

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.
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.
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.

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. Lists of fees available in the park office.

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 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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CHAIN O' LAKES STATE PARK

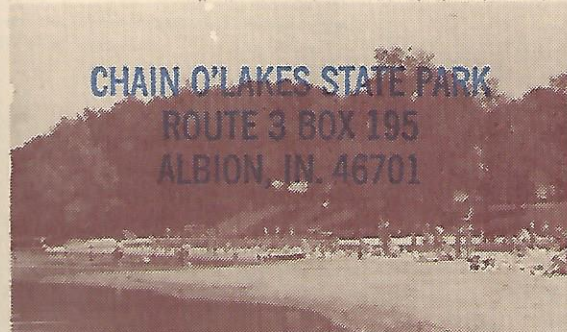
Route 2, Box 54, Albion, IN 46701

TRAIL MAP

Established 1960 Area 2,678 Acres

Located 5 Miles S.E. of Albion

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In 1946 a special survey of 23 potential sites was conducted to locate a state park with natural lakes. The result of this study was the Department finding a site in Noble County. Most of the land was purchased by a joint county park board composed of Allen, Whitley and Noble counties. The park now encompasses an area about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles wide and 4 miles long. It contains approximately 2,678 acres including 212 acres of water with over 7 miles of widely varying shoreline.

The various lakes in the chain are known as kettle lakes and were formed by the last glaciers in this area approximately 10,000 years ago. The lakes themselves were actually huge blocks of ice. Rivers of water resulting from melting ice carved the channels which connect eight of the eleven lakes in the park.

The area was inhabited by Miami Indians prior to its settlement by pioneers. At one time an Indian village of about 30 bark wigwams was located on the north shore of Bowen Lake. William Bowen was one of the first settlers in this area in the 1830's and built a home on the north shore of Bowen Lake in 1840.

The Stanley Schoolhouse, built in 1915, is the fourth school at this location. One of the previous buildings was burned to the ground by a student who had been paddled by the teacher. The present schoolhouse was used until the early 1950's and now served as a Nature Center for natural and historical exhibits. The building contains displays, maps, as well as live and preserved specimens of animals and birds. The one room schoolhouse has been restored to provide visitors with a view of the past and present.

The most recent addition to the facilities at Chain O' Lakes is eighteen family housekeeping cabins. The cabins are designed to sleep six people in two bedrooms. One bedroom has a double bed and the other has two sets of bunk beds. An open ceiling enables heat from a fireplace-style woodburning stove to evenly heat the cabin. The living room is furnished with two couches and a pair of comfortable chairs. The adjoining kitchen features a sink, stove, refrigerator, dropleaf table and plenty of cabinet space. The cabins provide visitors with an opportunity to enjoy an extended vacation in the park with most of the comforts of home.

Winter activities are also very popular at Chain O' Lakes. Ice fishing, ice skating, sledding and cross-country skiing are available. Rental equipment is available for cross-country skiing when snow conditions permit.

The staff at Chain O' Lakes welcomes you and hopes you enjoy your visit at one of Indiana's truly unique state parks.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS



1. Begins just north of the campground, follows a ridge through the woods before dropping down in a valley along the channel connecting Long and Dock Lakes.
2. Passes through locust trees and open fields and finally connects with trail No. 8 on the north shore of Dock Lake.
3. Links the campground with the beach through open fields.
4. This 1-mile trail will take you past four lakes, wooded areas, swamps, and open fields.
5. Sand Lake loop trail follows the shore through willows and open areas.
6. Provides access to Long Lake via trail No. 1 through open field, locust and pine trees.
7. Connects Bowen, Weber and Sand Lakes, winding through the lowlands and along the main channel.
8. Provides hikers with many beautiful views of Bowen and Finster Lake. Historians say Indians camped on the hill above the north shore.
9. This is a self-guiding nature trail. Begins at Nature Center, follows trail 8 short distance, circles Finster Lake, returns to Nature Center.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BOATS and canoes for rent, by day. Life-jackets available. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than 12-volt battery, are allowed.

CAMPING Campground has 417 sites, flush toilets, hot showers. Occupancy limited to two weeks. All sites will accommodate trailers. No sewage or water hook-ups, but electricity available. Some campsites available for reservation. Rally campground also available. Dumping station available.

FAMILY CABINS for a moderate fee. Cabins may be rented April through October. Cabins rent by the week only from Saturday to Saturday during June, July and August. They can be rented by the night during April, May, September and October. Cabins may not be rented to children under the age of 19 except when accompanied by a responsible adult. Contact the Property Manager for further information.

PICNIC AREAS Tables, toilet facilities, play areas and shelters throughout the park.

FISHING Bass, bluegills, etc. State License required.

SWIMMING Free beach. Swimming only when lifeguard on duty. Bathhouse and beach open Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor day.

REFRESHMENT STAND Soft drinks, candy, ice cream available at beach area.

TELEPHONE Public booth near the campground control station and at the beach.

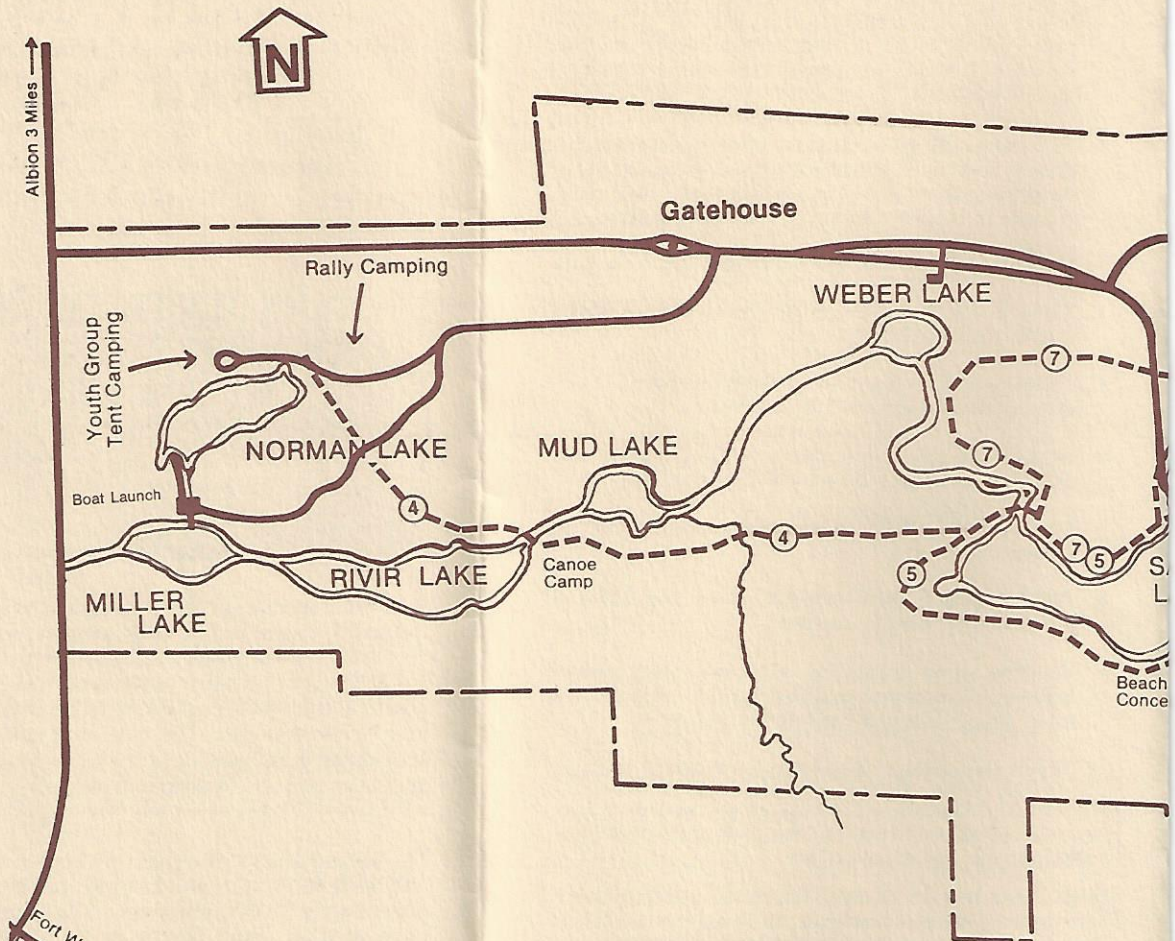
GROCERIES A store is located in the campground; stores in Albion and Churubusco.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING Rental equipment is available when snow cover is adequate.

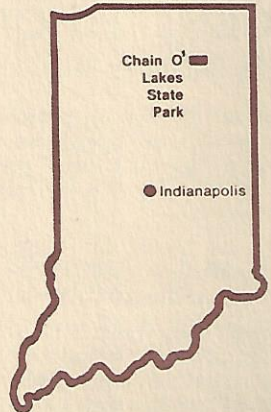
NATURALIST SERVICE Free and available from mid-May through August. Hikes, Junior Naturalist and Hoosier Ecologist Programs, plus evening activities. Ask for a schedule at the gatehouse, park office, or Nature Center.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

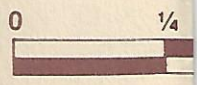
All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to provide facilities for the use and enjoyment of the people on the lakes and natural areas, and at the same time protect the wildlife and natural values so that they may be enjoyed for generations to come.



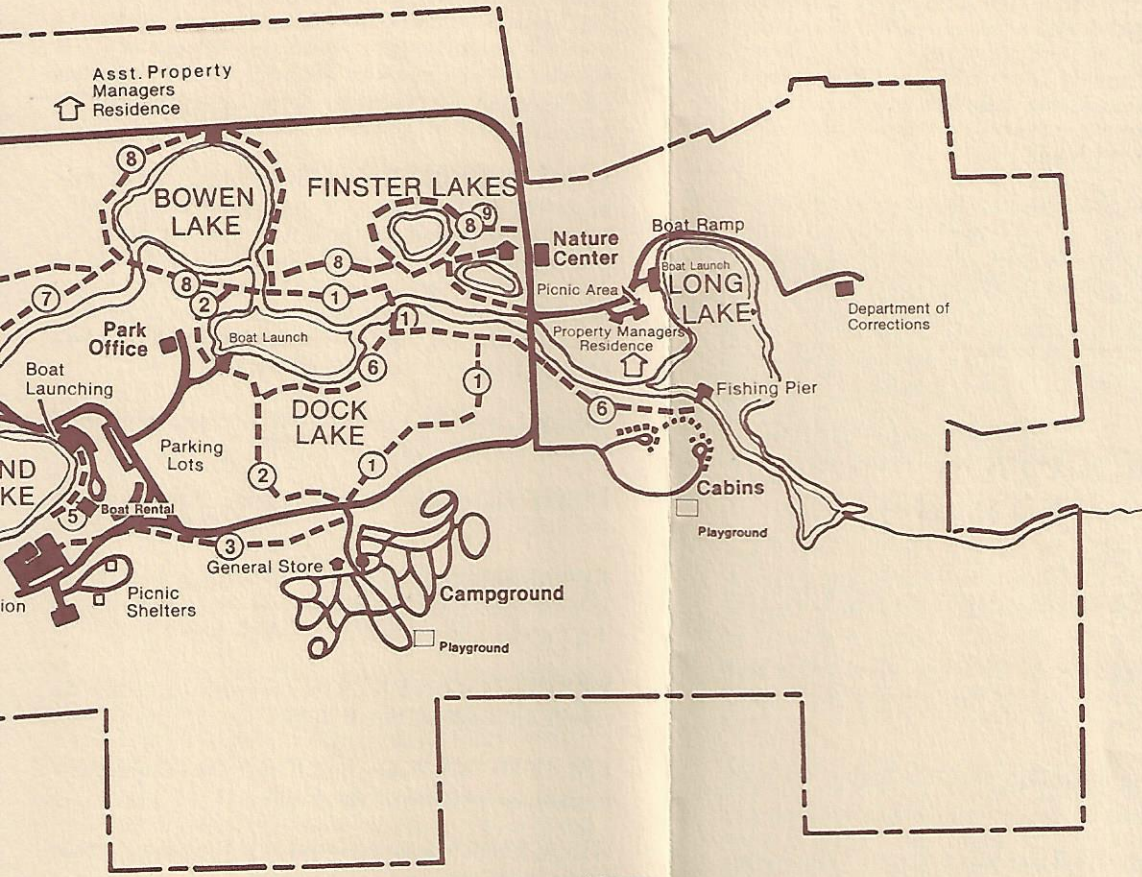
LOCATION MAP



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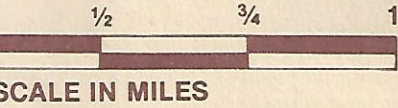


LEGEND



O-Lakes State Park

Established in 1960



TRAIL	LENGTH	TYPE TRAIL
1	.75 MILE	Moderate
2	.5 MILE	Moderate
3	.5 MILE	Easy
4	1 MILE	Moderate
5	1.3 MILE	Easy
6	.75 MILE	Easy
7	1 MILE	Easy
8	1.3 MILE	Easy
9	.5 MILE	Easy