- Any firearm, 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.
- 3. Dogs and cats must be kept on leash while in the park.
- 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.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided. Visitors must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Swimming in Tippecanoe River is prohibited. Take no risks!
- Drinking water should be taken only from hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water supply is tested for purity.
- 10. Report lost or found articles to the property manager.

YOU HAVE MANY OTHER STATE PARKS AND 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 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 counsel with themselves to the end that their strength and confidence are renewed.

TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK

Route 4, Box 95A Winamac, Indiana 46996 (219) 946-3213

TRAIL MAP

Established in 1943 2761 Acres On U.S. 35 near Winamac



In the 1600's and 1700's this was the land of the Potawatomi Indians. The early explorers were French fur traders or "Voyagers" who came from Montreal, Canada, the center of fur trading, laden with goods seeking Indian encampments, eager to acquire beaver pelts in exchange for blankets, utensils and any other items the Indian might wish to barter. The Tippecanoe River was a major highway for this trade; Indians and fur traders alike plied its waters in their journeys to and from out-posts and Indian camps. Settlement came slowly but inevitably to the area and in the 1830's clearing, draining and farming of the lands was taking place. The Potawatomies were removed to a Kansas reservation and new settlers poured into the area. The land in the vicinity of the park was slowly cleared and farming and grazing became the prime activity as most wildlife disappeared from the area. The area remained this way until the "Depression" in the early 1930s.

In the 1930s the U.S. Department of the Interior, through its National Park Service, acquired about 7,353 acres of land in an area bordering Tippecanoe River and U.S. 35 approximately 5 miles north of Winamac, Pulaski County, Indiana. Most of the land which has a high sand content, was not well suited for agricultural use. The area was called the Winamac Recreation Demonstration Area. The National Park Service developed most of the existing facilities at that

In 1943, the land was transferred to the Indiana Department of Conservation for operation as a state park. On January 1, 1959, 4,592 acres were transferred to the Division of Fish and Wildlife and named the Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area. All of the 4,592 acres lie west of U.S. 35. The remaining 2,761 acres, which lie east of U.S. 35, are still part of Tippecanoe River State Park.

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The land in the park, which is generally level, drains toward the Tippecanoe River which meanders approximately seven miles along the eastern border of the park.

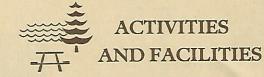
An occasional small sand dune adds variety to the scenery. The park offers a variety of habitats such as: oak forests, pine plantations, abandoned fields, marshes and the river.

The park offers some of the finest recreation in the state. An extensive trail network offers the hiker a variety of terrain and vegetation. We offer 112 campsites including 4 adapted fro handicapped people. All sites in the main campground are Class A. A large group camp offers overnight facilities for 160 people with kitchen facilities. Recreation buildings and shelters allow day use people opportunities throughout the year. Cross country ski rentals allow the winter visitor the opportunities of exploring the hills and woods previously unavailable during the winter season.

Modern facilities, combined with a unique natural area, Tippecanoe River State Park awaits your exploration.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- 1. Begins near fire tower parking area, leads to fire tower.
- Begins about 3,000 feet north of park road on group camp road, or may be started from near fire tower road. Leads through oak forest and some open fields. Connects with Trail 3.
- 3. Begins on park road west of campground road, north to railroad, then returns to park road. Leads through oak forest and open fields. Connects with Trail 2.
- Begins in main picnic area and leads along Oxbow Lagoon through low river bottoms, along the river and back up into the pines and fields, then back to the campground and to the picnic area.
- Begins north of waterfowl refuge up into sand hills and oak woods and back to edge of marsh.
- Begins north of horse camp, crosses main road along marsh up into sand hills. Leads through oak forest and open fields and returns to horse camp.
- Begins on west edge of horse camp. Swings southwest through oak woods and sand hills. Turns north up into open fields. Swings west and south back onto main trail. Return on same trail.
- Sand Hill Nature Preserve Trail: Begins at tepicon parking lot and covers Sand Hill Nature Preserve: Prairie grasses and oak woods predominate.
- Begins north of railroad tracks and covers prairies, river bluffs and oak woods. May be hiked from canoe camp or north of Trails 3 and 4, etc.



CAMPING — Campground equipped with modern facilities. Occupancy limited to two (2) weeks. Most sites will accommodate trailers. 112 electrical sites, dumping station is available.

CANOE CAMP — (with launch) Is primitive (tents only) and has 10 sites.

HORSE CAMP — Is also primitive and has 60 sites.

YOUTH TENT AREA — Accommodates up to 60 people. (see map).

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

GROUP CAMPS — For organized youth groups under adult supervision. Write to property manager for information, rates and reservations.

RENT A TENT - 12 sites, Tents are provided; reservations are required.

HIKING — Several miles of easy-to-moderate trails.

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

BOATS — Privately-owned boats may be launched on the river. Launch fee or permit is required.

HORSE TRAILS — Over seven miles of horse trails are available.

SHELTERS — Reservable, inquire at park office.

SWIMMING PROHIBITED Tippecanoe River is Extremely Hazardous Take No Chances!!!

Swimming is available at nearby Bass Lake. Open from June through September.

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

 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 rebuilt the natural humus.

