**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- No person shall conduct or participate in a fishing tournament or contest without permission granted by the Division of State Parks without a proper license.
- No person shall launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or associated boating device, equipment, or preserved periods and at sites designated by the DNR for those purposes.
- No person shall leave a watercraft unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, or paint gun may not be unloaded or un-nocked, unless hunters are fishing. The DNR is designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to manage these lands for water supply, recreation, wildlife management, and fish and game management.
- Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and damage natural habitats. Vegetation, if any, which is used to feed animals may not be removed, which will damage the natural habitat.
- Pedestrian beaches are provided for swimming and picnicking, while boat ramps provide alternative means of accessing the lake.
- **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.

  **Call:** 1-866-6cAMPIN (1-866-622-6746)

  **Online:** camp.in.gov

  Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and primitive camps can be made online or by calling toll-free.

  **Call:** 1-877-lodges (1-877-563-4371)

  **Online:** IndianaInns.com

  **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

  **Write:** Patoka Lake

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  **Benton, IN 47613**

  **Call:** (812) 685-2464

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Pataoka Lake, the second-largest reservoir in the state, is located in Dubois, Crawford and Orange counties in southern Indiana on the Patoka River. Patoka Lake is accessed from State Road 164 along the southern edge of the property. State Road 145 runs north and south along the eastern edge of the lake, and State Road 56, on the northern edge of the lake.

The purchase area of the Hoosier National Forest is across the bridge at Poseyville. The surrounding area of the lake consists of rolling topography, heavily wooded sections and deep draws and has retained a rustic and rural appearance. During their annual migration, birds travel through the dense forests that served as the first roads of early settlers. A famous resort hotel located in French Lick established in the 1800s gained international recognition as a health resort primarily due to the mineral springs in the area.

Numerous caves lie to the east of Patoka Lake, the second-largest reservoir in the state. Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

- **Ferdinand State Park**-boating ramps, boat rental, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, group camp, mountain biking, playsports area, picnic area, shelter house, swimming beach, trapping
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**Bridges**

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**Beach—Swimming is enjoyable during peak summer months.**

**Hiking Trails**

- **Totem Rock**-geology, rock overhangs, ferns and pines sound inviting. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes, but is hilly. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes, but is hilly. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes, but is hilly.

**HINTING**

- **-gun, bow and arrow**
- **-paint gun**
- **-un-nocked**
- **-cleaning**
- **-loading**

**The Nature Center**

- **Stewart SRA, the Nature Center is open year-round.**
- **Visitors enjoy walking to Totem Rock, a large rock shelter and rock overhangs, ferns and pines sound inviting. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes, but is hilly. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes, but is hilly. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes, but is hilly.**
- **Demonstrations include food plots, protective cover and rock overhangs, ferns and pines sound inviting.**
- **A loop trail beginning at the Nature Center. Illustrates habitat requirements of wildlife as well as wildlife.**

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- **Please carry out trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!**
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