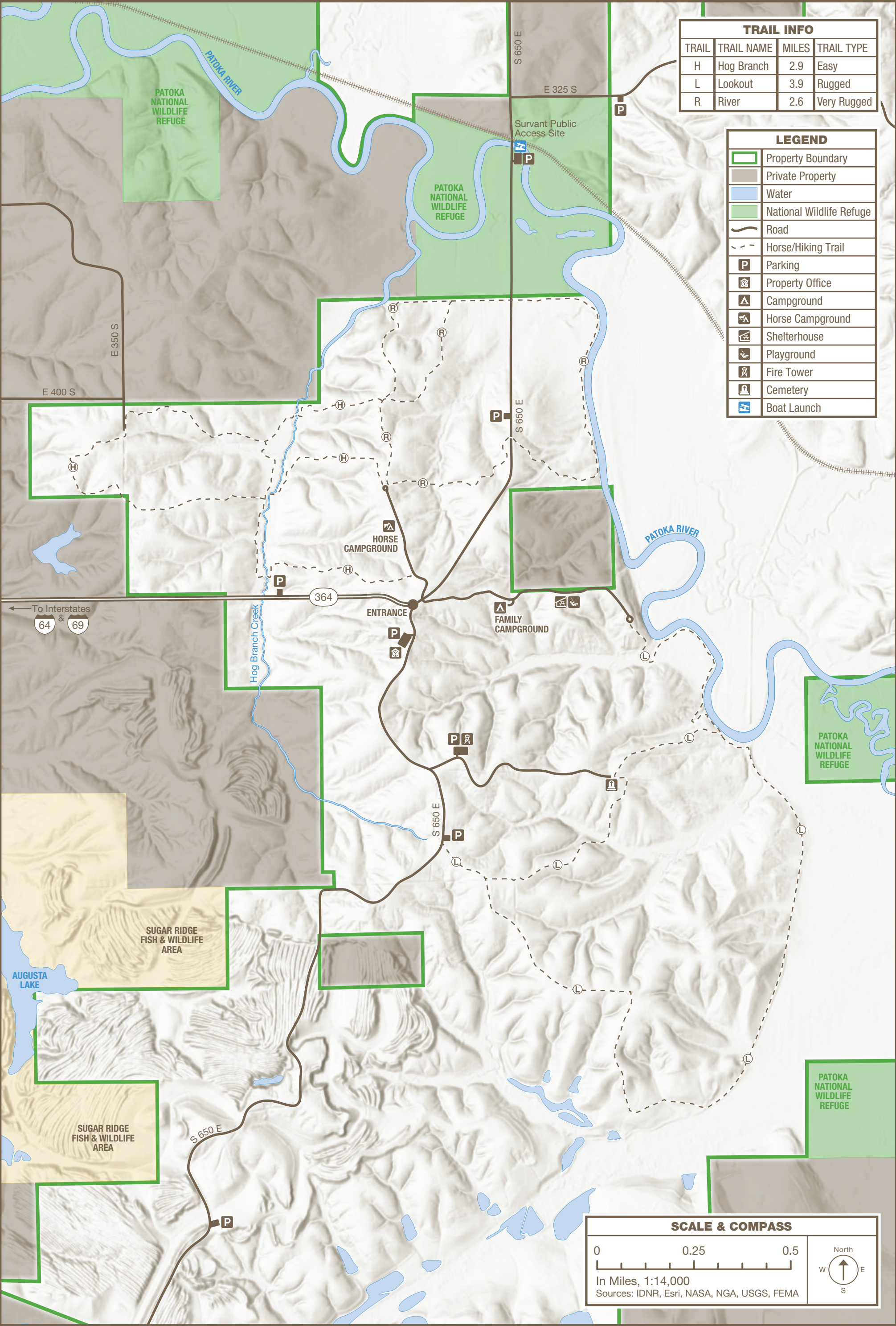


PIKE STATE FOREST

5994 East State Road 364 | Winslow, IN 47598 | 812-827-2857
4,444 Acres | Established 1903 | Managed by Ferdinand State Forest



WELCOME TO PIKE STATE FOREST



OUR STORY

Pike State Forest is located 3.5 miles southeast of the town of Winslow. The forest was originally established in 1934 with much of the development owed to the assistance of the Civilian Conservation Corps program. Most of the property buildings were constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) using material cut from local timber stands. Today the forest encompasses more than 4,000 acres with a mix of wooded and open landscape.

Visitors may encounter evidence of previous land use, such as coal mining, old homesteads, and pine trees that were planted for erosion control on old eroded fields. The property includes more than eight miles of multiple-use trails, firelanes available for hiking, hunting areas, a picnic shelter, a playground, and two campgrounds.



ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES



CAMPING: Primitive camping available for a fee and on a first-come, first-served basis; self-registration required. Pit toilets and seasonal drinking water are available, and there is a picnic table and grill located on each site. Horseman's Campground available for those who bring their own horses.



FISHING: The Patoka River is accessible for fishing. Valid Indiana fishing license required.



HIKING: Several miles of easy-to-moderate trails. Shared with horse riders.



HORSE RIDING: Horse riders on DNR properties must purchase and carry a \$5 daily horse tag or a \$20 annual horse tag. Both are available at the property office.



HUNTING: White-tailed deer, turkey, squirrel, fox, and raccoon hunting available. Valid hunting license required. Hunting and trapping regulations can be found in the DNR Hunting and Trapping Guide or at on.IN.gov/huntingguide.



PICNIC AREA: Picnic tables and grills available for day use. A picnic shelter and playground are also available.



HORSE/HIKING TRAILS

Riding horses on state property requires a daily or annual horse tag. Tags can be purchased at the property office during business hours.

Hikers and horseback riders are advised to wear hunter orange or other bright clothing while on trails during hunting season.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Hog Branch	2.9 mi.	Easy-Moderate

This trail takes you along stream bottoms and uplands and contains a mix of terrain. It traverses old pine plantations and old field areas that were in agriculture before the land became State Forest. There are some flat and some hilly areas, but there is typically no flooding along this trail. You will get your feet wet crossing Hog Branch after a rain.

Lookout	3.9 mi.	Easy-Moderate
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This trail traverses some of the most scenic parts of the forest, offering good views of the hilly terrain characteristic of pre-mining Pike County topography. Encounter unique plants more typical of the Southern states at the northern extent of their range. The trail takes you through a mix of upland and bottomland ecosystems, including some steep hills, while flat areas of the trail near the river can flood seasonally.

River	2.6 mi.	Easy-Moderate
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This trail winds through upland forest then runs along the Patoka River through a floodplain forest of mixed bottomland hardwoods, offering good views of the river and bottomland ecosystems. It passes through some large pine openings that were conducted as part of a timber harvest in 2015. These young forest areas provide good early successional habitat for wildlife such as woodcock and whip-poor-wills. Flat areas of the trail near the river can flood seasonally.

PLEASE STAY ON
MARKED TRAILS.



DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

- Find more DNR properties at on.IN.gov/recfinder.

INTERLAKE OFF-ROAD STATE RECREATION AREA

Mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, wildlife watching, fishing, dog training, trapping, shelterhouses, boat launch, boating

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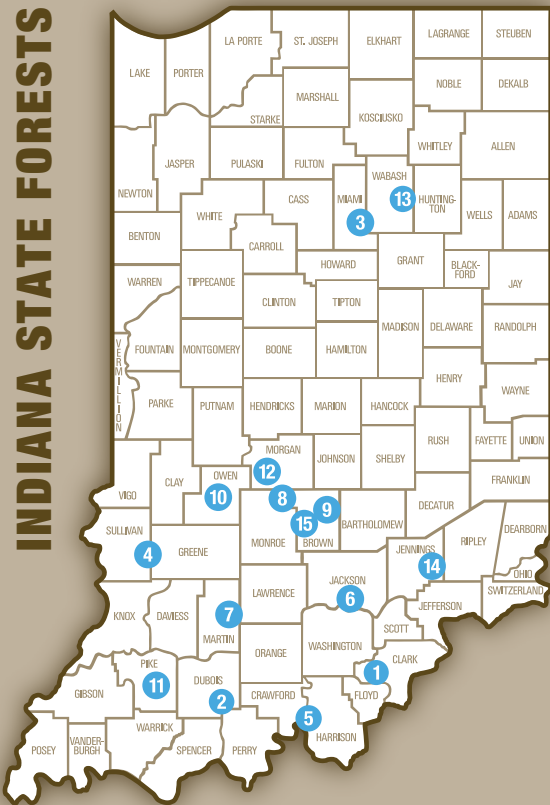
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HORSEBACK RULES & ETIQUETTE

- A DNR Horse Tag is required for each horse.
- One horse trailer is permitted per campsite.
- Horses must be tied to hitching rails in the Horse Campground. Tying to trees or spigot lines, or setting up corrals or electric fences is prohibited.
- Owners of unruly and disruptive animals that pose a safety hazard may be asked to remove such animals from the property without refund.
- Horseback riding is prohibited on all forest roads/roadsides unless it is a horse trail. Roads in the Horse Campground are an exception.
- Wagons and buggies are prohibited from using forest roads and trails.
- Horses are prohibited in the family campground, picnic areas, 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 of all manure, hay, and bedding before leaving. Manure bins are located throughout the campground.

INDIANA STATE FORESTS



- Clark
- Ferdinand
- Frances Slocum
- Greene-Sullivan
- Harrison-Crawford
- Jackson-Washington
- Martin
- Morgan-Monroe
- Mountain Tea
- Owen-Putnam
- Pike
- Ravinia
- Salamonie River
- Selmier
- Yellowwood

STATE FOREST MISSION

To manage, protect and conserve the timber, water, wildlife, soil and related forest resources for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, and to demonstrate proper forest management to Indiana landowners.

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