Enjoy your visit to Lincoln State Park... Our Indiana State Park System has the same mission today that it had at its founding in 1916. It is to acquire and preserve some of Indiana's most scenic and historic areas, and to meet the recreational needs of park visitors. You are an important part of this delicate balance. Please rest and recreate and be refreshed during your visit here. Treat the land and its inhabitants with respect.

Help prevent forest fires. Build fires only in designated places. If you must smoke please exercise extreme care in disposing of cigars, cigarettes and matches. Please observe areas designated as NON-SMOKING.

#### **Indiana State Parks**

Our Indiana State Park system includes 19 state parks and one state beach. Each park has a distinct character. All await your visit.

The Annual Recreation Guide provides information not only about each park, but also about the reservoirs, forests, fish and wildlife areas and historic sites operated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The Recreation Guide is free!

Pick up a copy here at Lincoln State Park or call 1-800-622-4931 in Indiana to request your

The most economical way to enjoy our state park system is with an Annual Entrance Permit. It allows a non-commercial vehicle and its occupants unlimited admission to any state park or Department of Natural Resources property which charges an entrance fee. Indiana residents age 60 or older can enjoy the same privileges with a Golden Hoosier Permit.

The programs, services, facilities and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to every-one without regard to age, race, handicap, sex, creed or national origin.

# LINCOLN State Park

Established 1932 • 1,747 Acres Ind. 162 and Ind. 345 • Box 216 Lincoln City, Indiana 812-937-4710

### TRAIL MAP



Lincoln State Park is in the heart of historic southwest Indiana. Within its boundries are the grave of Abraham Lincoln's only sister, Sarah Lincoln Grigsby and the Noah Gorden mill site where 'young Abe' frequently read while awaiting his turn to mill grain. A 1,514 seat covered amphitheatre was dedicated in 1987 to serve as the home of the "Young Abe Lincoln" musical outdoor drama. Across the road from the park is the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.

Lincoln State Park includes a 58 acre lake stocked with game fish. Boat rental and docking facilities are adjacent to a popular swimming beach. A nature center and more than ten miles of hiking trails allow visitors to explore this beautiful park.

Sarah Lincoln's Woods Nature Preserve is one of only three forest communities in Indiana where the "state endangered" Butterfly Pea (Clitoria mariana) survives today.

# **Activities and Facilities**

AMPHITHEATRE. Our unique 1,514 seat covered structure is the home of the "Young Abe Lincoln" drama each summer. The play is offered Tuesday through Sunday. Call 1-800-346-4665 or (812) 937-4493 for ticket details.

BOATS-Canoes and rowboats are rented by the hour or day. Privately owned boats may be launched. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt battery are allowed.

CAMPING • Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy is limited to two (2) weeks. Sites will accommodate trailers. Both Class "A" and primitive sites are available.

CONCESSIONS • A snack shop and grocery operate in the upper level of the beach bathhouse daily from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

#### FAMILY HOUSEKEEPING CABINS

Our family cabins sleep six persons and are available from April through November. Non-smoking cabins are available. Cabins may be rented for a maximum of two weeks. Write to the Property Manager for more information.

FIREWOOD . Available for sale.

FISHING. Bass, bluegill, etc. A State Fishing License is required.

GROUP CAMP•Ideal for groups visiting the Lincoln sites nearby. Camp Lincoln accommodates 155 people. It includes sleeping cabins, a dining hall, kitchen, restrooms, showers and playfield. It is available from March to November. Additional details are available from the Property Manager.

HIKING •11.5 miles of hiking trails are available. They are rated easy to moderate. NATURE CENTER • Operates 5 days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Includes exhibits and programs offered by a seasonal naturalist.

PICNIC AREAS • Offer tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and a playfield.

SWIMMING • Swimming is permitted only when a lifeguard is on duty. There is no additional charge for swimming. The bathhouse and beach are open from the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day.

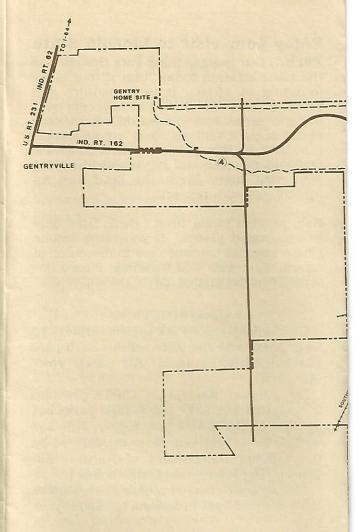
### SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. 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 alive or dead) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- 2. Firearms are prohibited at all times.
- 3. Dogs and cats must be kept on leash while in the park. No pets are allowed in the family cabins.
- 4. There shall be no vending or advertising without the permission of the Department.
- 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 use.
- 7. Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- 8. Swimming is limited to places and times designated by the Department.
- 9. Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water supply is tested regularly for purity.
- 10. Report Lost and Found items to the Property Manager.
- 11. Family cabins which are non-smoking must be maintained as such.

## Lincoln State Park Trails

- 1. Lake Trail: Starts at the boat dock rental building (Civilian Conservation Corps. ranger cabin) and goes around the south shore of the lake. This cabin is one of the oldest remaining CCC ranger cabins in Indiana. A short side loop takes you to the fire tower (also CCC built in the 1940's). The trail returns you, via the dam, back to the beach area.
- 2. John Carter Trail: John Carter was a Lincoln family neighbor. This trail starts east of the gate-house and proceeds through an old strip mine area before connecting with Trail one (Lake Trail) east of the campground to continue on around the lake. A short hop across SR 162 from the start of this trail is the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Be sure to stop in and talk with the interpretative staff and tour the 'living farm'.
- 3. Noah Gorden Trail: Young Abe spent many hours at the Gorden mill waiting his turn to mill grain. This trail branches off of Trail 1 at the picnic shelter just west of the beach. You'll pass by the Little Pigeon Primitive Baptist Church and grave site of Sarah Lincoln Grigsby, the Gorden Home and Mill sites, and Sarah Lincoln's Woods Nature Preserve. This trail also takes you near the Lincoln Amphitheatre. By connecting with Trail 1 on the south shore, you can continue around the lake.
- 4. James Gentry Trail: Abe clerked at the Gentry Store as a young man. It branches off Trail 3 west of the Little Pigeon Primitive Baptist Church and proceeds west along the park boundry to the Gentry home site. On your return, after crossing SR 162, you may loop off around Weber Lake. This is an old coal strip mine pit, typical of what's called an "acid lake". Observe the waters clarity. Although the ph level is currently too low to support fish life, we are seeing signs of recovery with the growth of cattails along the shore. This trail passes through the remaining foundations of the CCC camp. The CCC's

built this park in the 1930's.



| TRAIL                 | MILEAGE | TYPE OF TF |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| 1. Lake Trail         | 3       | Easy       |
| 2. John Carter Trail  | 2       | Moderate   |
| 3. Noah Gorden Trail  | 11/2    | Moderate   |
| 4. James Gentry Trail | 4       | Moderate   |

