

**SUMMARY OF RULES  
AND REGULATIONS**

1. Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (dead or alive) for firewood ! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
2. All firearms, BB Guns, air guns, bows and arrows, CO 2 guns or spear guns must be unloaded, or unstrung and stored in a case or locked in a vehicle when using the 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 this purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
10. All motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
11. Outboard motors are permitted to operate at idle speed only.

**Summit Lake State Park**

R.R. #4 Box 33C  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(317) 766-5873



Established 1988/2,552 Acres  
Eight miles northeast of New Castle

**Welcome to Indiana's newest State Park.** On January 9, 1988, Summit Lake State Park joined a tradition nearly 75 years old as it became Indiana's 19th State Park. Here you will find 2,552 acres including a 600 acre lake, shady wooded areas, and lots of open space. Wildlife photographers and birdwatchers will happily discover many woodland animals and 100 species of birds residing here.

Fishing is good for bass, sunfish, crappie, yellow perch and channel catfish. Boat rentals include paddle boats, rowboats and canoes. You may launch your own craft at one of three boat ramps. Our large swimming beach is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day with lifeguards on duty. A modern bathhouse and concession building, including restrooms, is located at the beach. There is no charge for swimming.

Three hiking trails offer a good view of the lake. Bicycle rentals are also available. All campsites are Class A with electric and water hook-ups.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT  
THE INDIANA STATE PARK  
SYSTEM ?  
1-800-622-4931--Indiana  
(317) 232-4124-Indianapolis**

# TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

**1. Starts in the open** but soon gets into the largest wood lot in the park. Hikers will see areas of oak-hickory mixed with cherry, ash, and areas of beech-maple mix. The topography includes uplands and low glacial depressions. The remainder of the trail is across open rolling grasslands with views of the lake.

**2. Starts in the small** oak-hickory woods with a glacial depression that stays wet year-round. The trail then goes through some scrub growth on the edge of the fields and then into open fields across rolling terrain with excellent views of the lake.

**3. The beach trail** starts in a small wooded lot. The trees include maple, oak, and cherry. The remainder of the trail is mostly open with views of the lake across rolling topography. A brochure which describes this trail in detail is available at the park office.

**Please stay on marked trails.**

**Enjoy your visit to Summit Lake State Park...**Our Indiana State Park system has the same mission today that it had at its founding in 1916. This is to acquire and preserve Indiana's most scenic and historic areas, and to meet the recreational needs of park visitors. You are an important part of this delicate balance. Please rest and recreate and be refreshed during your visit here. Treat the land and its inhabitants with respect.

The programs, services, facilities and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone without regard to age, race, handicap, sex, creed or national origin.

Help prevent forest fires. Build fires only in designated places. If you must smoke please use extreme care in disposing of smoking materials. Observe areas designated as NON-SMOKING.



# ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES

**BICYCLES**---Rental equipment available spring through fall.

**BOATS**---Rental rowboats, paddleboats, and canoes are available by the hour or day. Privately owned boats may be launched. Outboard motors are permitted to operate at *idle speed only*.

**CAMPING**---Campground is equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy is limited to two weeks(14 days). Sites will accommodate trailers. All sites are Class "A".

**FISHING**---Fishing is allowed away from the beach area. A state license is required. No fishing is permitted on the beach during its operating hours of 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

**HIKING**---Easy to moderate marked trails are available for hiking all year.

**NATURALIST SERVICE** ---A seasonal naturalist will be available from Mid-May through August. Hikes, Junior naturalist and Hoosier Ecologist Programs will be offered. You will also find cultural arts activities scheduled on many summer weekends.

**PICNIC AREAS**---Tables, grills, toilet facilities, and playground are available.

**SHELTER HOUSE**---The Harvey Shelter may be reserved for gatherings.

**SWIMMING**---Swimming is permitted only when a lifeguard is on-duty. There is no charge for swimming. The bathhouse and beach open the Saturday before Memorial Day and operate through Labor Day.

**CONCESSIONS**---Located at the beach.



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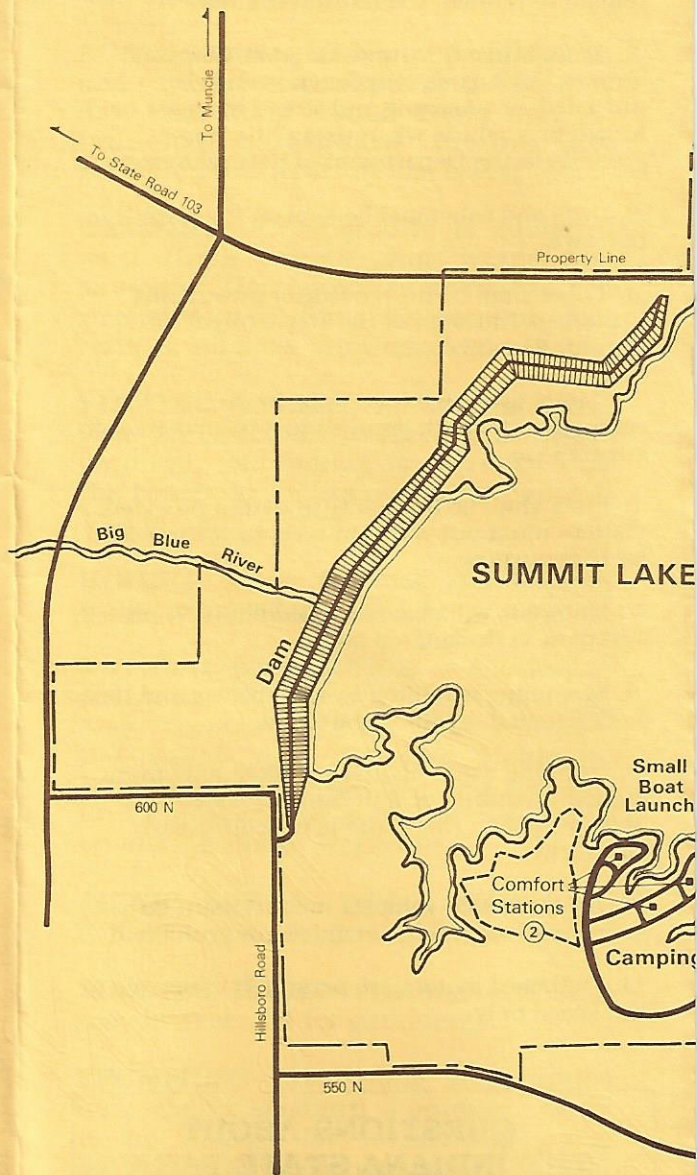
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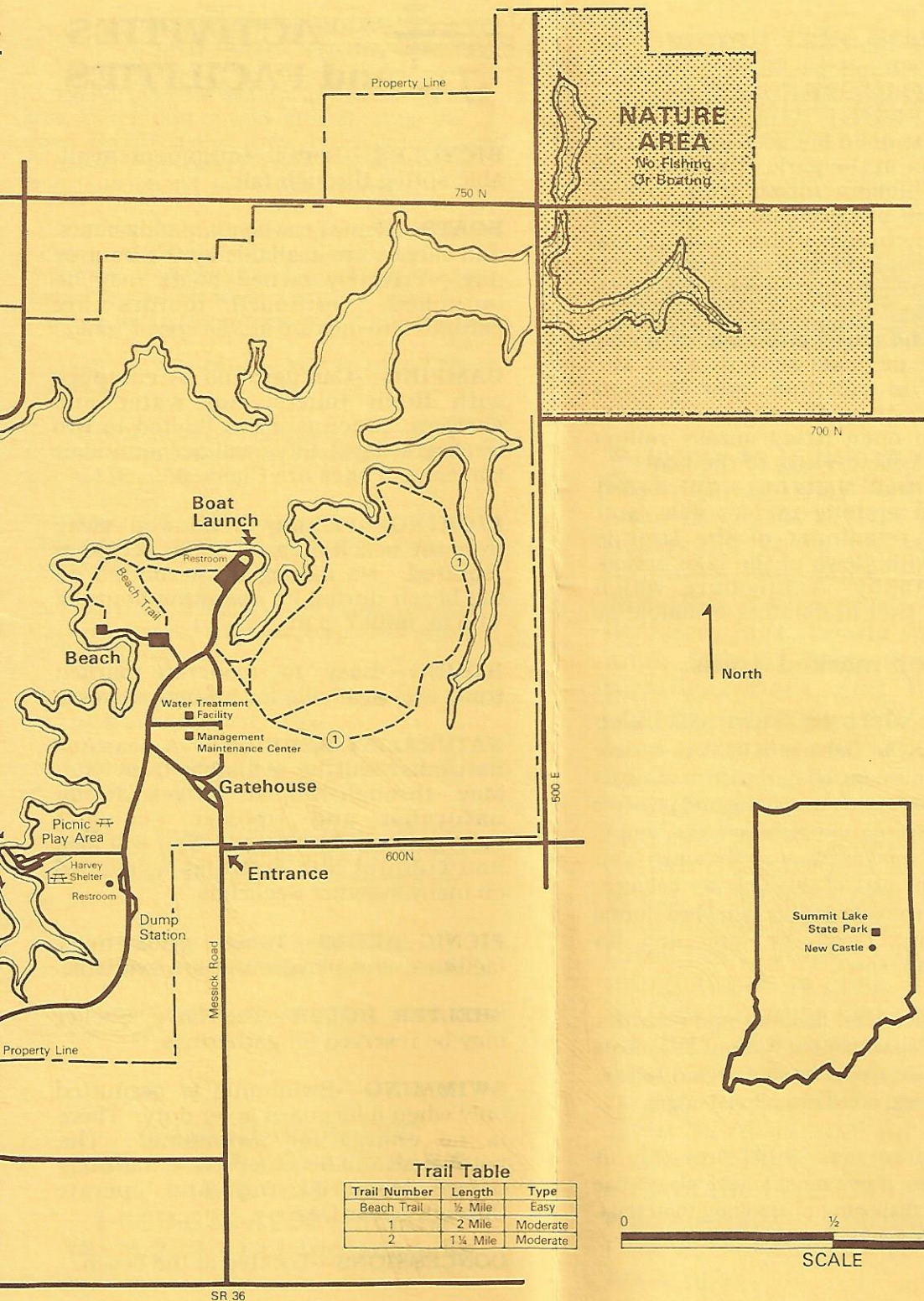
## Indiana State Parks

Our Indiana State Park system includes 19 state parks and one state beach. Each park has a distinct character. All await your visit.

The Annual DNR Recreation Guide provides information not only about each park, but also about the reservoirs, forests, fish and wildlife areas and historic sites operated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. **The Recreation Guide is free!** Pick up your copy here at Summit Lake State Park or call 1-800-622-4931 in Indiana to request your copy.

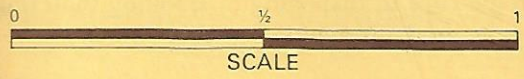
The most economical way to enjoy our state park system is with an **Annual Entrance Permit**. It allows a non-commercial vehicle and its occupants unlimited admissions to any state park or Department of Natural Resources property which charges an entrance fee. An annual permit may be purchased here or at any park. Indiana residents age 60 or older can enjoy the same privileges with a **Golden Hoosier Permit** which is available at a reduced price.





**Trail Table**

Trail Number	Length	Type
Beach Trail	½ Mile	Easy
1	2 Mile	Moderate
2	1¼ Mile	Moderate



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