

## DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

1. LODGE TRAIL, MODERATE, (.9 mile)—Joins with Trail 2 for a short distance to return near lodge. Walk through land wooded with oak, hickory, sassafras, beech and maple.
  2. CCC TRAIL, MODERATE, (2 miles)—CCC-built trail with impressive stone bridges, stairways and retaining walls. Starts and ends behind the lodge. Passes near Lower Shelter and North Lookout Tower.
  3. SADDLE BARN LOOP TRAIL, MODERATE, (1.25 miles)—Traverses a variety of topography. Passes saddle barn and amphitheatre and returns to lodge. Varieties of ferns can be seen in the ravines and on the slopes.
  4. RALLY CAMPGROUND TRAIL, MODERATE, (1.25 miles)—Starts near the front of the Rally Campground and leads through upland terrain to a deep ravine at the headwaters of Ogle Lake. Joins Trail 7 for a short distance. Meets with Trail 5 at Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve.
  5. OGLE HOLLOW NATURE PRESERVE TRAIL, RUGGED, (.75 mile)—Self-guided trail starts near the parking lot for Rally Campground and follows a slope wooded with yellowwood trees, loops through the nature preserve and intersects with Trail 4 from Ogle Lake.
  6. STRAHL LAKE TRAIL, EASY/RUGGED, (.75 mile)—Easy walk around Strahl Lake but challenging .5 mile-spur to the Nature Center.
  7. OGLE LAKE TRAIL, MODERATE, (1.5 miles)—A hilly, wooded hike along the shores of Ogle Lake.
  8. HHC TRAIL, MODERATE, (3.5 miles)—Extends east from west lookout, continues to near Hesitation Point, and then southwest to parking area at Ogle Lake and Trail 7. Trail was improved by volunteers from the Hoosier Hikers Council 2002-2007.
  9. TAYLOR RIDGE TRAIL, RUGGED, (3.0/2.75 miles)—Starts near site 324 in campground. No parking at trailhead. Travels ridge top beyond campground, dropping into adjacent valley to follow stream before looping back to ridge top. A 2.75-mile extension connects to Trail 7 near Ogle Lake.
  10. FIRE TOWER TRAIL, RUGGED, (2.2 miles)—Follows ridge behind fire tower before looping northward crossing deep ravines and hilltops. Passes CCC shelter.
- FRIENDS TRAIL, EASY—Short, easy, paved trail, with benches and vista on flat terrain. Constructed by the Friends of Brown County State Park.
- DISCOVERY TRAIL, MODERATE, (.5 mile)—Self-guided nature trail. Brochure available at the trailhead at the south end of the Nature Center parking lot.

## ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**CAMPING**—Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. A separate horsemen's campground is available. Rally campground available. Camping reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

**CAMP STORE**—Sells camping and picnic supplies, firewood and souvenirs. Open April through October.

**FAMILY CABINS**—Two bedrooms (sleeps eight), living rooms, complete kitchen, bathroom, linens, dishware and cooking utensils provided, easy walking distance to the lodge. Reservations through the Inns Reservation System.

**FISHING**—Bass, bluegill, etc. State license required and available at park office. Rowboats permitted on Ogle Lake only. Ogle Lake—17 acres; Strahl Lake—7 acres.

**HIKING**—More than 18 miles of easy-to-rugged trails.

**HORSE TRAILS**—Facilities for those who wish to bring their own horses.

**INN**—Lodge and cabin guest rooms, restaurant, banquet and meeting facilities and indoor aquatics center. Open year-round. Reservations available through the Inns Reservation System.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—Inquire at Nature Center, park office or lodge. Program schedules are available at [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov) or (812) 988-5240.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS**—For bikers and hikers. 20 miles, easy to extremely difficult, 250 ft. of change in elevation. Trails wind around hills, ravines and across streams. Main trailhead at parking lot south of the pool; also access points near the North Lookout Tower, Hesitation Point, Hoosiers Nest Shelter and Rally Campground. Built and maintained by volunteers from the Hoosier Mountain Biking Association.

**PICNIC AREAS**—Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields. Wood available from camp store during summer months.

**SHELTERS**—Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

**SADDLE BARN**—Seasonal. Bridle trails, pony rides, hayrides. Inquire at saddle barn or (812) 988-8166.

**SWIMMING**—Olympic-size pool, open Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day. Pool may close toward end of summer when there are no lifeguards available. Swimming prohibited in Ogle and Strahl lakes.

## THIS IS YOUR PARK

Visitors shall follow our 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 public's use and enjoyment.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal. Do not gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood because they rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm (except validly licensed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> 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 owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and be attended at all times.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be supervised by adults.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- The Carry In/Carry Out trash policy applies to all day-use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas. 30 mph is maximum speed.
- Swimming is permitted only in the pools.
- 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.
- Pull off roads while observing wildlife. Feeding wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

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

## PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

## CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM

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

[camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov)  
1-866-6campIN  
(1-866-622-6746)





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[IndianalInns.com](http://IndianalInns.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: Brown County State Park  
P.O. Box 608  
1405 State Road 46 West  
Nashville, IN 47448  
Call: (812) 988-640

**DNR**

Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
[dnr.IN.gov](http://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.

INDIANA



Brown County State Park is the largest Indiana State park. This nationally known, 15,776-acre facility opened in 1929.

In the first few years, as the park grew in popularity, several facilities were developed, including Abe Martin Lodge, several cabins and Ogle Lake. The roads, entrances, and many trails were added or improved.

On June 1, 1934, the Veterans Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1557 began its work in the park. Its planting of black locust, black walnut, various pines and spruces gave nature a helping hand in healing extreme erosion on previously cleared slopes. The CCC workers also built many of the existing buildings, shelters, ovens, roads, vistas, trails, and the west lookout tower.

The many miles of marked trails are ideal for those who prefer seeing the

park on foot, on horseback, or by bicycle. About 70 miles of bridle trails, 20 miles of hiking trails, and 20 miles of mountain biking/hiking trails lead through the steep, forested hills. The park's Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve contains an attractive self-guiding nature trail, which describes natural aspects of the property.

Several picnic areas, some of which have shelters equipped with fireplaces, are offered. Several have comfort stations located nearby.

The Nature Center boasts a snake exhibit, bird watching room and other displays. Naturalist services are available year-round, with reduced hours in effect during winter.

The wildlife includes a variety of species adapted to life in the forest and its edges. White-tailed deer, raccoons, gray squirrels, and various birds, including robins, white-breasted nuthatches, blue jays, cardinals, juncos, crows and wild turkeys, abound.

Campsites are available year-round. The campgrounds have electrical hookups, modern comfort stations and showers. The park also has a horsemen's campground. Those who prefer the comforts of home may prefer the Abe Martin Lodge, which has 84 lodge rooms (each with two beds and bathroom), meeting and conference rooms, a dining room, and an indoor water park. In addition, sleeping cabins, with a total of 56 bedrooms, are offered for rent, as are 20 completely furnished, year-round family cabins.

Other park amenities include a swimming pool, shelter houses, playground equipment, two fishing lakes, guided horse riding, and a country store selling picnic supplies and souvenirs.

Brown County State Park makes for an enjoyable outdoor experience for those with a wide range of tastes and preferences.

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can be harmful to both animals and people. Animals that depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Lock all food and coolers inside vehicles or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

