Conservation in Indiana: A State Parks & Reservoirs Timeline

1825 1830 1835 1840 1845 1850 1855 1860 1865 1870 1875 1880 1885 1890 1895 1900 1905 1910

- 1825-"Boatload of Knowledge" brings noted scientists to New Harmonie for research
- 1837-General Assembly creates Indiana Geological Survey
- 1850's-Seasons closed on deer, turkey, quail; fines $1 for quail & $10 for deer
- 1870-$100 appropriated for first exhibit of birds & mammals
- 1879-State geologist position changed; responsibilities added; budget cut by1/3
- 1901-First hunting licenses issued
- 1908-Conf. of Governors with Teddy Roosevelt launches conservation movement in IN
- 1909-Charles Deam named state forester
- 1910-Lieber visits Brown Co. for first time

1915 1920 1925 1930 1935

- 1916-McCormick's Creek becomes first state park; Turkey Run is second
- 1918-Canyon Inn opens
- 1919-Dept. of Conservation created with Col. Lieber as director; Turkey Run Inn opens
- 1920-Clifty Falls opens
- 1921-Muscatatuck opens (later returned to Jennings Co.)
- 1923-Lucy Pitschler-first naturalist at McCormick's Creek
- 1924 Clifty Inn opens
- 1925-Pokagon and In. Dunes open
- 1927-Spring Mill opens; Potawatomi Inn opens; first Chief Naturalist
- 1929-Brown Co. & Shakamak added as state parks
- 1930-Mounds, formerly an amusement park, opens
- 1931-Bass Lake opens
- 1932-Mill at Spring Mill resumes operation; Lincoln and Abe Martin Lodge open
- 1933-Col. Lieber resigns after dept. reorganization
- 1934-Outdoor IN begins
- 1930's-CCC leaves mark on state properties

1940 1945 1950 1955 1960 1965

- 1937-Pitman Robertson Act provides federal funds for wildlife
- 1939-Spring Mill Inn opens; last inn built!
- 1943-Tippecanoe & Versailles acquired from NPS
- 1947-Shades State Park opens
- 1949-Whitewater dedicated as a living memorial to WW2 vets
- 1950- Dingell-Johnson Act provides funds for fisheries
- 1951-First legal deer hunt
- 1953-Cagles Mill Lake completed; operated by the Division of Forestry.
- 1956-Cagles Mill(Lieber) transferred to Parks
- 1957-State Parks & Lands & Waters becomes Div. of State Parks
- 1960-Mansfield(Raccoon) Lake operated by Parks; Chain O'Lakes opens
- 1962-Wells Co. Game Farm becomes Ouabache State Park
- 1965-Dept. of Conservation reorganized as DNR
- 1966-Harmonie opens; Monroe Lake SRA's managed by State Parks; wildlife areas by Fish & Wildlife
- 1967-Salamonie Lake opens
- 1968-Division of Reservoir Mgmt. created; Mississinewa Lake opens

1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005

- 1970-Huntington Lake (now J. Edward Roush) opens
- 1971-Property Manager's Act
- 1973-Hardy Lake opens; Tornado destroys Clifty Inn
- 1975-Brookville Lake opens
- 1976-Potato Creek State Park opens
- 1978-Cultural Arts begin
- 1979-Raccoon transferred to Reservoirs; first reservoir interpreter hired
- 1980-Patoka Lake opens
- 1988-Summit Lake and Falls of the Ohio State Park open
- 1993-First deer reduction in a state park
- 1995-Ft. Harrison and The Garrison open; Charlestown State Park opens
- 1996-Div. of State Parks & Division of Reservoir Mgmt. merge
- 1997-The Fort Golf Course opens
- 2003-Interpretive Services celebrate 80 yrs
- 2004-Prophetstown State Park opens
- 2005- O'Bannon Woods State Park opens

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