

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

1. MODERATE/RUGGED — 3 miles. The big-tree trail. Fine sycamores and several huge black walnut trees; covered bridge.
2. RUGGED — 1 mile. Follows under cliff edges. A trail for the more adventurous. Be careful!
3. VERY RUGGED — 1.7 miles. The ladders trail. Unusual hiking between the steep walls of both Rocky and Bear Hollows. Be careful!
4. MODERATE/RUGGED — 2 miles. Follows a fine little valley to the Lusk home, past the old quarry and coal mine.
5. MODERATE — .7 mile. Fine trees; 140 steps (going down is from the west.)
6. MODERATE/RUGGED — .5 mile. Short hike through a deep canyon. Trail meanders across a stream on steppingstones.
7. MODERATE — .7 mile. Virgin wood, hemlock trees. Self-guiding nature trail.
8. MODERATE — 1.5 miles. Peaceful trail with moderate hiking that follows a small creek.
9. VERY RUGGED — 1 mile. The best trail to see virgin wood is also the most rugged. Be careful!
10. MODERATE — 1.4 miles. To 'Camel's Back'; fine scenic view. Many unusual formations due to erosion.
11. EASY — .5 mile. A short hike high above Turkey Run Hollow to the Lieber Memorial and Log Church.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

1. Stay on marked trails.
2. Do not cut across fields or woods.
3. Do not climb trees or rocks.
4. Do not use fire.
5. Do not use firearms.
6. Do not use BB guns.
7. Do not use air guns.
8. Do not use bows.
9. Do not use spears.
10. Do not use knives.
11. Do not use axes.
12. Do not use chainsaws.
13. Do not use power tools.
14. Do not use motor vehicles.
15. Do not use snowmobiles.
16. Do not use bicycles.
17. Do not use motorcycles.
18. Do not use ATVs.
19. Do not use off-road vehicles.
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Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of all wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals that depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING — Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites will accommodate trailers. No individual water or sewer hookups, but electricity available. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

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

HIKING — With miles of easy to very rugged trails, hiking is one of the most popular activities at Turkey Run. Bicycles must remain on paved public roads.

INN — Inn rooms, inn cabins. All inn rooms are air-conditioned. Single meals, Sunday dinners, banquets. Reservations are available through the Inns Reservation System.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE — Available all year. Inquire at nature center, park office or Inn or check bulletin boards for scheduled activities including day hikes, night hikes, planetarium star shows, workshops, park patch programs, live animal talks, campfire programs and history talks. Call in advance to schedule special group programs. Program schedules are available on the website at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov or call (765) 597-2654.

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

NATURE CENTER — Open all year. Hands-on activities, live animals, bird viewing, nature library, planetarium, trail information, naturalist.

PICNIC AREA — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, tennis courts and playfields. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

SADDLE BARN — Hayrides, guided horseback rides.

SWIMMING — Olympic-size pool with bathhouse and wading pool, open Saturday before Memorial Day through no later than Labor Day. *Notice: Pool closed weekdays near the end of summer when life-guards are unavailable.*

SWIMMING IN SUGAR CREEK IS PROHIBITED — The creek is extremely hazardous. Take no chances! Do not wade or swim.

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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! They 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.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- 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.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to such places and times as designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Bicycles and all motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors prohibited.
- Park closes from 11:00 PM until 7:00 AM, and no one is allowed in the park between these hours except for overnight Inn guest and campers.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

www.camp.IN.gov
1-866-6campIN
(1-866-622-6746)





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(1-877-563-4371)
Online: www.indianainns.com



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Turkey Run State Park
P.O. Box 37
Marshall, Indiana 47859
Call: (765) 597-2635

DNR

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
www.dnr.IN.gov

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.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

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TURKEY RUN STATE PARK



Turkey Run State Park is located in west central Indiana on State Road 47 two miles east of State Road 41. The first parcel of Turkey Run's 2,382 acres was purchased during our State's centennial in 1916 when the State Park system was first established. Turkey Run is Indiana's second state park.

There are many legends about how Turkey Run got its name. One story says that wild turkeys, finding it warmer in the canyon bottoms, or "runs", would often huddle in these runs to avoid the cold. Pioneer hunters would herd the turkeys through these natural funnels into a central location for an easy harvest. Since historic accounts suggest that large numbers of turkeys lived here, it follows that turkeys in the runs prompted the area's name, Turkey Run.

Deep canyons nestled in the shadows of sandstone cliffs and peaceful hemlock groves harbor some of the most ruggedly beautiful hiking trails in the state. From the tiny mosses and ferns to the majestic old-growth walnuts and sycamores, lush plant communities thrive here, supporting an abundance of wildlife. Deer tracks, beaver-chewed trees, pileated woodpecker excavations, the rocking flight of the turkey vulture, all are common sights throughout the year.

The exposed bedrock is Mansfield sandstone, after Mansfield, Indiana. This deposit was formed during the Carboniferous Period when the build-up of sand at the mouth of the ancient Michigan River was slowly compacted and cemented into solid rock. The swampy environment of this period gave birth to vast coal deposits. Coal was mined here in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Seams of coal are still visible along many of the trails.

More recently, during the Pleistocene Epoch, the sandstone bedrock was carved into today's familiar canyons and formations by the eroding action of glacial meltwaters. The Punchbowl on Trail 3 is an example of a pothole that was scoured out by glacial erratics caught in swirling backwash. Erratics are pieces of bedrock from Canada that were carried here by the glaciers. Some of the larger erratics, or boulders, can still be seen in Boulder Canyon on Trail 9, and smaller ones, pebbles, in Sugar Creek.

Many historic structures are preserved at Turkey Run, providing a glimpse into the recent past. The historic Salmon Lusk Home and mill site serve as testament to the early enterprise and ambition characteristic of 19th century Hoosiers. Lieber Cabin, constructed of virgin timber in the 1840's, is the oldest of its kind in the State. The Log Church, built in 1871, stands as a reminder of the religious heritage left by our forefathers. Shelter houses, a saddle barn and many sandstone trail structures are the legacy of the hard working young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Camp 8, stationed at Turkey Run in 1934-1935.

Turkey Run serves as the final resting place for Col. Richard Lieber, the father of Indiana State Parks. His foresight allowed Indiana to become one of the first states in the nation to preserve significant natural areas in a system of state parks. The Lieber Memorial rests atop a peaceful hemlock grove near the end of Trail 11.