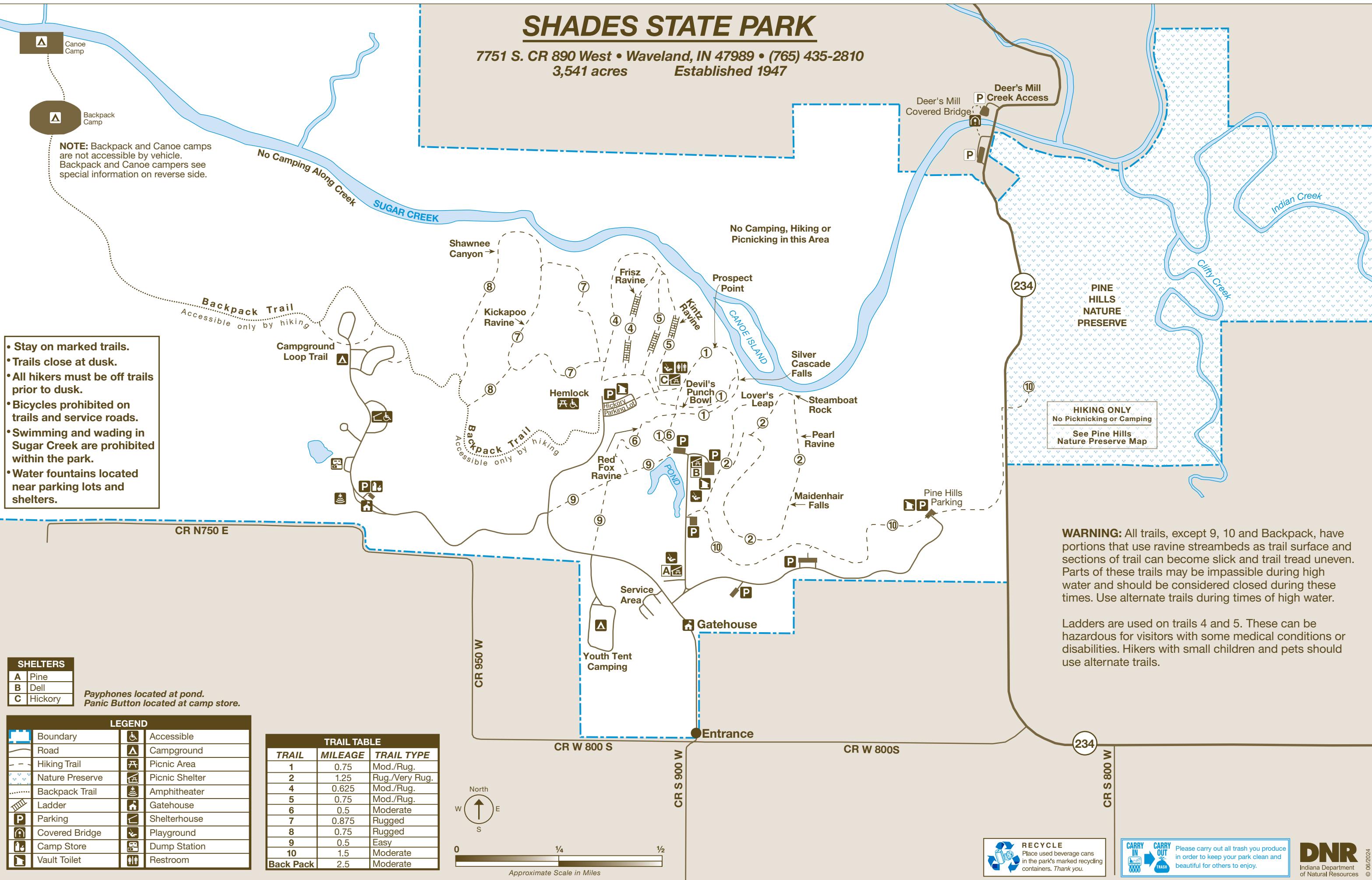


SHADES STATE PARK

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3,541 acres Established 1947



that contributed to the gloomy name claimed that a young settler's wife buried an axe in her wicked husband's head. Finally the "Shades of Death" name, considered unsavory, was dropped to simply "The Shades." These examples of the legends and folklore of the area are often topics at campfires.

The results of a government survey of 1815 noted as landmarks a series of natural springs in a ravine area that played an important part in the history of Shades. In 1886, the Garland Dells Mineral Springs Association was organized and land was purchased and rented to develop a health resort and recreation area named "The Shades." In 1887 a 40-room inn was built on the location of the shelter house near Devil's Punchbowl (this inn has since been razed because of fire damage and maintenance costs).

The person who had been named the "Father of Shades," Joseph W. Frisz, purchased stock in the Dells Mineral Springs Association in 1909 and gained complete control in 1916 of this Association. Frisz safeguarded the natural areas and dense forests, while purchasing additional tracts of land, until the late 1930s. Shades scenic park comprised 2,200 acres. The park boasted the scenic inn set in a grove of mature oak trees, hiking trails, swimming, fishing and natural spring water.

In early 1947, the park was purchased from Frisz's heirs by a holding company until a public subscription campaign ("Save the Shades") raised the purchase money. Shades became the 15th state park and was hence saved from the timber cutters, who would have used the majority of the oak timber for whiskey barrels.

BECOME A PARK VOLUNTEER

Join the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades state parks. For Friends Group information visit the DNR website at: stateparks.IN.gov/2442.htm

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

- Raccoon Lake/ Cecil M. Harden Lake**-archery range, boating, boat ramps, camping, fishing, fishing pier, youth tent areas, hiking trails, hunting, seasonal interpretive service, picnic area, play/sports area, boat rental
- Turkey Run State Park**-cabins, camping, fishing, hiking trails, historic features, Inn & restaurant, interpretive services & center, picnic area, play/sports area, saddle barn, shelter house, swimming pool, youth tent
- Big Walnut- Tall Timbers Trail Nature Preserve**-hiking trails, parking

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING—Non-electric campground is equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers; no modern hookups; occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reserve through the Central Reservation System. Backpack and canoe camping is available year-round. Reservations can be made. Inquire at gatehouse or park office.

FISHING—Bass, bluegill, etc. State fishing license required.

HIKING—Approximately 10 miles of easy to rugged trails. Some hiking trails have ladders and are difficult to achieve with small children and pets.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Seasonal. Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (765) 597-2654.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, playfields and shelters. Reservations for shelters available through the Central Reservation System.

DEER'S MILL COVERED BRIDGE AREA—Located on S.R. 234, is maintained as an access to Sugar Creek for canoeists. Due to limited parking and congestion, vehicles parked in unauthorized spaces or left after 11 p.m. are subject to tow at owner's expense.

SWIMMING is PROHIBITED

Sugar Creek is extremely hazardous.

For a list of park events, visit interpretiveservices.IN.gov

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, fossils, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood because they rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocted and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. No youth groups are permitted in the family campground.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day-use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to places and times designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the front gate.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadways. Snowmobiles and off-road vehicles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Park closes from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. No one is allowed in the park between these hours except for campers using their sites.

For a complete list of rules and regulations, visit the property office or go online at:

on.IN.gov/INStateParksRules

Please let wild animals remain wild.

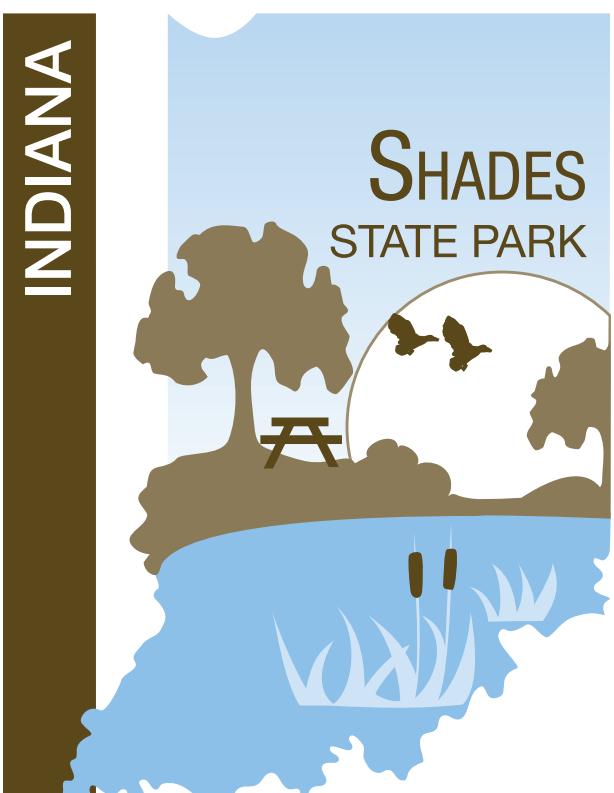
Feeding wildlife is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 1	.75 mi.	Mod./Rug.
Begins at Devil's Punchbowl, lower portion travels through ravine creek bed to Silver Cascade waterfalls. This portion involves steps and hiking in the creek bed. Upper trail portion begins at steps from ravine and goes to Inspiration and Prospect points.		
Trail 2	1.25 mi.	Rug./Very Rug.
Begins at trail to Lover's Leap with views of Sugar Creek, upland woods and ravines. Lower portion goes down Steamboat Rock stairs and continues up Pearl Ravine streambed. May be impassable during high water.		
Trail 4	.625 mi.	Mod./Rug.
Begins at west end of large parking lot with steep climbs through Frisz Ravine with tall beech, oak and tulip trees. This section uses streambed with steps and ladders and is rated rugged. Portions of trail may be impassable during high water.		
Trail 5	.75 mi.	Mod./Rug.
Begins at west end of large parking lot. Upper portion of trail overlooks Frisz and Kintz ravines and involves many steps. Lower portion uses streambed of Kintz Ravine with steps and ladder. Portions of trail may be impassable during high water.		
Trail 6	.5 mi.	Moderate
Begins at pond and travels along Red Fox Ravine.		
Trail 7	.875 mi.	Rugged
Begins at west end of Hickory Parking Lot, travels through stand of mature trees and Kickapoo Ravine. Trail is a loop and has steep climbs. One section uses streambed. Portions may be impassable during high water.		
Trail 8	.75 mi.	Rugged
Begins off Trail 7 and goes through narrow floodplain and through upland forest. Travels through Shawnee Canyon streambed and along Sugar Creek. Hikers must return by Trail 7. May be impassable during high water.		
Trail 9	.5 mi.	Easy
Begins at pond, through wooded, open areas to youth tent and campground roads.		
Trail 10	1.5 mi.	Moderate
Begins at Dell Shelter, leads through successional vegetation and second-growth timber to S.R. 234 and Pine Hills Nature Preserve.		
Backpack Trail	2.5 mi.	Moderate
Begins at west end of Hickory parking lot and extends 2.5 miles through relatively flat terrain and wooded area to the backpack camp. Note that the backpack camp is closed from late October through early April.		

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

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Long before the first settlers came to the area of Shades State Park, Native Americans lived among the virgin forest, steep ravines and cliff areas along Sugar Creek.

The first European settlers came to this area around the late 1820s after the Miami tribe ceded the land to the federal government in 1818. The shallow soils and broken topography of the lands that border Sugar Creek provided little enticement to farmers, thus the majority of the forest escaped destruction.

One story of the area attributes the illusion of deep shadows beneath the nearly unbroken canopy of these forests and the eerie feeling projected by the "black forest" as the reason for the early name, "The Shades of Death." Other people, however, say the name resulted due to the Native Americans who occupied this natural stronghold along Sugar Creek and the legend of an early settler being killed. Another story



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