OVERNIGHT SHELTERS

Five overnight shelters are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Shelters were scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most improved.

Old Barn Shelter (1)
- roof, three walls, dirt floor
- This shelter is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the Rock Creek Trail Head parking lot on the AHT.

Pioneer Picnic Shelter (2)
- open air with roof
- This shelter is easily accessible from the main O'Bannon Woods State Park Road

Homestead Overnight Shelter (4)
- wooden floor, three walls, and a roof

Indian Creek Shelter (4)
- wooden floor, three walls, and a roof
- This shelter, located on the bluffs above Indian Creek boasts a spectacular view.

Ohio River Shelter (5)
- fully enclosed with wooden floor, windows, door, and a roof

Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful.
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Adventure Hiking Trail (AHT) route is marked at intervals with green and white blazes on trees, 4x4 posts, or Carsonite posts. Hiking the entire 25-mile trail generally takes 2 ½ to 3 days and should be attempted only by hikers in good physical condition with the necessary knowledge and equipment. Due to the karst landscape of the area, water is frequently scarce. Plan to carry water or pick locations along the trail where water can be obtained and stored while hiking. Water is available at the O’Bannon Woods State Park campground turnaround.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Hikers planning overnight trips on the AHT should register at either the State Park gatehouse or at the State Park property office. Additional camping and trail information may also be obtained at these locations. Primitive camping along the AHT is allowed as long as the campsite is at least one mile from any main road and out of sight of the trail (but close enough to be considered along the trail).

ROADWAY ACCESS

• SR-462 north of Feller Rd (Rock Creek Trail Head Parking Lot)
• SR-462 just south of the intersection of SR-462 and Old Forest Rd
• Old Forest Rd halfway between Kintner Rd and Feller Rd
• Cold Friday Rd roughly 4.5 miles south of Old Forest Rd
• Main State Park Rd (Pioneer Picnic Shelter)

THE DESCHAMP HOMESITE ON FRENCH HILL

This homestead was built some time after 1855 and was owned by the Deschamp family into the early 1900s. Over 100 years later the homestead’s chimney is still standing at what is now the Homestead Overnight Shelter.

ABOUT HARRISON-CRAWFORD STATE FOREST

The State Forest was established in 1932 with a purchase of approximately 3,600 acres the first year. The State Forest grew as the state purchased additional acreage and now encompasses 24,000 acres in Harrison and Crawford counties. The forest is managed through a multiple-use approach. This management technique includes timber harvesting, wildlife, karst, watershed, and recreation management. You may occasionally observe permanent wildlife openings which are created to diversify and enhance habitat. Through multiple-use the State Forest is able to conserve and protect Indiana’s natural resources.

HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

• Build fires only in designated areas.
• Be sure to properly dispose of all smoking materials.
• Report any violation of fire regulations to park officials at once.
• Leave only footprints. Take only memories.

Please let wild animals remain wild.
Feeding deer 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.

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

ADVENTURE HIKING TRAIL

The Adventure Hiking Trail runs through O’Bannon Woods State Park and Harrison-Crawford State Forest. This 25-mile trail is a National Recreation Trail, it is one of Indiana’s longest and most interesting backpacking experiences. It is also part of the American Discovery Trail. Natural escarpments overlook Indian Creek, Blue River, and the Ohio River. In addition, the karst landscape, including caves and sinkholes, and a diverse array of native vegetation and wildlife all contribute to the hiker’s enjoyment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: O’Bannon Woods State Park
7234 Old Forest Rd SW
Corydon, IN 47112
Call: 812-468-2125
Online: stateparks.IN.gov/2976.htm

Write: Harrison-Crawford State Forest
7240 Old Forest Rd SW
Corydon, IN 47112
Call: 812-738-7694

For info regarding potential closures please call the State Forest office at 812-738-7694.

POTENTIAL CLOSURES

Because Harrison-Crawford State Forest is a multiple-use property the AHT could be temporarily rerouted due to trail improvement or forest management activities. As a result this map and the trail may differ. Generally, closures are posted at the location and reroutes are flagged with pink and black striped flagging. The trail will be returned to its original location when activities are completed.

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