

## DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

1. MODERATE — 2 miles. Trail from Inn past Nature Center to Apple Orchard Picnic Area through hardwood forest. Crosses road at bridge, continues as the Bicycle Trail to Saddlebarn and back to Inn. A good trail for woodland birds and spring flowers.
2. MODERATE — 2.2 miles. Begins on main park road near gatehouse; goes through rolling land, past Spring Shelter, through hardwood forest; terminates at campground #1.
3. MODERATE — 2.2 miles. An interesting trail leading through Potawatomi Nature Preserve, with varied habitats of marsh land, deep hardwood forests, pines and sand hills; panoramic view of area from trail overlook at Hell's Point. Returns to Potawatomi Inn.
4. EASY — 1.4 mile. Begins near gatehouse (with trail 2) and extends to trail 5 through campgrounds near amphitheatre. A variety of habitats is offered in pine trees, hardwood forest and rolling land.
5. EASY — .7 mile. Begins near campground #1 and goes past Group Camp to beach; passes through deep woods; a good trail to observe birds and spring flowers.
6. MODERATE — .7 mile. Trail through primitive area including swamp. Begins and ends on trail 3. A good trail to observe marsh land plants and animals.
7. MODERATE — 1.8 miles. BLUE BIRD HILLS TRAIL. The trail starts just below Hell's Point on Trail 3 and makes a large loop then returns to the start point. It is mostly open rolling hills. Grasslands support native prairie plants typical of the land before it was farmed. Restored wetlands among the hills provide homes for many species that prefer this habitat.
8. MODERATE — 1 mile. Our newest trail leaves Trail 3 just west of Hell's Point and heads north, crosses a county road, and traverses open, rolling hills, which are currently being managed to return to meadowlands. Future plans will connect trail to the nearby ACRES Land Trust Beechwood Nature Preserve.
9. MODERATE — 1.7 miles. Leaves Trail 3 and goes east through wooded swamps and young forests. Touches the former site of the "Pokagon Motel" out on State Road 127, near Interstate 69, passes by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) — built stone dams, and returns to Trail 3.

## ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**BIKE TRAIL** — 1.6 miles. Accessible. Connects campgrounds, Nature Center, Saddle Barn, Inn and park entrances.

**BOAT RENTALS** — Available at Inn beach, summer months. Limited Spring and Fall hours. No launching facilities for private boats are provided. However, docking slips are available on a First Come/First Served basis.

**CAMPING** — Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Each site with table and firering. Electricity available. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

**CONCESSIONS** — General store, beach, open seasonally.

**FISHING** — Bass, bluegill, walleye, crappie, catfish, northern pike, etc. State license required and available at park office.

**GROUP CAMP** — Capacity 120 in summer, 40 in winter. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

**HIKING** — Year round. Eleven miles of trails, easy-to-moderate invite you.

**INN** — Inn rooms, inn cabins and an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool and sauna, all on European Plan. Single meals, Sunday dinners, banquets. Reservations are available through the Inns Reservation System.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE** — Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available by visiting the website at [www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov) or call (260) 833-2012.

**NATURE CENTER** — Exhibits on park's natural and cultural history. Woodland Window and Auditorium. Open daily most of the year.

**PICNIC AREAS** — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields.

**SADDLE HORSES** — Hayrides available. Two mile bridle trail plus short pony ride. Inquire at saddle barn.

**SWIMMING** — Free beach. Bathhouse and beach open Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day.

## THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm (except validly licensed handguns) BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, 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 participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision. Each campsite must have one responsible member at least 18 years of age.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to such places and times designated by the department.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Metal detectors allowed on main beach between Labor Day and Memorial Day with written permit from property manager.

For a complete list of rules and regulation inquire at park office.

**TOBOGGAN RUN** — 1,780 foot refrigerated twin track. Operates weekends from Thanksgiving weekend through February, with extended holiday hours.

**WINTER SPORTS** — Sledding, ice skating, cross-country skiing (rental), camping and ice fishing.

**YOUTH TENT** — Youth tent camping under adult supervision. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

## CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forest can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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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 park office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA

# POKAGON STATE PARK



On the shores of Lake James and Snow Lake, amid the rolling hills of Indiana's lake country, Pokagon State Park offers unexcelled opportunities for outdoor recreation at all seasons of the year. In a region where the Potawatomi Indian people ruled for many years, the park takes its name "Pokagon" from their last two, most notable leaders, Leopold and Simon Pokagon (father and son). By treaty, Potawatomi transferred to the federal government approximately one million acres of land, including the present site of Chicago, at the price of three cents an acre.

The lakes form an attractive background for Pokagon, offering excellent fishing, boating and swimming throughout the summer, and a perfect setting for many winter sports when the snow flies. There are two beaches, twelve miles of trails, and ample opportunities to enjoy lake shores, wooded hills, wetlands and open meadows.

## AN ICE AGE LEGACY

During an age when the climate of our world as we know it was approximately 10 degrees cooler, more snow fell in the winter then melted in the summer. As an accumulation piled up over thousands of years, it formed an ice sheet which flowed down from Canada and over northern Indiana. That glacier began melting between 10 and 15 thousand years ago and what resulted was the landscape we enjoy today.

That glacier was the last one of four to cover Indiana and has been named the "Wisconsin". The Saginaw lobe of this massive, one-mile thick, ice flow was the last of the "great forces" of Mother Nature to leave a lasting impression on the face of the lands of Pokagon State Park.

While walking on many of the park trails, you will easily notice piles of rocks, and individual rocks, seemingly coming from nowhere. These big stones are known as glacial erratics. They are part of the total mass of earth brought down from the north known as glacial debris or glacial till.

There are more lakes in this county of Indiana than any other county. All are natural and all are formed from the massive earth moving and gouging glaciers. Where sunken blocks of ice broke away as the glaciers melted, today are kettle hole lakes. Lake Lonidaw on Trail Three is a perfect example.

The variations of plant and animal species, and the topography which they cover, is very typical of glaciated regions. For this reason, Pokagon, in many ways, resembles a park you may expect to find in points further north. Although relatively small in size, Pokagon has tremendous variety of ecotypes, including lakes, marshes, fens, swamps, deciduous woodlands, pine groves, old fields, and meadowlands. Take time to explore and enjoy this ice age legacy.

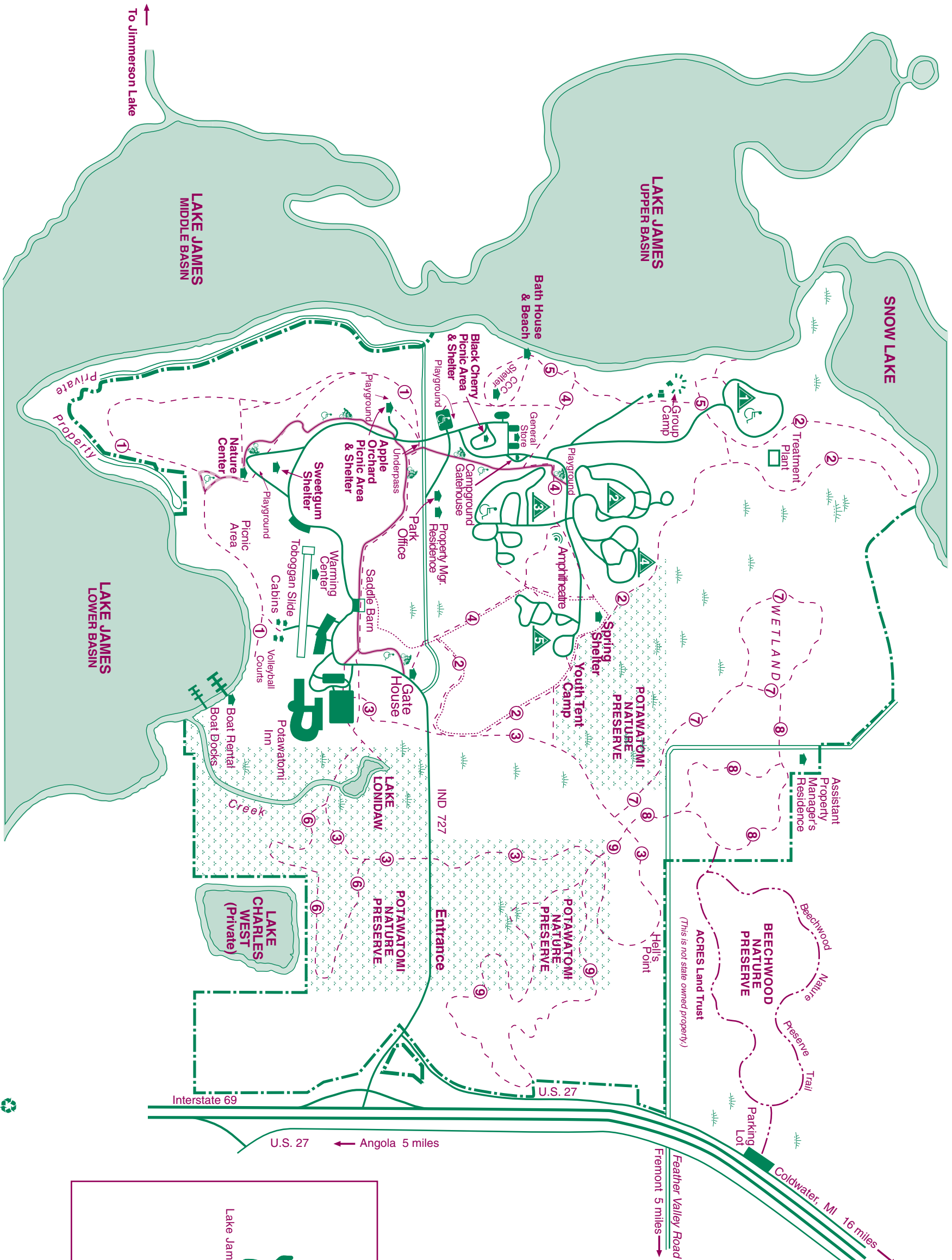


Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding of animals is prohibited. Feeding of all wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.

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 1,260 Acres Established 1925

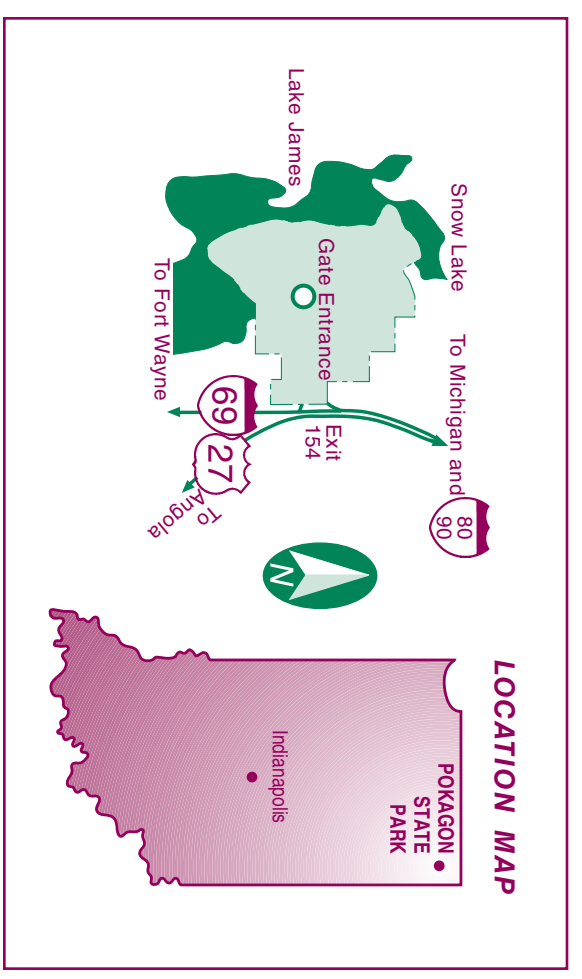


**Beechwood Nature Preserve** - Along the east edge of the park, Trail 8 crosses the border and enters the 89-acres, Beechwood Nature Preserve, a unit of the ACRES Land Trust. Here a 1.5 mile loop continues over rolling hills of old meadows now sporting thickets of gray dogwoods and remnants of an old apple orchard. From the loop, a short section of the trail continues to the Beechwood parking lot at State Road 127. A boardwalk traverses a lowland swamp featuring rare yellow birch, red maple, blue beech, and skunk cabbage.



TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	2	Moderate
2	2.2	Moderate
3	2.2	Moderate
4	1.4	Easy
5	.7	Easy
6	.7	Moderate
7	1.8	Moderate
8	1	Moderate
9	1.7	Moderate

LEGEND	
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Horse Trail
	Bicycle Trail
	Boundary
	Marsh
	Nature Preserve
	Accessible
	Campground



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