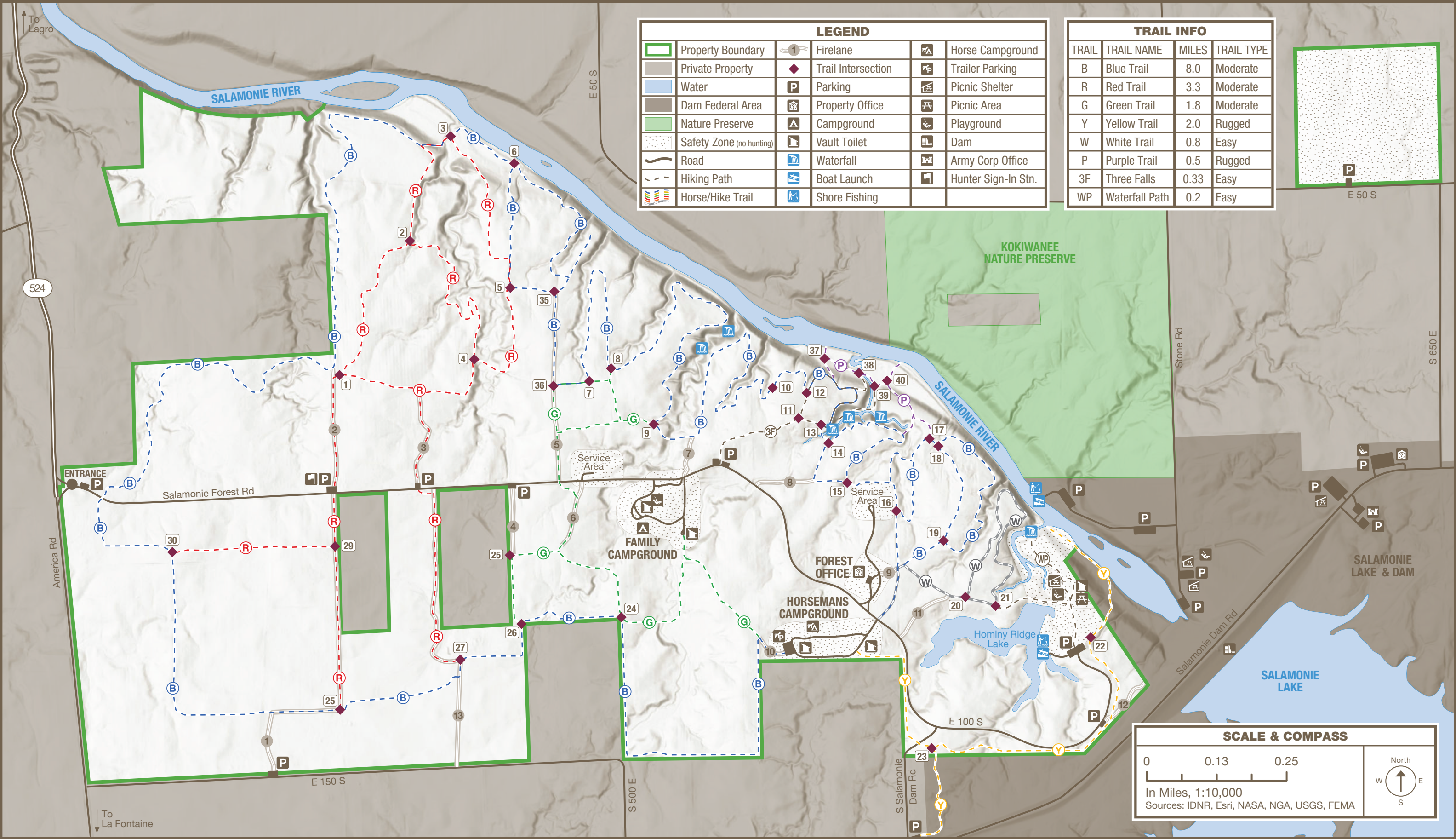


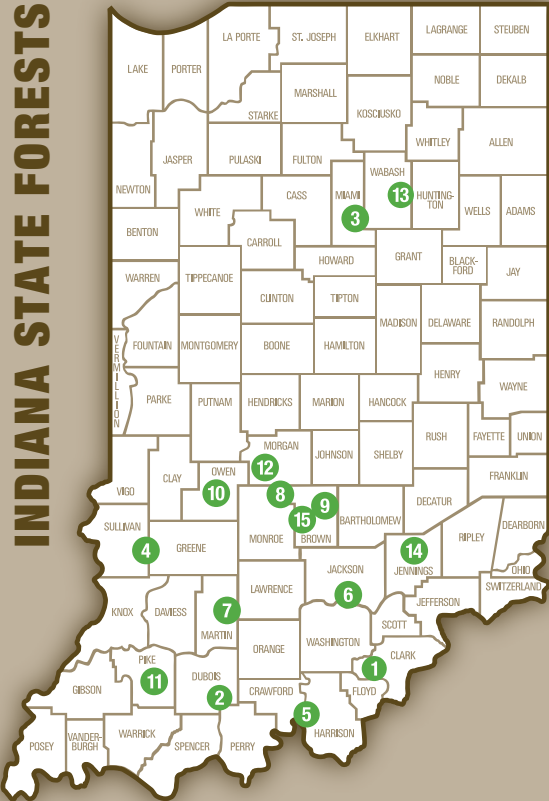
SALAMONIE RIVER STATE FOREST

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954 Acres | Established 1939



WELCOME TO SALAMONIE RIVER STATE FOREST

INDIANA STATE FORESTS



1. Clark

2. Ferdinand

3. Frances Slocum

4. Greene-Sullivan

5. Harrison-Crawford

6. Jackson-Washington

7. Martin

8. Morgan-Monroe

9. Mountain Tea

10. Owen-Putnam

11. Pike

12. Ravinia

13. Salamonie River

14. Selmier

15. Yellowwood

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Please carry out all trash you produce to help keep the property clean and beautiful for all to enjoy!

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 **CAMPING:** Primitive family campground with playground and vault toilets. Primitive horseman's campground with hitching rails on each site for those camping with horses. All campers must register upon arrival to the forest. Self check-in stations are located at the entrance to each campground.

 **FISHING:** Available in Hominy Ridge Lake, which contains largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, and catfish. The forest also provides access to the Salamonie River, which offers opportunities to catch largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, catfish, smallmouth bass, and walleye.

 **HIKING:** A cascading waterfall is just a short hike from the shelter house. The Three Falls Trail near the primitive campground is a 0.33-mile trail leading to an area with a trio of waterfalls in close proximity. Hiking is also allowed on the 9 miles of fire trails. Hikers are advised to wear hunter orange or other bright clothing while on the trails during hunting season in late fall.

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 **SHELTER HOUSE:** Close to Hominy Ridge Lake

HORSE TRAILS



PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.



Short trail leaves from shelter house and heads north to waterfall.

WP, Waterfall Path

0.2 mi.

Easy

This short trail provides hikers with a scenic view of multiple waterfalls and rock overhangs.

3F, Three Falls Trail

0.33 mi.

Easy

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION

DISTANCE

DIFFICULTY

HIKING TRAILS



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Provides access downslope to the base of two waterfalls and the Salamonie River.

W, White Trail

0.8 mi.

White

Begins next to the forest office and meanders east, with views of Hominy Ridge Lake and the Salamonie River.

P, Purple Trail

0.5 mi.

Purple

Provides access downslope to the base of two waterfalls and the Salamonie River.

Y, Yellow Trail

2.0 mi.

Yellow

Provides riders from outside the forest access to the trail system. The east arm ends at a scenic view of a waterfall.

G, Green Trail

1.8 mi.

Green

This alternate trail provides a shorter route back to the horse camp from the Blue Trail. It offers views of the pine stands and an oak plantation.

R, Red Trail

3.3 mi.

Red

This connecting trail meanders through stands of hardwoods, conifers and open fields.

B, Blue Trail

8.0 mi.

Blue

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COLOR



Look for these icons on the map.

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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/roadside unless it is a horse trail. Roads in the Horse Campground are an exception.



Wagons and buggies are prohibited from using firelanes and trails.



Horses are prohibited in the family campground, picnic areas, and forest office/service area.



Please be courteous to other riders and hikers.



Clean your campsite of all manure, hay, and bedding before leaving. Manure bins are located throughout the campground.

The name Salamonie is said to be derived from the Native American word “O-sah-mo-nee,” which means “yellow paint.” Native Americans made yellow paint from the bloodroot plant, which grew in great abundance along the winding banks of the river. Salamonie River State Forest was created as a demonstration riverside forest for the reclamation of eroded land. In the mid 1930s, local people assisted the state in purchasing the hilly land and bluffs along the river. Most of the land's topsoil had eroded away, making reclamation of the area a major challenge.

To reclaim the land, a 200-member Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp was created. The CCC designed and planned the forest and recreation facilities and opened a stone quarry. Several hundred acres of land were reforested. Many recreation facilities were built, including Hominy Ridge Lake and the large stone shelter house nearby.

Since then, funds from Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust have been used to purchase additional acreage. Today, the forest encompasses 954 acres offering many recreational opportunities.