

Please Join Us

Greene-Sullivan State Forest will host its annual Open House at the forest office on Thursday, February 27 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Information will be provided regarding recreation, forest resource management and major projects that are planned on the property for the upcoming 1-2 years. Property personnel will be available to answer questions and discuss management activities.

In addition to its regular open house events this year the division is also seeking public input for the 2020-2024 Strategic Direction. The Strategic Direction guides all aspects of the division for the next five years. Topics covered under the Direction include Private Forestlands Management, the Fire Program, Community and Urban Forestry, Conservation Education, Nursery, and State Forest Properties. Input received at the Open Houses will be used during the development process of the Strategic Direction to help formulate guidance in each of the division's program areas.

A copy of the 2015-2019 Strategic Direction is available on the division's website at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry>. Public comments may also be submitted through the division's website at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/8122.htm>.



EVENTS

Open House

February 27, 2020, 4-7 pm

Cabin Reservations?

Call 866-622-6746

GREENE-SULLIVAN STATE FOREST



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Property Improvements

2018 and 2019 were busy years, and we saw the accomplishments of a couple of major projects. A new playground was installed at the Narrow campground complex. It features slides, swings and other kid-friendly features. This playground replaces equipment that was purchased in the mid 1980s and was originally at Reservoir 26. The Narrow highwall project was also completed to improve safety. This has once again changed the landscape; the vertical walls that existed are now gone. Narrow Lake has filled back up and was re-stocked with fish.

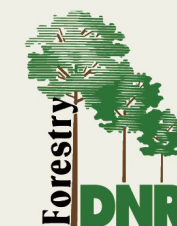
Work continues on the new comfort station and new campground. New cabins will arrive as they are completed from Branchville DOC facility. New roads have been constructed, and electric panels have been set by the electric company. Water lines and service will be installed within the campground later this year. Due to all of the rains this spring, progress on the new comfort station has been slow. New waterline and electric lines have been installed to the comfort station, and the crew is about to finish the main septic line. Our next steps will be raising the site level and pouring concrete for the floor.

Other projects completed throughout the year were improvements to the horse camp. Several new picnic tables, fire rings and hitching posts were installed. A new gravel loop was added to the north end and new rock was added to several existing roads. Reservoir 26 saw the removal of ash trees due to impacts of the emerald ash borer. Many man hours were spent on routine maintenance of roads, grounds and buildings to round out the year.



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Staff

New staff within the last year include Sarah Abel, Bill Spurlin, and Candy Moody. They join Steve Siscoe, Jack Cearley, Bill Wiscaver, and Terry Krieg.

Sarah is the new Office Manager. She started in September of 2018. She has learned a lot and is doing a good job keeping the office in order.

Bill S. started in November 2018 as the Maintenance Foreman and previously worked with the Department of Correction for 10 years. He has had a smooth transition and is adjusting well to the routines in the DNR.

Candy worked the summer as a clerical assistant and has helped out greatly with the busy recreation season.

All of the staff is dedicated to making Greene-Sullivan the best it can be.

National Trails Day and Volunteer Projects

As is tradition, the property staff and a group of volunteers completed a work day to honor National Trails Day on June 1, 2019. Members from Indiana Trail Riders Association and Traildusters combined efforts to complete several projects to improve the horse camp and trails. New gravel was put down around hitching posts and picnic tables, manure bins were cleaned out, and a clogged culvert was unplugged to allow water to drain off of a major trail leaving the horse camp.

We have several individuals who volunteer throughout the year. I talked with Norm the other day, who does an awesome job volunteering to keep the Goodman-Mayfield cemetery mowed, and he said doing so is therapeutic. We also have several individuals who pick up trash on a regular basis. This task requires lots of time throughout the year from our crew, so the volunteer work is greatly appreciated. I want to thank all of the volunteers for all of their efforts in assisting the property.

If you would like to volunteer, contact us. We are still seeking volunteers for campground hosts for 2020.



Indiana DNR Land Portfolio

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources manages over 520,000 acres across the State. The properties are managed by a variety of divisions (Fish and Wildlife, Nature Preserves, Outdoor Recreation, State Parks, and Forestry) and each division manages based upon their own missions and objectives. The State Forests, which encompasses less than a third of the DNR land base, have been actively managed for over 100 years under a “multi-use, multi-benefit” principle that aims to provide timber production, wildlife habitat, recreation, watershed protection, and the conservation of cultural and natural resources. Today’s forests are the direct result of management practices that have been in place since the first state forest property was acquired in 1903. Unique from other DNR divisions, this multi-use system includes sustainable management and growth of ‘green certified’ timber. Based upon science, this conservation management practice provides combined benefits offered by no other public lands in Indiana. State Forests are the only properties where long term forest and timber management practices occur. Lands located within the Fish and Wildlife Areas, Nature Preserves, Recreation Areas and State Parks do not participate in, or are ‘set aside’ from, commercial timber production management.

More Than 50% of DNR Lands Are Set Aside From Commercial Timber Production

DNR Property	Acres
Fish and Wildlife	148,765
Forestry	158,949
Nature Preserves	21,781
Outdoor Recreation	5,322
State Parks	75,790
Federally Owned Land Managed by INDNR	110,633
Total	521,240

Resource Management at Greene-Sullivan

Another year has passed and we were able to accomplish a lot last year. Amid a cold beginning and an extremely wet spring and early summer, the resource management team here at Greene-Sullivan has been busy. In 2019 a timber sale was marked and sold in Compartment 6, Tract 8. This sale includes a salvage area ahead of the reclamation project, as well as a selectively marked area adjacent to the project. This area will be the next highwall project. Logging operations wrapped up in January from a 2018 sale for the highwall project that began early 2019, and the reclamation work was completed later that fall. Approximately 46,000 trees were planted in the spring of 2019 on the Gambill Lake Project (2017-18). The Narrow Lake project (2018) will be the next area to be planted, followed by the Bucktown West project (2019). These areas are being planted with native hardwood varieties that will offer wildlife, hunting and timber value for generations to come. These projects are completed under the Abandoned Mine Lands Program (AML), which is administered by the Division of Reclamation. Our next harvest is planned for Compartment 7, Tracts 6 and 7.

From the DNR website: *The purpose of the Abandoned Mine Lands Program is to alleviate the safety, health and environmental hazards of past coal mining practices while improving land productivity and enhancing the landscape. The program has been operating since the early 1980s and has reclaimed more than 10,000 acres. The funding for the AML Program is based on a per ton fee paid by active coal operators. 100% of the construction and administrative expenses are reimbursed back to the division of reclamation through annual grants.*

Exotic species are an ongoing concern here at Greene-Sullivan. We have been able to treat more area than last year. We have made use of herbicides as well as mechanical methods to control invasive species. The concentration this year has been on roadsides, select dense patches of invasive plants, and along our trail system. Some of the species that are invading the forest are bush honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle, autumn olive, multiflora rose, burning bush, stilt grass, privet and Japanese knotweed. These exotic invasive species can choke out our native flora. More information on invasive species can be found online at: <http://in.gov/dnr/3123.htm>.



GSSF UPDATE

Camping Fees for 2020

Class C - \$13.00/night

Horse Camp - \$16.00/night

Rent-A-Camp - \$44.80/night

Electric Sites

Sunday-Wednesday - \$23.00/night

Thursday-Saturday - \$30.00/night

Holidays - \$33.00/night

Permits

Annual Horse Tag - \$20.00

Daily Horse Tag - \$5.00

Golden Hoosier Permit - \$25.00

Annual Entrance Permit - \$50.00

Motorized Lake Permit - \$25.00

Non-Motorized Lake Permit - \$5.00



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