section of Jennings County long has been known for fine hunting and excellent fishing.

Muscatatuck Inn, with cottage rooms, provides delightful lodging and wholesome food for those seeking quiet and restful surroundings, and enjoys a wide reputation among motorists as a stop over point.

POKAGON STATE PARK comprises nearly one thousand acres of the lovely, peaceful rolling landscape in Steuben County, two miles of which front Lake James. There are four hundred acres of deep woods. The big lake is a fisherman's paradise. Buffalo, elk and deer in their native habitat, but within strong corrals, represent the larger species of wild life once native to the mid-west. Excellent boating and bathing facilities, and tennis courts, offer wholesome recreation. Saddle horses are available and an eighteen-hole golf course is located nearby.

Potawatomi Inn's dining room seats three hundred capacity. Excellent cooking and modern guest rooms, make this an unusually popular lake park.

SPRING MILL STATE PARK of eleven hundred acres in Lawrence County, is perhaps the most unique of the state parks. Here in a beautiful little valley among heavily forested hills is the restored pioneer village of Spring Mill with its massive stone grist mill operated by a flume and overshot water wheel. The post office, general store, apothecary, nursery, distillery, saw mill and numerous residences all furnished completely in the period of our forefathers, provide a never-ending delight to park guests.

To the student of nature, the caves and subterranean streams with blind aquatic life, are great attractions. Restaurant service and refreshments are available in the quaint old log tavern.

McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK in the White River valley of Owen County has within its boundaries some of the most majestic scenery of southern Indiana. The park is at the edge of the great stone belt, and is replete with ravines, gulches, and timbered slopes. Park woodlands are noted for the great profusion of wild flowers. A modern artificial swimming pool and bath house is in operation. Dormitories and mess halls for large camp groups make this park especially adapted to organization camps.

Canyon Inn, a modern structure, accommodates sixty-eight over-night guests, and serves special chicken dinners for week-end visitors.

MOUNDS STATE PARK, in Madison County, on the bluffs of White River, is a reservation set aside for natural recreation and preservation of a group of prehistoric earthwork monuments constructed by that vanquished American race known as Mound Builders. These mounds represent the largest and best preserved group in Indiana and are of great interest to laymen as well as archaeologists.

Excellent boating and picnic facilities are available; refreshments are obtained at the Pavilion.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

TRAIL No. 2. For the park visitor who enjoys a trip among trees and plants that grow in low, wet land, this trail offers an excellent opportunity to study this type of wild life. Start north up the Tremont Road to the clearing around Wilson camp building; turn right and go eastwardly past the Gary Boy Scout barracks into the woods. Keep in the timber for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and then proceed out into a long narrow clearing to within about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the east boundary of the park; then make yourself at home again with the tall elms, maples, and ash about whose roots grow countless varieties of flowers, ferns and vines and in whose branches reside birds of beautiful song and plumage. At the road fill, return north by way of the beach or south by way of the power line. The trail is called the Woods Trail and is about two and a quarter miles long. The entire distance is more or less soft under foot but the way is not difficult if water tight shoes are worn.

TRAIL No. 3. This is a short trail from the beach to the top of Mt. Tom. (Highest point in the park.) It starts up the slope about 1000 feet east of the parking pavement and follows inside of the west timber line. Especial efforts are being made to maintain the maximum height of Mt. Tom and visitors are kindly requested to keep on the marked trail.

TRAIL No. 4. Begins at the top of "the slide" just east of the center of the pavement and continues east, connecting on to Trail 8 going up to the top of Mt. Tom from the south. (The numerous other trails in this vicinity lead nowhere and will be confusing if used.)

TRAIL No. 5. Runs east along the north edge of the creek from the bridge to a point where Trail 8 takes off up the slope toward Mt. Tom. Campers will find this the most direct route to the tops of the noted Mts. Tom, Holden and Jackson.

TRAIL No. 6. This trail starts at the Waverly Road bridge and winds eastwardly along the south bank of the creek back of the camping ground; thence through some low land where more swamp growth abounds; passes to the north of the Whiting Boy Scout Camp; thence north along a roadway to a clearing. Turning east it keeps in the open field until it meets a path designated as Trail 8 which leads back to Waverly Beach or goes on to Duneside Inn and Tremont.

TRAIL No. 7. A branch off of Trail 8 beginning at the west Wilson building and going north through the thin woods to the beach, or doubling back to Mt. Tom where it meets No. 8.

TRAIL No. 8. This route was planned to link the three high dunes, TOM—195 feet above the lake, HOLDEN—187 feet above the lake, and JACKSON—180 feet above the lake. After crossing the foot bridge north of Duneside Inn, climb to the top of the ridge just ahead and follow the path to the top of Mt. Jackson (Fire tower for use of employes only); then proceed over to Mt. Holden where an extremely interesting view of the lake and beach, Michigan City, the rolling panorama on the south, and the steel mills in the west, is obtained. Branch back southwest to Mt. Tom and note the wonderful ridge formations on either side. The trail continues south among the steep hills and deep ravines to a wagon road which leads back to Tremont. The hike over this trail is fairly long and has hard climbs but is one of the most popular and worth while in the system.

TRAIL No. 9. Located in the central east portion of the park, this walk winds around in the wide valleys; touches the west edge of the Furnessville Blowout; comes back west following the top of the ridge parallel to the lake shore about 100 feet above the water, down into gullies and through a growth of basswood and evergreens; crosses the bare sand top of east part of the Beach House Blowout (an example of a moving dune slowly burying the woods on its south edge). Then the trail retreats into the oak timber westwardly to the junction with Trail 10. The length of this walk is about 2½ miles.

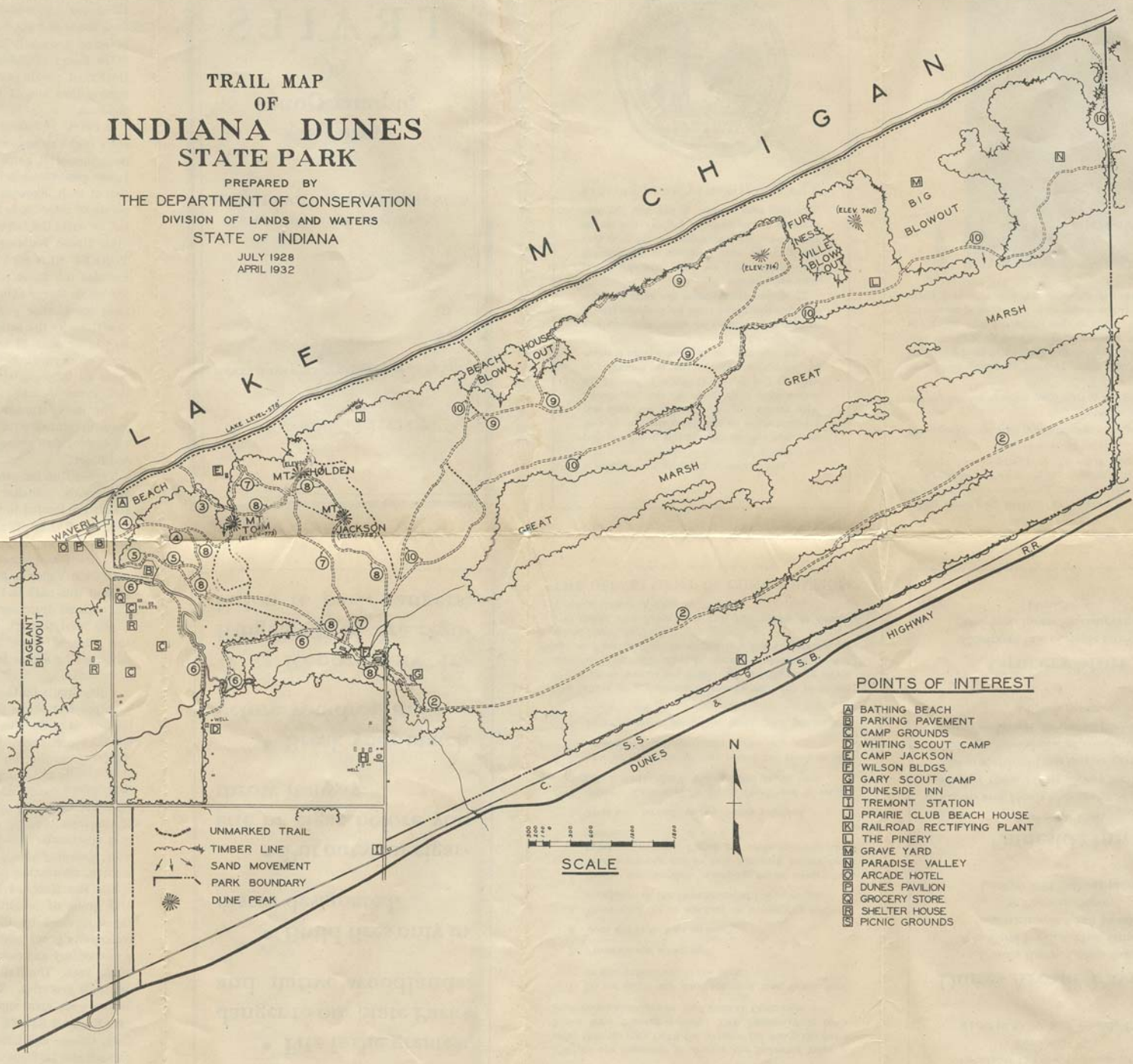
TRAIL No. 10. Just about all the wonders of the Dunes are in store for the hikers who tramp this circuit. Starting from the upper end of the Tremont Road it proceeds north over the foot bridge and veers eastwardly up along the low swampy area where the diversity of plant life known only to the Dunes region abound. After bordering the wide expanse of wet marsh for about a mile this path dives into a grove of enormous pines (The Pinery) and uses a portion of an old Indian trail at the base of a number of towering dunes. Any number of these pines, filling the air with their sweet odor, are two feet or more in diameter and the ground is covered with their needles. Ahead is seen a big dune blocking the old path with its slow but sure migration south and here the trail ascends to the crest of the Big Blowout, over a quarter mile wide. Here one can visualize, by the large dead pine snags in the natural bowl and by the encroaching of this mighty dune into the marsh, just exactly what nature has been doing in this region in the past decades. Descending from the top of the dune at the southeast point, the trail continues east through Paradise Valley to the east boundary of the park; thence turns left and north to the lake where it returns along the beach to the west part of the Beach House Blowout. Here it takes off south up the hollow and inland toward the Tremont Road.

TRAIL MAP OF INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK

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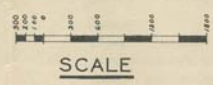
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POINTS OF INTEREST

- A BATHING BEACH
- B PARKING PAVEMENT
- C CAMP GROUNDS
- D WHITING SCOUT CAMP
- E CAMP JACKSON
- F WILSON BLDGS.
- G GARY SCOUT CAMP
- H DUNESIDE INN
- I TREMONT STATION
- J PRAIRIE CLUB BEACH HOUSE
- K RAILROAD RECTIFYING PLANT
- L THE PINERY
- M GRAVE YARD
- N PARADISE VALLEY
- O ARCADE HOTEL
- P DUNES PAVILION
- Q GROCERY STORE
- R SHELTER HOUSE
- S PICNIC GROUNDS

- UNMARKED TRAIL
- TIMBER LINE
- SAND MOVEMENT
- PARK BOUNDARY
- DUNE PEAK



TRAIL MARKER



Trails not marked or shown on this map have been abandoned to simplify the system or to prevent sand movement. Experience has shown us that the strong lake winds will start a blowout where a track has been made by one person. Please help us to control destructive sand movement by respecting any signs, barriers or fences erected in the park.

Trails around the Prairie Club beach house are for the use of members only.

Camping is allowed in territory C only and is prohibited on beach or at any other place in park.

FIRES ARE PROHIBITED ALONG TRAILS or any place in the park excepting on the level beach or in fireplaces provided in the picnic grounds. The character of the region makes the **DUNES ESPECIALLY SUBJECT TO FOREST FIRES.**



The Intelligent Use of Leisure

This trail map is given to you with the compliments of the State of Indiana through its Department of Conservation in the hope that it will direct your attention to the primary purpose for which the state park system has been established.

These recreational areas are parts of "original America", preserving for posterity typical primitive landscapes of scenic grandeur and rugged beauty.

Along the quiet trails through these reservations it is to be expected that the average citizen will find release from the tension of his overcrowded daily existence; that the contact with nature will re-focus with a clearer lens his perspective on life values and that he may here take counsel with himself to the end that his strength and confidence is renewed.

THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND WATERS