

# TRAIL INFORMATION

## Hiking-Only Trail Descriptions

- FOREST RESOURCE TRAIL** (red), 1.2 miles, easy. This interpretive trail by the Clark State Forest entrance offers visitors a deeper understanding of the forest and how it is managed.
- HIKING TRAIL 1** (red), 0.5 miles, easy. This short, easy trail is near Deam Lake Campground.
- HIKING TRAIL 2** (red), 0.1 miles, easy. Short trail that connects Deam Lake Campground to Apple Orchard Shelterhouse.
- LAKE VISTA TRAIL** (red), 1.6 miles, rugged. The property's longest and most scenic hiking-only trail features rock outcroppings at the highest point. The entrance is near the Deam Lake Campground, just off the yellow horse trail.
- WHITE OAK NATURE PRESERVE TRAIL** (red), 0.9 miles, easy. This short hike goes through the nature preserve and its large white oaks and diverse plant species.
- NOBSTONE TRAIL** (black & white), 60 miles, rugged. Backpack trail marked with white blazes. For trail information visit [dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4224.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4224.htm).

## Mountain Bike Trail

- DEAM LAKE LOOP** (yellow), 6 miles, easy to moderate. Wider trail that circles the entire lake. There are long trail grades and several creek crossings. Horses also permitted on this trail.

## Horse Trail Descriptions

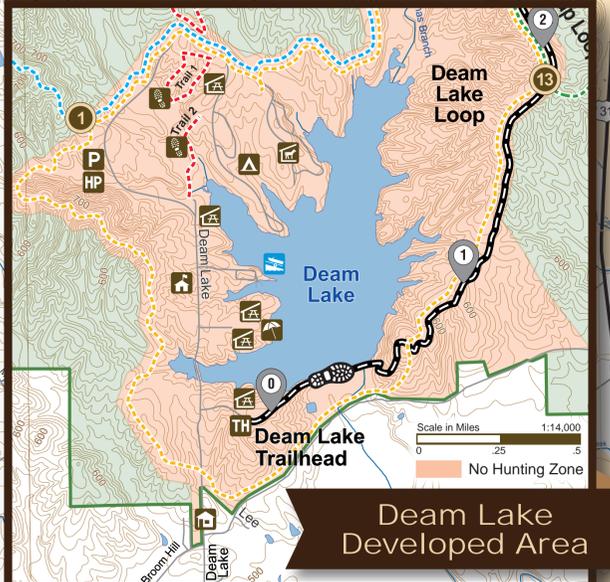
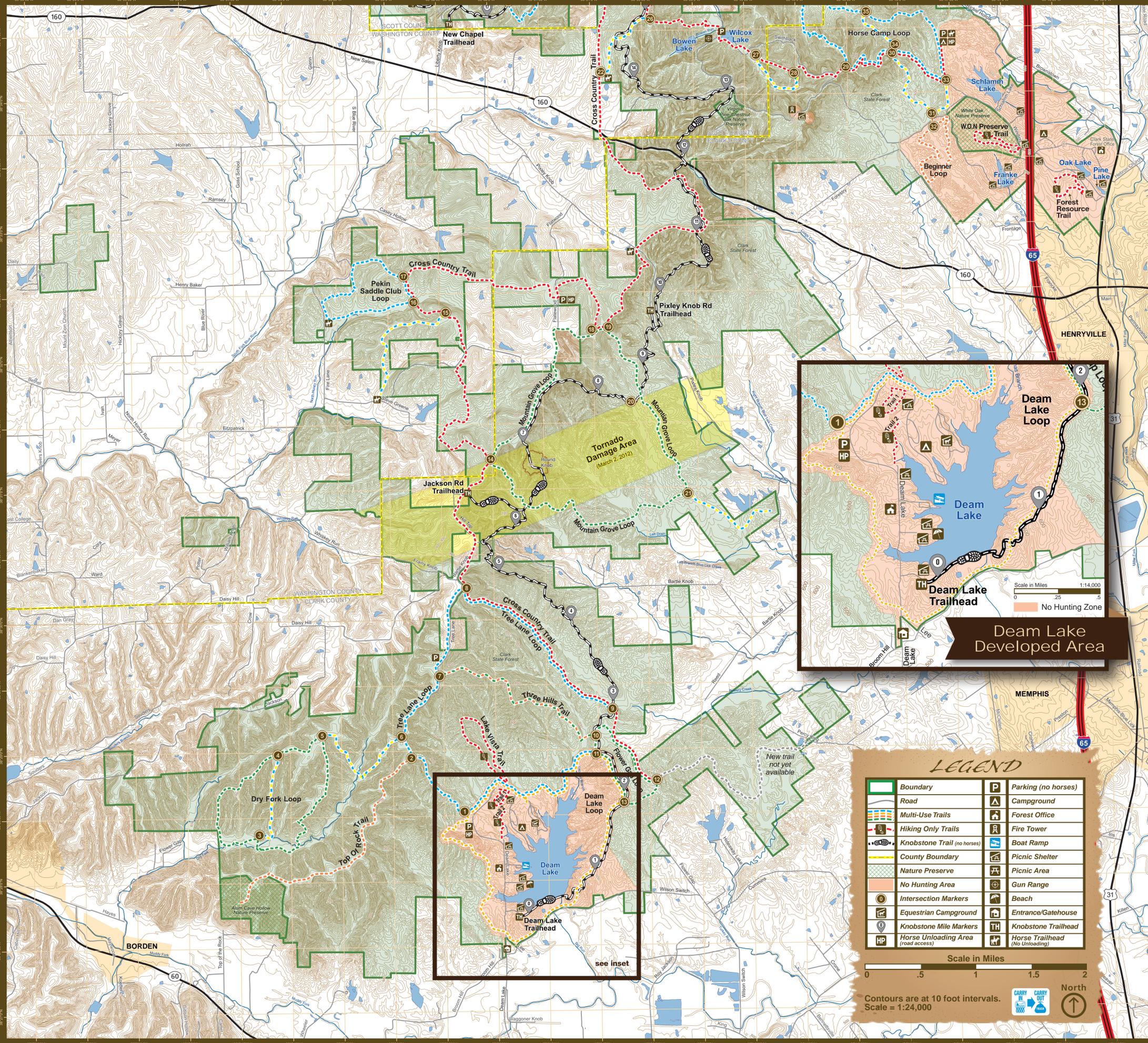
- (All horse trails are open to hikers)
- BEGINNER LOOP** (orange), 2 miles, easy. Wider trails built for beginning horses and riders.
  - BOWEN LOOP** (blue), 3.1 miles, rugged. Trail with several scenic vistas traveling through upland forests that contain chestnut oak and pine trees.
  - CLARK-DEAM CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL** (red), 17.7 miles, easy to rugged. Adventurous day-long ride with various types of scenery, terrain and wildlife.
  - DEAM LAKE LOOP** (yellow), 6 miles, easy to moderate. Wider trail circles the entire lake. There are long trail grades and several creek crossings. Mountain biking is permitted on this trail.
  - DRY FORK LOOP** (green), 6 miles, rugged. Large trees and steep valleys, creeks and knobs. This trail is one of the property's most scenic, and has one cut-through trail (yellow).
  - FLOWER GAP LOOP** (green), 1.9 miles, easy. Short trail that has two creek crossings and many intersections with other trails.
  - HORSE CAMP LOOP** (blue), 4.9 miles, rugged. Good scenery. Trail crosses one creek, goes by several vistas, switches back and cuts around knobs.
  - MOUNTAIN GROVE LOOP** (green), 6 miles, easy to moderate. Recently improved and widened, this trail takes you around the 2012 tornado area and offers spectacular views.
  - PEKIN SADDLE CLUB LOOP** (blue), 2.2 miles, moderate. Scenic pines, creek crossings and slow winding wooded trails. A wide fire trail on the east side of the trail makes for good riding.
  - SHAW LAKE LOOP** (green), 4.2 miles, rugged. Scenic trail bordering Shaw Lake. High vistas with two steep areas.
  - TOP OF THE ROCK TRAIL** (orange), 0.6 miles. Wide and fairly gentle trail through young and old forests, following the ridge to the high points of the property southwest of the Deam Lake office.
  - THREE HILLS TRAIL** (orange & green), 1.5 miles, rugged. This trail has two moderately difficult sides and a northern section that is challenging and crosses a creek at its east end meet the main trail back to the Deam Horse Campground.
  - WILDLIFE LOOP** (orange), 2.3 miles, easy. Area has wide trails enhanced by wildlife openings and ponds.
  - TREE LANE LOOP** (blue), 8.8 miles, easy to moderate. Crossing several creeks, this loop trail has long grades, ridge trail and a wide array of scenery.
  - CONNECTOR TRAILS** (blue & yellow)

## Property Regulations

- Quiet hours in the campgrounds are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- All pets must be caged or kept on a leash that is a maximum of 6 feet long and be attended at all times.
- No pets are permitted on beach or within rental facility or public buildings.
- Fireworks are prohibited on the property at all times.
- Shooting bows and firearms of any kind in campgrounds, picnic areas, and office areas is prohibited.
- It is illegal to possess a loaded firearm, except a legally possessed handgun, in a designated safety zone.
- Swimming is prohibited in all of the forest lakes, except the designated beach area at Deam Lake.
- Vehicle use is restricted to roadways. Four-wheel vehicles, off-road vehicles, motorcycles, and snowmobiles are prohibited on the forest trail system.
- No alcohol permitted at the beach or beach picnic area.

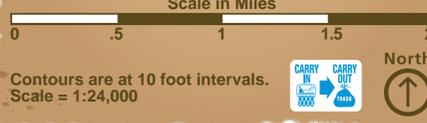
## Horseback Riders' Rules and Etiquette

- DNR Horse Tag required for each horse present.
- One horse trailer is permitted per campsite.
- In the horse campgrounds, horses should be tied to or corralled around hitching rails. Tying horses to trees or spigot lines, or setting up corrals or electric fences outside the hitching-rail area is prohibited.
- Overnight camping is prohibited in day-use parking areas.
- The owners of unruly animals that cause a disturbance or safety hazard may be asked to remove such animals from the property without refund.
- Horseback riding is prohibited on all forest roads and roadsides unless designated as a horse trail. The only exception is the roads within the horse campground, on which horseback riding is permitted.
- Wagons and buggies are prohibited on forest roads or trails.
- Horses are prohibited in the family campground, picnic areas, beach and forest office/service area.
- Please be courteous to other horseback riders and hikers while using the forest trails.
- Leave no litter on the horse trails.
- Clean your campsite and stall of manure, hay and bedding before leaving. Manure bins are conveniently located throughout the horse campground.
- Horses are prohibited on the Knobstone Hiking Trail and all hiking-only trails.



### LEGEND

	Boundary		Parking (no horses)
	Road		Campground
	Multi-Use Trails		Forest Office
	Hiking Only Trails		Fire Tower
	Knobstone Trail (no horses)		Boat Ramp
	County Boundary		Picnic Shelter
	Nature Preserve		Picnic Area
	No Hunting Area		Gun Range
	Intersection Markers		Beach
	Equestrian Campground		Entrance/Gatehouse
	Knobstone Mile Markers		Knobstone Trailhead
	Horse Unloading Area (road access)		Horse Trailhead (No Unloading)



# DEAM LAKE State Recreation Area

1217 Deam Lake Road  
Borden, IN 47106  
(812) 246-5421  
DeamLakeSRA@dnr.IN.gov  
[dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4825.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4825.htm)

**DEAM LAKE OFFICE HOURS**  
Normal operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office is also open Saturday/Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., during recreation season.

**LOCATION INFORMATION**  
Deam Lake lies just south of Clark SF. It is accessible from I-65 via exit 7. IN 60 to Salem, and is approximately 9 miles from the highway heading toward Borden. Deam Lake is a forest property designed for recreation. Under the multiple-use concept, it offers a variety of compatible activities. These include fishing, boating, swimming, camping, picnicking, hiking and hunting in designated areas. The 194-acre lake was completed in 1965 and named in honor of Charles Deam, Indiana's first State Forester.

## Animals & Pets on DNR Property

- We love our animals, but even on a leash they can disturb the recreation experience of others. Pets are to be under control (leashed or caged) and attended to at all times to be non-disruptive to other campers and trail users. Owners are responsible for all animal care and any damage or expenses caused by their animals.
- Clean up pet waste in campgrounds and recreation areas. On trails, move pet waste away from the trail at least 10 feet.
- Horses brought onto DNR property require a daily or annual horse tag. Owners are responsible for proof of vaccinations and animal health certificates that may be required by Indiana state law.
- Animals are not allowed on swimming beaches, nor into DNR property buildings or cabins.

## Recreation Area Information

**CAMPING**  
Deam Lake has 116 Class A campsites and an additional 108 Class A sites in the horsemen's campground. The horsemen's campground has two short lead-outs to connect to the 70 miles of horse trails in Clark SF. Horse stalls are available to rent in one of six stables located in the horsemen's campground. Class A campgrounds include electrical hookup, modern restrooms/showers (at least one shower station is wheelchair accessible), picnic table, fire ring and parking spur. Drinking water and a dump station are also available in the area. Class A campsites and horse stalls are available for reservation by calling toll free 1-866-6-CAMPIN (1-866-622-6746), Monday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m. ET and Saturday/Sunday between noon and 5 p.m. ET. You may also make reservations 24 hours a day at [Camp.IN.gov](http://Camp.IN.gov).

**RENT-A-CAMP CABINS**  
Deam Lake has 12 Rent-a-Camp cabins, including three in the horsemen's campground, available seasonally. Each cabin has a front porch with a swing, an outside electrical outlet and a front porch light. Inside, there are two small rooms. Each cabin has a ceiling fan with a light, a heating/cooling unit and electrical outlets. The front room offers a small table with bench seats, a corner shelf, a chair and a loft. The back room offers a bunk bed (single) and a double bed (NO LINENS or MATTRESS PROVIDED). It is recommended that you bring an air mattress or sleeping pad. For availability and to reserve cabins visit [Camp.IN.gov](http://Camp.IN.gov) or call toll-free at 1-866-6-CAMPIN (1-866-622-6746). No pets, smoking or cooking is permitted in cabins.

**HORSE TRAILS**  
Clark SF / Deam Lake SRA offers 70 miles of horse trails. Trails are marked with colored symbols on posts and/or trees. To ride horses on state property you must obtain an annual or daily Horse Tag. Tags can be purchased at either property office during normal operating hours. Annual Horse Tags are also available at [stores.instate.com](http://stores.instate.com). Check in at the Deam Lake office for changes, updates, or trail closures. It is advised to check online for this information before your trip.

**HIKING TRAILS**  
The 60-mile Knobstone Hiking Trail is Indiana's longest footpath. Maps are sold at the Clark SF/Deam SRA property offices. Maps can also be accessed at [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4224.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4224.htm). Hiking is also available on all horse trails throughout Clark SF/Deam SRA. Clark SF/Deam SRA offers 9 miles of hiking-only trails. The hiking trails and the Knobstone Trail are marked by white triangles on trees. Check in at the Clark SF/Deam Lake office or online for changes, updates, or trail closures. For more Knobstone Trail info visit [dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4224.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4224.htm).

**MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL**  
The Deam Lake Loop trail is the only trail permitted for mountain biking. To ride mountain bikes on state property you must obtain an Off-Road Cycling Permit. Permits can be purchased at either property office during normal operating hours. Bikers will share this trail with horseback riders and hikers. Mountain bikers and hikers should yield right-of-way to horseback riders. Check in at the Clark SF/Deam Lake office or online for changes, updates, or trail closures.

**FISHING/BOATING/SWIMMING**  
Deam Lake waters cover 194 acres. A valid Indiana fishing license is required to fish. There is a boat launch ramp. Boat motors are limited to electric trolling motors only. Valid Lake Permits are required to boat on all state-managed lakes. Rowboat rental is available Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The swimming beach is available from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Restrooms, dressing facilities, showers and food concessions are available. A wheelchair ramp allows access to the beach area.

**SHELTERHOUSES**  
There are a number of picnic areas, including five picnic shelterhouses available for day use. Some shelterhouses are available to reserve. Visit [Camp.IN.gov](http://Camp.IN.gov) for more information. Picnic tables and grills are located at the picnic sites. There is a playground near the beach.

**FOREST EDUCATION CENTER**  
The Forest Education Center is managed by a naturalist and provides a variety of forestry-related programs during the recreation season, as well as during several special events, field days and other field trip opportunities. Prior registration is required for groups of 10 or more. Most programs and field trips are free of charge with admission to Deam Lake. The Forest Education Center is wheelchair accessible. The center opens Memorial Day weekend and closes after Labor Day weekend. Times, dates and topics of interpretive programs and events vary from week to week. Please visit the Forest Education Center office, the gatehouse or the campground kiosk for detailed information. For more information, please call (812) 246-5421 during regular operating hours.

**HUNTING & WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING**  
During hunting seasons, wear hunter orange or other bright colors. Hunting seasons are listed at [wildlife.IN.gov/5427.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/5427.htm).

