

## 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.

## HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

Build fires only in designated places. Be sure that cigars and cigarettes are extinguished before they are thrown away. Break your match before you drop it. Report any violation of fire regulations to park officials at once.

## YOU HAVE MANY OTHER STATE PARKS AND STATE MEMORIALS VISIT AND ENJOY THEM

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone without regard to sex, creed, color, or national origin.

## THE INTELLIGENT USE OF LEISURE TIME

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

The 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 their overcrowded daily existence; that the contact with nature will refocus with a clearer lens their perspective of life's values and that they may here take counsel with themselves to the end that their strength and confidence are renewed.

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# BASS LAKE STATE BEACH

ROUTE 5

KNOX, INDIANA 46534

Established in 1931 21 Acres

On Ind. 10 South  
of Knox

(219) 772-3382



This property is located in Starke County on Indiana's fourth largest natural lake. Bass Lake contains 1345 acres and 11 miles of shoreline. It is just under three miles long and is nearly a mile wide in a few places. Although Bass Lake has a maximum depth of thirty feet, over half is less than seven feet, and one third is less than five feet.

The only inhabitants of the area until the 1850s were the Miami and Potawatomi Indians, who called the lake "Winchetonqua", meaning Beautiful Waters. The first settler came to the shores of the lake in 1854 and named the lake "Cedar Lake". By the end of the 19th century the lake had been renamed Bass Lake and was fast becoming a popular vacation spot for citizens of the Calumet region. Because of the marshy nature of the surrounding lands, there were no roads leading to the lake. The Nickel Plate to Knox and the Erie Railroad to Bass Station served to transport visitors to the area. Many of the present stores, buildings, and cottages around the lake were built at this time and have remained in the same family ever since.



In 1931 seven acres of low lakeshore were purchased by the State to create Bass Lake State Beach. The present beach house was built shortly thereafter. For awhile swimming and picnicking were the only recreational opportunities. Recreational camping was in its infancy at this time, and began at Bass Lake in 1937.

In 1957 an additional 14 acres were acquired and the area now offers camping in a modern campground in addition to the beach facilities. This area is open from the Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day. Information available at Tippicanoe River State Park thru-out the year.



## ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES

**BOATS** - Private owned boats are allowed to anchor in designated areas; no launching facilities available.

**CAMPING** - Campground with sixty (60) electrical sites, serviced by a modern comfort station, also has disposal plant and trailer dump. A playground is located in the campground. 1-30 campsites available for reservation. Phone Jan-May 946-3213, June-Aug 772-3382.

**FISHING** - Fishing allowed away from beach area. Bass - catfish - panfish. State license required. No fishing on beach during swimming hours of 11 am - 7 pm.

**PICNIC AREA** - Tables, grills, toilet facilities at both ends of picnic area along beach.

**SWIMMING** - Swimming only when lifeguards are on duty. 11 am - 7 pm. Saturday before Memorial Day thru Labor Day.

**BATHHOUSE** - Bathhouse open the Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day. Shower, change rooms, vending machines available.

Several shopping centers are around the lake.

Hiking is available at Tippecanoe River State Park, located 5 miles south on U.S. 35.

## THIS IS YOUR PARK

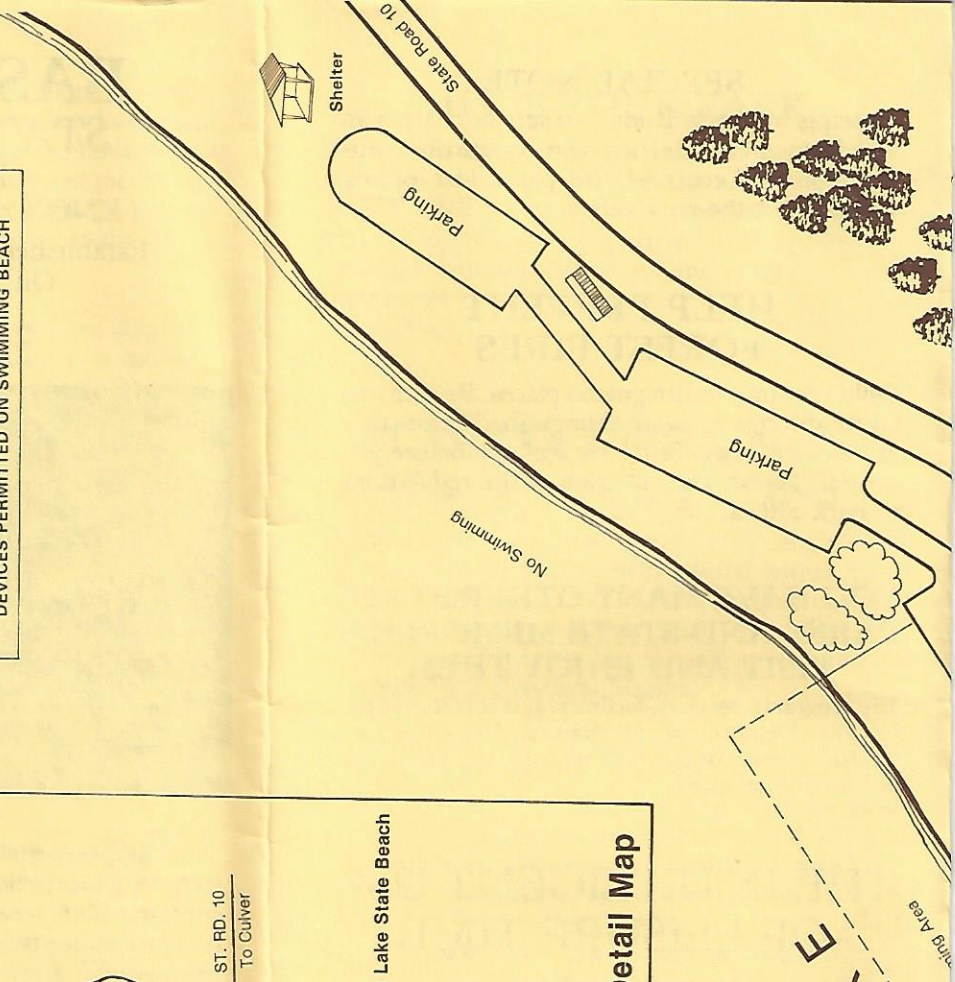
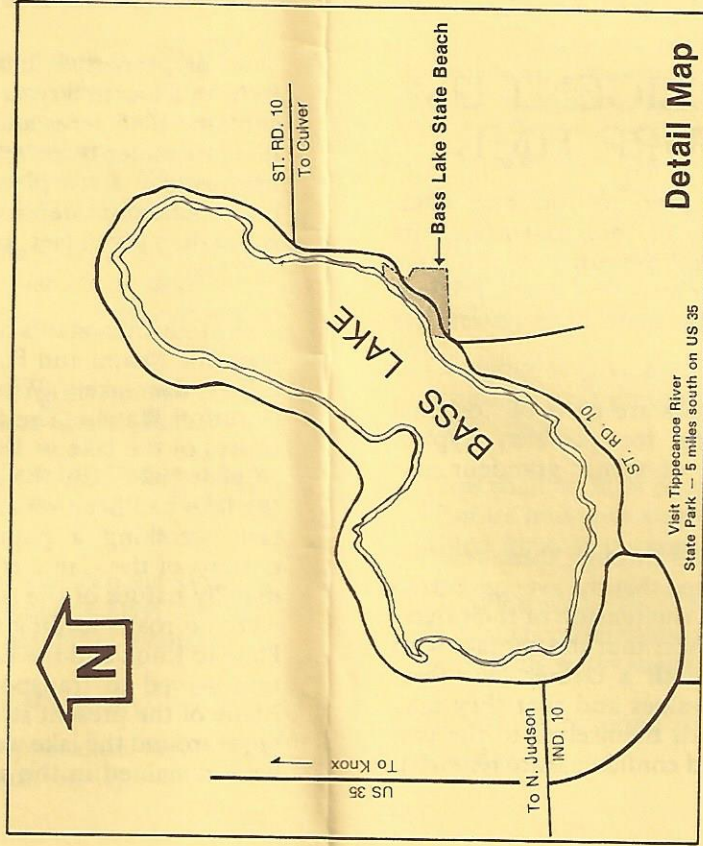
All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

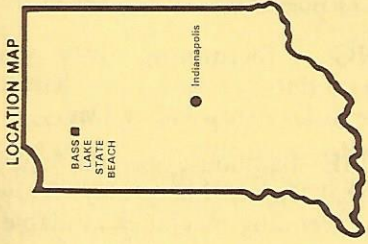
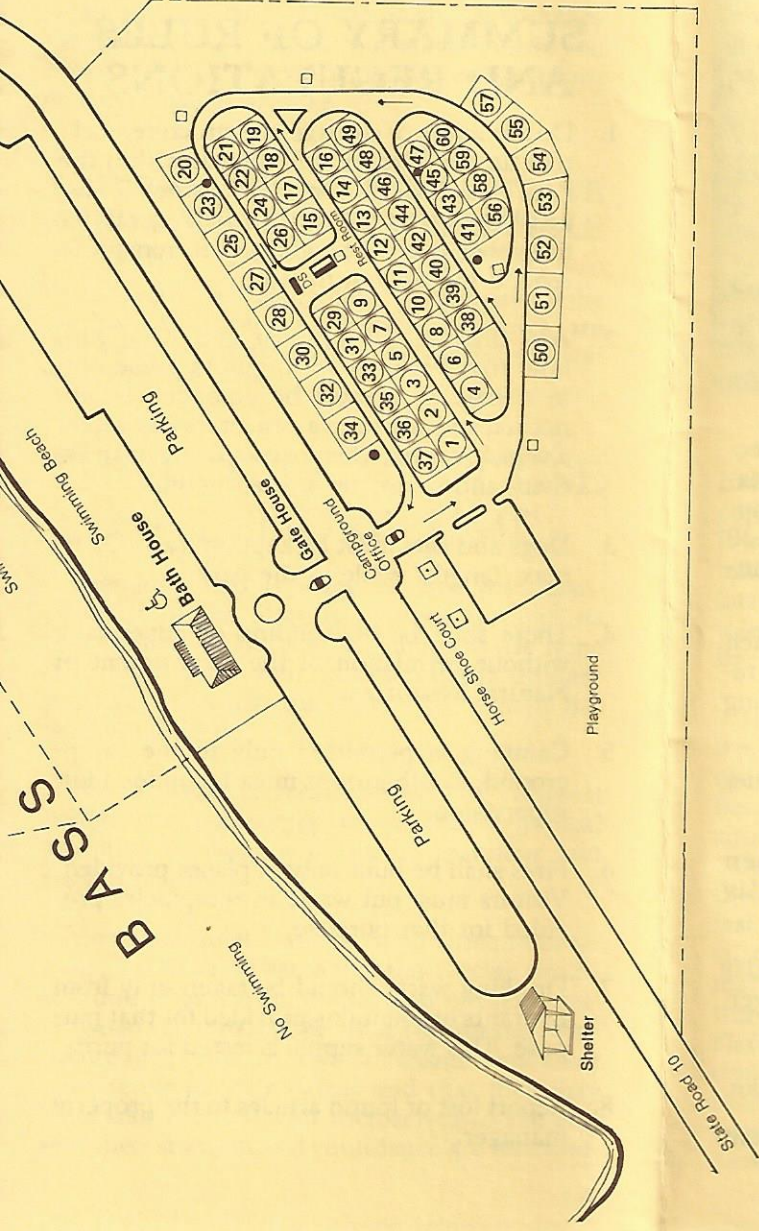
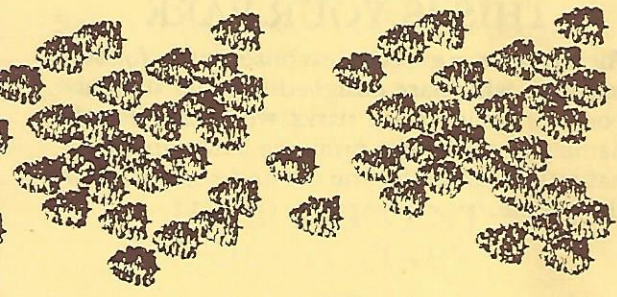
## SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree flower, bird or wild animal within the Park (See No. 2). Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It must be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
2. Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or unknocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
3. Dogs and cats must be kept on leash (20 ft. max. length) while in the park.
4. There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
5. Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
6. Fires shall be built only in places provided. Visitors must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
7. Drinking water should be taken only from hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water supply is tested for purity.
8. Report lost or found articles to the property manager.



NO ALCOHOL, PETS, OR FLOATATION  
DEVICES PERMITTED ON SWIMMING BEACH





Established 1931      21 Acres  
 Knox, Indiana

**LEGEND**

	Park Boundary
	Dumping Station
	Electricity at Site
	Water
	Garbage Receptical
	Usable by Handicapped