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 live or dead) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- 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.
- 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.
- 8. Swimming in Sugar Creek is prohibited. Take no risk!
- 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 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 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.

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

Route 1, Box 164 Marshall, Indiana 47859 (317) 597-2635

TRAIL MAP

Established 1916 2,382 Acres Located on Indiana 47, Two miles East of U.S. 41



In terms of history, the geology of Turkey Run offers a unique view into the past. A walk into one of the ravines takes the visitor on a trip through time when the sandstone gorges represent 600 to 300 million years of nature's handiwork.

Mansfield sandstone, named after Mansfield, Indiana, is the main material which forms Turkey Run's cliffs. Many years ago, flowing water deposited sand, then pressure and cementation changed the grains of sand into sedimentary rock. Later, wind and water began to cut the sandstone after it was exposed to the air, but it was the ice age and glacial action that shaped the sandstone into familiar forms.

Glacial ice did cover the north portion of the park. As the glacier melted, the debris collected by the moving ice was deposited. Stones of many shapes and sizes were ground against the softer sandstone by the rushing melt-water. This grinding action helped carve the Sugar Creek stream bed as well as many of the canyons of Turkey Run. Remnants of these hard rounded stones, called glacial till, may be found in the stream beds today.

In the last few hundred years, the erosion of the sandstone has continued at a slower pace. The gorges are very similar to what was seen by Indians and pioneers.

The Miami Indians walked many of the trails that todays park visitor still use. The last Indian, Johnny Green, is said to have died while fishing from Goose Rock. The early pioneers have left traces of their heritage. The historical Lusk home and mill site are

reminders of early enterprise and ambition. Acquiring the land in 1825, Captain Lusk built a grist mill that was completed in 1829. The Lusk's stewardship of the land preserved the pristine nature of the land. Also, the log cabin museum, located on Sunset Point, was built in 1848. It was moved to Turkey Run in 1918, and the large tulip logs serve as a reminder of the large tulip tree forests that supplied builders of early America.

The log church across the concrete bridge near the inn was originally contructed in 1871. It was moved to the park and re-dedicated in 1923. It stands as a reminder of the religious heritage left by our forefathers. Non-denominational services are still conducted though the warmer months every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- The big-tree trail. Fine sycamores and several huge black walnut trees; covered bridge.
- Follows under cliff edges. A trail for the more adventurous. Be careful!
- Unusual hiking between the steep walls of both Rocky and Bear Hollows. Be careful!
- Follows a fine little valley to the Lusk home, past the old quarry and coal mine.
- 5. Fine trees; 140 steps (going down is from the west.)
- Short hike where the turkeys once roosted on the ledges. Juliet V. Strauss Memorial.
- Quick trail for the short-time visitor. Usually taken in conjunction with 6. Virgin wood, hemlock trees. Trails 6 and 7 combine to make up a self-guiding nature trail.
- Peaceful trail with moderate hiking that follows a small creek
- The best trail to see virgin wood is also the most rugged. Be careful!
- To 'Camel's Back'; fine scenic view. Many unusual formations due to erosion.

STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

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.

TURKEY RUN INN MARSHALL, INDIANA

OPEN ALL YEAR

Write to Reservation Clerk
Turkey Run Inn, Marshall, Indiana 47859
for Reservations and Further Information
(317) 597-2211

Rooms and Cabins Available Dining Room Open to Public



ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING — Campground equipped with modern facilities. Occupancy limited to two (2) weeks. Most sites will accommodate trailers. No individual water or sewer hookups, but electricity available. Some campsites available for reservation. Rally campground also available.

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

HIKING — With miles of easy to rugged trails, hiking is one of the most popular activities at Turkey Run.

INN — Inn rooms, inn cabins. All inn rooms are air-conditioned. Single meals, Sunday dinners, banquets. Make all reservations with inn manager.

NATURE CENTER - Open seasonally. Inquire about naturalist service.

PICNIC AREA — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, tennis courts and playfields.

SADDLE HORSES — Miles of bridle trails; hayrides; bicycles. Inquire at saddle barn.

SWIMMING — Olympic size pool with bathhouse and wading pool; open the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day.

LUSK HOME — Built in 1841 by the first settlers in this area. The restored house is open for tours seasonally.

SWIMMING PROHIBITED!

Sugar Creek is extremely hazardous.

Take no chances!!!

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.



