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Places of Interest

Hoosier National Forest

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This overview includes some of the most popular sites on the Hoosier National Forest. More detailed information is available on many of these sites. Contact our offices or check our website for more information.

Brooks Cabin

This 1890's restored cabin now serves as an information center for the Charles C. Deam Wilderness. The cabin is open with limited hours during the summer season. (Map Key #2)

Buffalo Trace

An historic pathway used by buffalo migrating from the Falls of the Ohio River near Louisville to Vincennes where they crossed into the Illinois prairie. (Remnants are Forest-wide)

Buzzard Roost

Scenic views from a high bluff and a trail along the Ohio River. (Map Key #1)

Charles C. Deam Wilderness

The 13,000-acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness is managed to preserve a natural condition and provide opportunities for solitude. Use is restricted to those activities which are compatible with the natural character of the area. (Map Key #2)

Clover Lick Barrens

This is one of several barrens communities on the Forest. Barrens have shallow soils with rock outcrops and appear prairie-like in places. Home to many rare species, the barrens are fire-dependant and are burned periodically to maintain their unique ecosystems. (Map Key #8)

Hemlock Cliffs

This box-shaped canyon has sandstone formations, seasonal waterfalls, unique plant species, and a large rock shelter. (Map Key #5)

Hickory Ridge Fire Lookout Tower

This is last remaining fire tower on the Hoosier. It was built in 1939 by the Civilian Conservation Corps and used until the 1970's. Open to the public, a climb to the top of the tower offers a panoramic view of the Charles C. Deam Wilderness. (Map Key #2)

Initial Point

This surveying point represents the intersection of the Base Line with the 2nd Principal Meridian and is the starting point from which all of Indiana was surveyed. (Map Key #11)

Lick Creek African American Settlement

This African-American settlement thrived between 1815 and 1900. Census records show that in 1860 more than 260 blacks lived in the area. Today, the area is part of the Hoosier and only the cemetery remains. (Map Key #4)

Mano Point

Once a prehistoric village, this site provides boat access along the Ohio River. (Map Key 8)

Orienteering

In cooperation with local groups, an orienteering course was established near Story, Indiana. Maps of the course are availabe online or at our office. The course includes 25 markers that can be located in various order. Be aware that this area is not regularly maintained. (Key #9)

Pioneer Mothers Memorial Forest

This 88-acre Research Natural Area is the last virgin area of its size left in Indiana. The site has been virtually undisturbed since 1816. In addition to large old-growth trees, an important archaeological site is also located in the vicinity. (Map Key #3)

Rickenbaugh House

On the banks of Celina Lake is a sandstone house built in 1874. The house was built by Belgium stone masons for Jacob Rickenbaugh, a local tanner and farmer. The house also served as the local post office and church meeting house. The house is now partly restored and regularly open to the public. It is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. (Map Key #6)

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Wesley Chapel Gulf

This National Natural Landmark is an 8-acre collapsed sinkhole with an alluvial floor which provides a window to the underground river system. (Map Key #12)

Sundance Lake

Sundance Lake is a 5-acre lake south of Brown County State Park. It is a beautiful lake with accessible fishing piers. (Map Key #7)

Watchable Wildlife Sites

These sites identify different plant and animal communities, each are home to a diverse number of wildlife species. Five official sites are on the Hoosier: Maines Pond, Paw Paw Patch, Indian/Celina Lake, Buzzard Roost, and Little Blue River.

Map Information

A separate map information sheet explains what maps are available and how to order maps from the Hoosier.

Recreation information is included on these maps. The large Forest visitor map sells for $10.



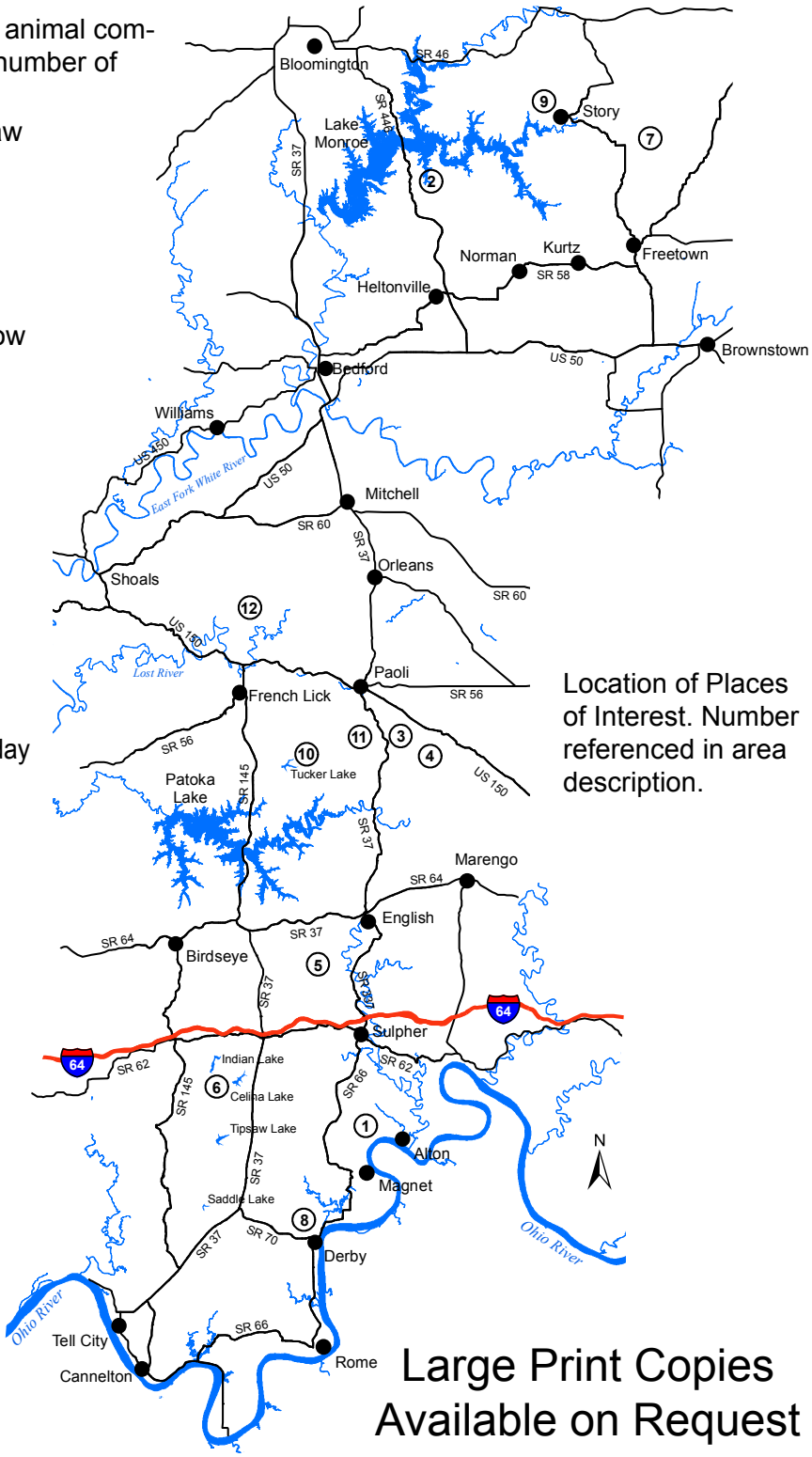
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