

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

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 LESIURE 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 citizens 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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SHADES STATE PARK

Waveland, Indiana 47989
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TRAIL MAP

Established 1947 - Area 3,076 Acres
Located on Indiana 234
Near Waveland



Long before the first settlers came to the area of Shades State Park, the American Indians lived among the virgin forest with steep ravines and cliff areas along Sugar Creek. Legend of the area claim that a rather large Piankeshaw village, a component of the diversified Miami tribe, lived on what is now park land. Legend also implies that a decisive Indian battle was supposedly fought by 600 warriors; the tribe losing having only five of the twelve survivors. Although this battle is only legend, one may be assured that the American Indians and French Voyagers played an important role in the rich history leading to the settlement of Indiana.

The first settlers came to this area around the late 1820's after the Miami tribe ceded the area to the federal government in 1818. The shallow soils and broken topography of the lands which border Sugar Creek provided little enticement to farmers, thus the majority of the forests escaped destruction. One story of the area attributes the illusion of deep shadows beneath the nearly unbroken canopy of these forests and the eerie feeling projected by the "black forest" as the reason for the early name, "The Shades of Death." Other people, however, say the name resulted due to the war-like Indians who occupied this natural stronghold along Sugar Creek and the legend of an early settler being killed. Another story which contributed to the gloomy name claimed that a young settler's wife buried an ax in her wicked husband's head. Finally the "Shades of Death" being considered unsavory, was dropped to simply "The Shades." These examples of the legends and folklore of the area are often topics for campfires at naturalist activities.

The results of a government survey of 1815 noted as landmarks a series of natural springs in a ravine area which played an important part in the history of Shades. In 1866, the Garland Dells Mineral Springs Association was organized, and land was purchased and rented to develop a health resort and recreation area named "The Shades." In 1887 a forty-room inn was built on the location of the shelter house near Devil's Punchbowl (this inn has since been razed because of fire damage and maintenance costs). The person who had

been named the "Father of Shades," Joseph W. Frisz, purchased stock in the Dells Mineral Springs Association in 1909 and gained complete control in 1916 of this Association. Mr. Frisz safe-guarded the natural areas and dense forests, while purchasing additional tracts of land, until the late 1930's Shades scenic park comprised 2200 acres. The park boasted the scenic inn set in a grove of mature oak trees, hiking trails, swimming, fishing and natural springwater. In early 1947, the park was purchased from Mr. Frisz's heirs by a holding company until a public subscription campaign ("Save the Shades") could raise the purchase money. Shades became the 15th state park and was hence saved from the timber cutters who would have used the majority of the oak timber for whiskey barrels.

Through the efforts of past individuals and the State of Indiana, Shades State Park still offers some of the most scenic and natural areas found in this region of the United States. The park is maintained as a more natural park with less modern development in order to protect its natural and fragile areas. Mature forest areas in the park are close to virgin stands along with the native white pine and hemlock stands on and near the ravine areas which are native to more northern climates. The weathering process has shaped the moulded deep ravine areas with high sandstone cliffs which make beautiful vista lookouts, such as Prospect Point (210 feet above Sugar Creek) and Lover's Leap. Sugar Creek, which is one of the most canoed creeks in the state, runs through the park and is one of the most scenic water ways in this region. A sod airstrip for light aircraft for day use of the park and a total of 86 primitive camping sites are other facilities at the park.



DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

1. Begins at Devils Punchbowl, travels through ravine creekbed to Silver Cascade Waterfalls, along shelf trail overlooking Sugar Creek and up to Prospect Point. Involves steps and hiking creekbed.
2. Begins at trail to Lover's Leap with views of Sugar Creek, upland woods and ravines creekbed. Hiking involves steep climbs and stream beds.
3. Begins from trail 2 with a streambed trail through Pearl Ravine connecting with trail 2 as the return route.
4. Begins west end of large parking lot with steep climbs through Frisz Ravine with tall beech, oak, and tulip trees. Uses access road as return to large parking lot. Portions may be impassable during high water.
5. Begins east of large parking lot with steep climbs through Kintz Ravine with tall beech, oak and tulip trees.
6. Begins at pond and travels along Red Fox Ravine.
7. Begins west end of large parking lot travels through stand of mature trees and Kickapoo Ravine. Trail is a loop and does have steep climbs and one section uses streambed as trail. Portions may be impassable.
8. Begins off of Trail #7 and goes through narrow flood plain (may be impassable during high water) and through upland forest. Travels through Shawnee Canyon streambed and along Sugar Creek. Hikers must return by Trail #7.

9. Begins at pond, through wooded and open areas to Campground 2.
10. Begins at Dell Shelter, leads through secessional vegetation and second growth timber, to State Road 234 and Pine Hill Nature Preserve. Trail must be repeated to return to shelter.

NOTE: During high water some trails will be impassable.

"HIKING LIMITED TO MARKED TRAILS ONLY"

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING — Primitive campground equipped with pit toilets; not modern hookups; occupancy limited to two (2) weeks. Rally, backpack and canoe camping are available. Inquire at gatehouse or park office.

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

FLIGHT STRIP — Roscoe Turner Flight Strip 3000' x 120' with threshold displacements E-W turf running, 780 elevation, 39-55-52N latitude 87-03-54W longitude.

Turf strip for use by light aircraft. Pilots should obtain strip information through the flight service station out of Lafayette, Indiana, or by other official channels.

Hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time; pilots should report to gatehouse for payment of entrance and landing fee; no commercial services available. Overnight parking of planes is permitted only with prior notification of property manager and limited to people using overnight accommodations at Shades or nearby DNR properties. Due to special problems of transportation and security of planes, questions on strip regulations should be referred to the property manager at park office prior to use. Taxi service is not available; use caution. Check field conditions before landing.

HIKING — Approximately 15 miles of easy-to-rugged trails.

NATURALIST SERVICE — Free - summer months; inquire at the gatehouse.

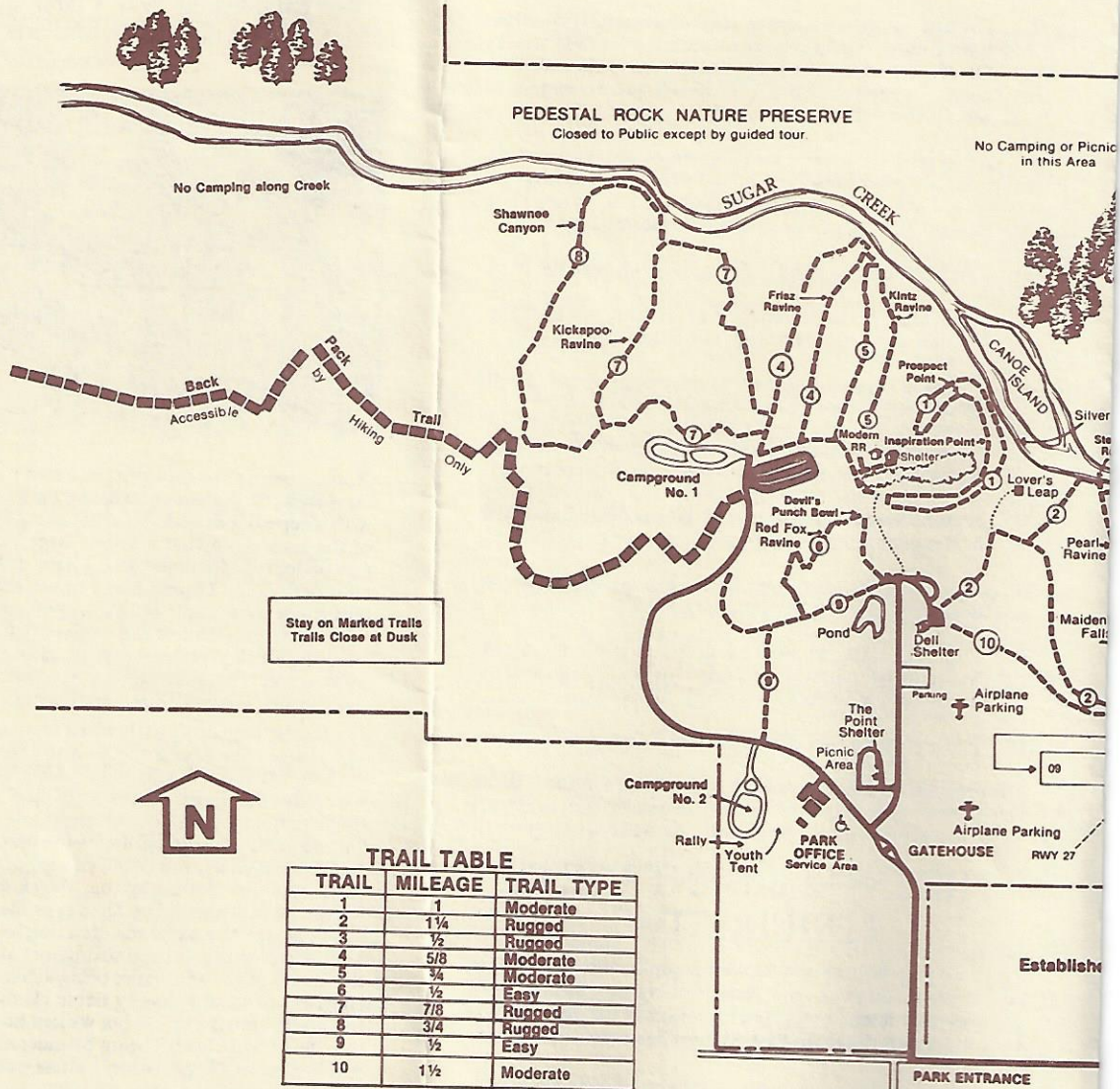
PICNIC AREAS — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, playfields and shelters.

Deer's Mill Covered Bridge area located on State Road 234 is maintained as a public access to Sugar Creek for canoeists. Due to limited parking and congestion, vehicles parked in unauthorized spaces or left after 11:00 p.m. are subject to tow-away at owner's expense.

SWIMMING PROHIBITED

Sugar Creek is extremely hazardous!

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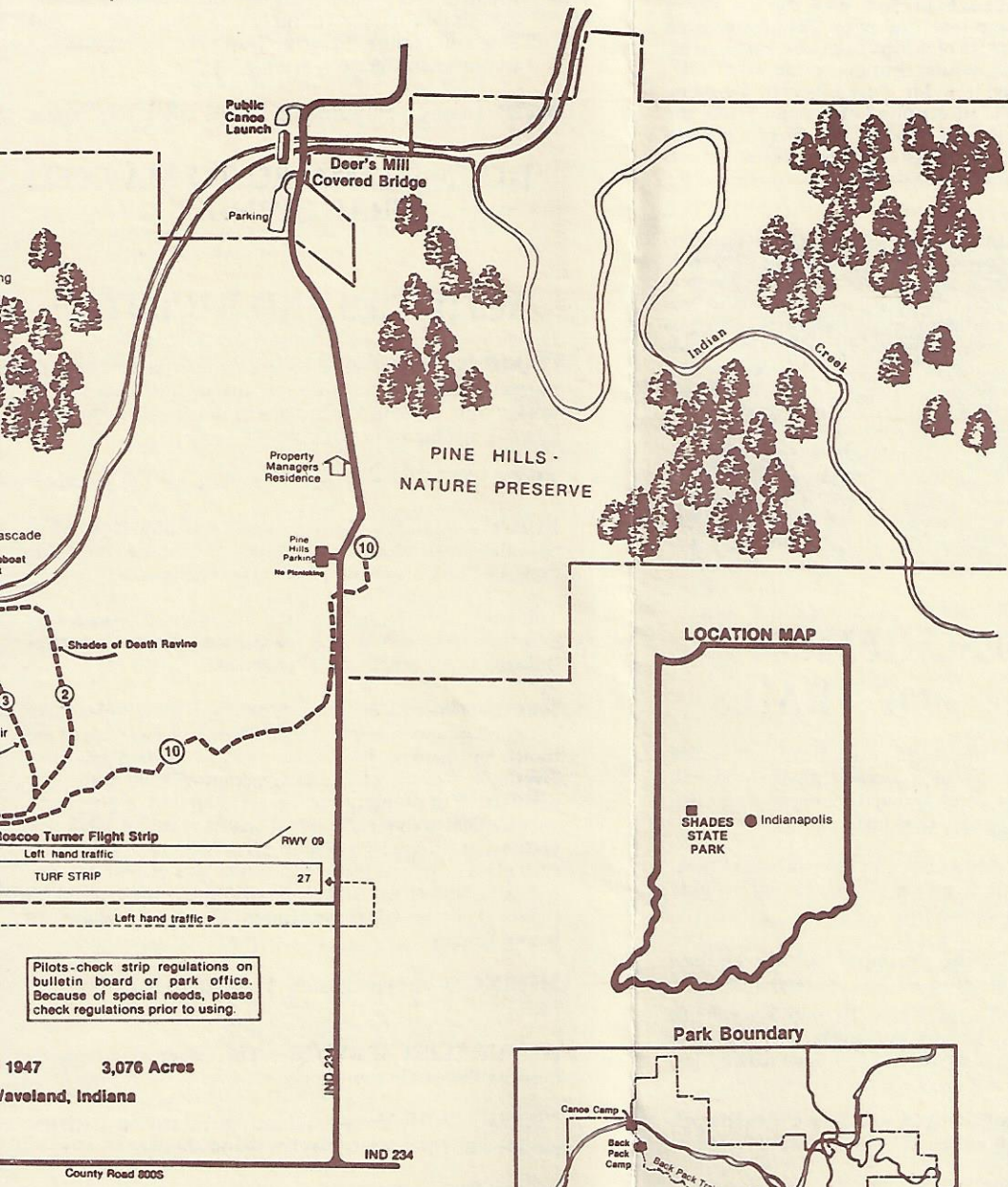
TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	1	Moderate
2	1¼	Rugged
3	½	Rugged
4	5/8	Moderate
5	¾	Moderate
6	½	Easy
7	7/8	Rugged
8	3/4	Rugged
9	½	Easy
10	1½	Moderate

LEGEND

	Park Boundary
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Connecting Trail
	Usable by Handicapped

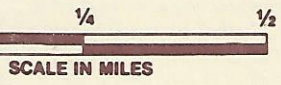




Pilots-check strip regulations on bulletin board or park office. Because of special needs, please check regulations prior to using.

1947 3,076 Acres
 Muncie, Indiana

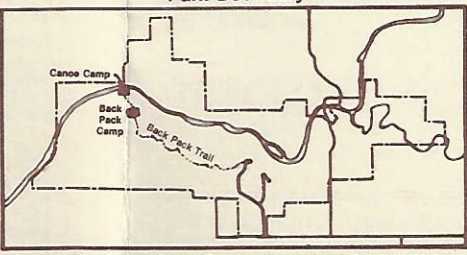
County Road 8005



LOCATION MAP



Park Boundary



Note: Back Pack and Canoe Camps are not accessible by vehicles.