

2. All firearms, BB guns, air guns, bows and arrows, CO₂ guns or spear guns must be unloaded, or unstrung and stored in a case or locked in a vehicle when using campgrounds in the Department of Natural Resources.
3. Dogs and cats must be kept on leash while in the park and attended to at all times.
4. There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the department.
5. Camping is permitted only in the campgrounds. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
6. Fires shall be built only in designated areas. Visitors must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose. Trash bags may be obtained at main gate.
7. Motorists will observe speed limits as posted and park in designated areas.
8. Swimming is limited to such places and times as 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 or found articles to the office information center.
11. Park closes at 11:00 PM until 7 AM. No one is allowed entrance into the park except fishermen and campers at their site, between those hours.

HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

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 the 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.

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 their overcrowded daily existence; that the contact with nature will refocus with a clearer lens their perspective on 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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POTATO CREEK

STATE PARK

25601 State Road #4
North Liberty, IN 46554
(219) 656-8186

TRAIL MAP

Established in 1969
3,840 Acres



A fifty-year old dream, dating back to the 1930's for many people, has become a reality. Potato Creek State Park is a culmination of efforts of hundreds of people, including self-taught naturalist Darcy Worster.

A reservoir in Potato Creek had been under consideration by local people for many years. The idea of a man-made reservoir, to be formed by damming Potato Creek, was first advocated by Darcy Worster during the depression years of the early 1930's. Many people at that time protested the idea, claiming that the underlying soil of Potato Creek was unsuitable for dam construction. Undaunted by early criticism of his dream, Darcy Worster set out to prove that the soil beneath Potato Creek was indeed suitable for lake development. He made his own topographical maps of the area in 1939, and for more than thirty years, persisted in his efforts to develop a state park in the Potato Creek area.

Darcy Worster died on November 11, 1974, at the age of 81, without seeing the total completion of his dream of a lake and recreation facilities at Potato Creek. He was both recognized and honored by Governor Otis R. Bowen at the June 6, 1977 dedication ceremonies at Potato Creek State Park. The park's 327 acre lake has been named after Darcy, Worster Lake.

Worster Lake has become the main attraction of the park and provided challenge for all fishermen with bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish and brown trout, caught year-round. A state fishing license is required and 14" minimum bass limit is in effect.

Other facilities include a modern controlled family campground with 287 class "A" electrical sites, including modern comfort stations.

A modern horsemen's campground is also provided and consists of 70 class "A" electrical sites, including a modern comfort station.

Also included at Potato Creek are the modern family housekeeping cabins. The cabins will accommodate eight people. We provide pots, pans, pillows, and firewood (in winter). There are two bedrooms, a bath, kitchen, dining area, and a screened-in front porch. Cabins are rented Saturday to Saturday, June through August. Friday and Saturday nights must be rented together only in April, May, September and October.

The scenic bicycle trail at Potato Creek State Park is 3.2 miles in length and winds through quiet areas of the park. Generally following Worster Lake, the trail leads through open fields and woodland with excellent bird, flower and wildlife observation opportunities.

Swimming is offered at the 1,100 foot beach facility accessible to the handicapped, with qualified lifeguards on duty. Although no food or beverages are allowed on the beach, there is a modern concession with a patio and tables located close to the beach. Coin lockers and modern restrooms with showers are also available.

Cross-country skiing is available at Potato Creek during the winter months to offer a quality winter sports experience to the park visitor. Deer, fox, hawks and other wildlife are plentiful and offer a pleasant ingredient in the winter scene. Skis can be rented, or many visitors use their own skis.

Swamp Rose Nature Preserve, located in the northeast section, offers a look at the eutrophic process. This means that a lake has slowly, over hundreds of years, become a wetland. Natural wetlands have become increasingly scarce in Indiana in recent years and the Swamp Rose Nature Preserve is an attempt by the Department of Natural Resources to protect this unique habitat.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BICYCLE TRAIL — This 3.2 mile paved trail has some hilly and curvy stretches - ride with caution. Rental bicycles are available at the boat rental. You can also bring your own.

BOATS AND CANOES — For rental by day or hour. Sailboats are also allowed - the Boat Rental is accessible by the handicapped. Lifejackets are available for a nominal fee. Private boats may be launched at the boat launches only. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt batteries, or hand propulsion, are allowed. Also, a mooring area is available for a nominal fee.

CAMPING — Campground equipped with modern facilities and electricity. Occupancy limited to two (2) weeks. No water or sewage hook-ups. Tent and trailer sites. Dumping station and water filling station. A separate horsemen's campground is available.

CAMP STORE - Open May through September.

FAMILY CABINS — Open year-round. Reservations taken by telephone; In person or mail. Damage deposit required. No pets allowed! Occupancy limited to one week.

FISHING — Bass, bluegill, etc. State license required.

HORSE TRAILS — For owners of horses (no rentals available): trails begin at horsemen's campground. Horses are only permitted on bridle trails. Trail #1 is 5 miles in length and trail #2 is 3 miles in length.

NATURALIST SERVICE — Full time permanent naturalist on duty at the nature center. Ask for a schedule, check the information boards or call for special programs.

PICNIC AREAS — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, playfields, and picnic shelters equipped with electricity. All shelters may be reserved.

SWIMMING — Free beach. The beach has a handicapped accessible area. Swimming only when lifeguard on duty. Bathhouse and beach open Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. Lockers available for a 25 cent fee.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING — Cross-country ski equipment can be rented or bring your own. There are over 8 miles of groomed trails when the snow is on. Local radio stations advise of the conditions. There is also tubing, sledding and ice fishing.

TELEPHONE — Public booth in the family campground, beach and other key areas in the park.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

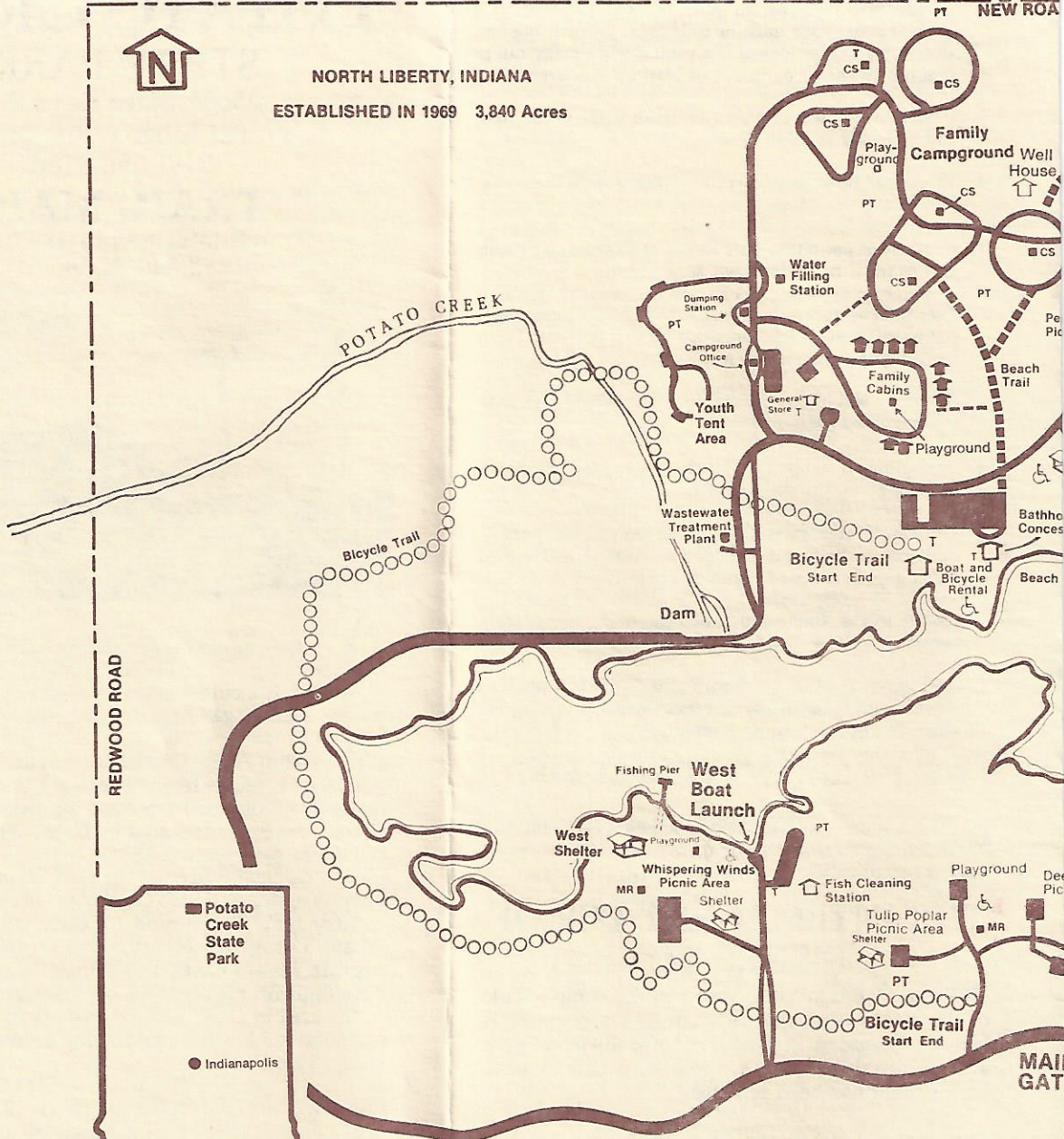
All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people. A complete copy of Rules and Regulations may be obtained at the office information center.

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 live or dead) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.



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ESTABLISHED IN 1969 3,840 Acres

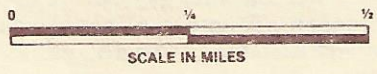


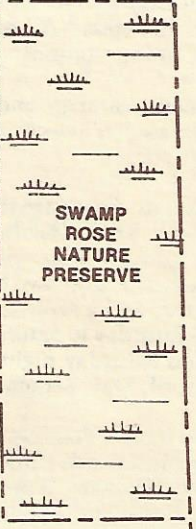
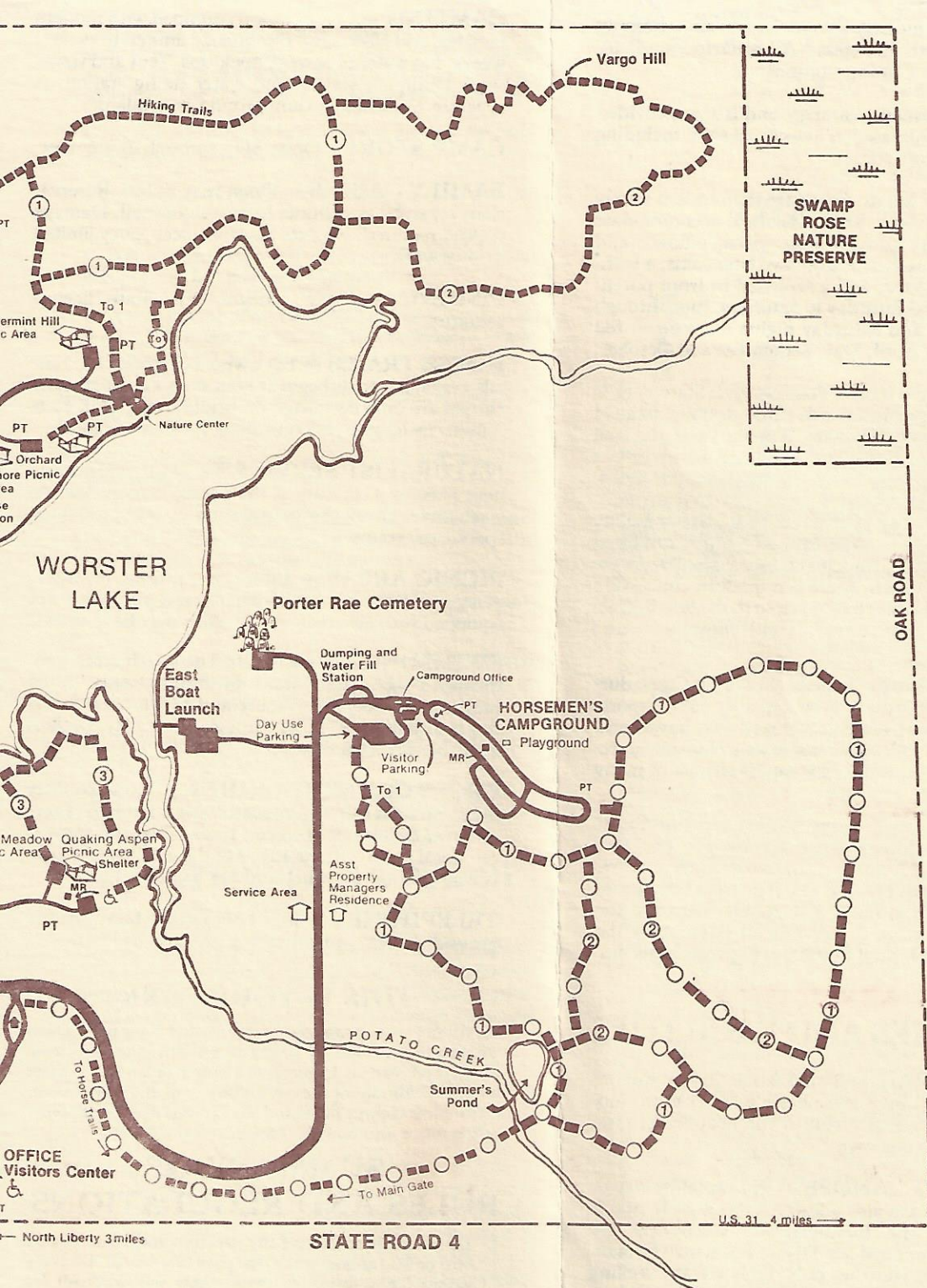
LEGEND

	Road
	Boundary
	Usable by Handicapped
	Comfort Station
	Modern Rest Room
	Pit Toilet
	Telephone

TRAIL TABLE

Trail Name	Trail Pattern	Mileage
Bride Trail 1		3.25
Bride Trail 2		1.5
Bike Trail		3.2
Hiking Trail 1		2.5
Hiking Trail 2		2
Hiking Trail 3		1
Beach Trail		1/2





OAK ROAD

STATE ROAD 4