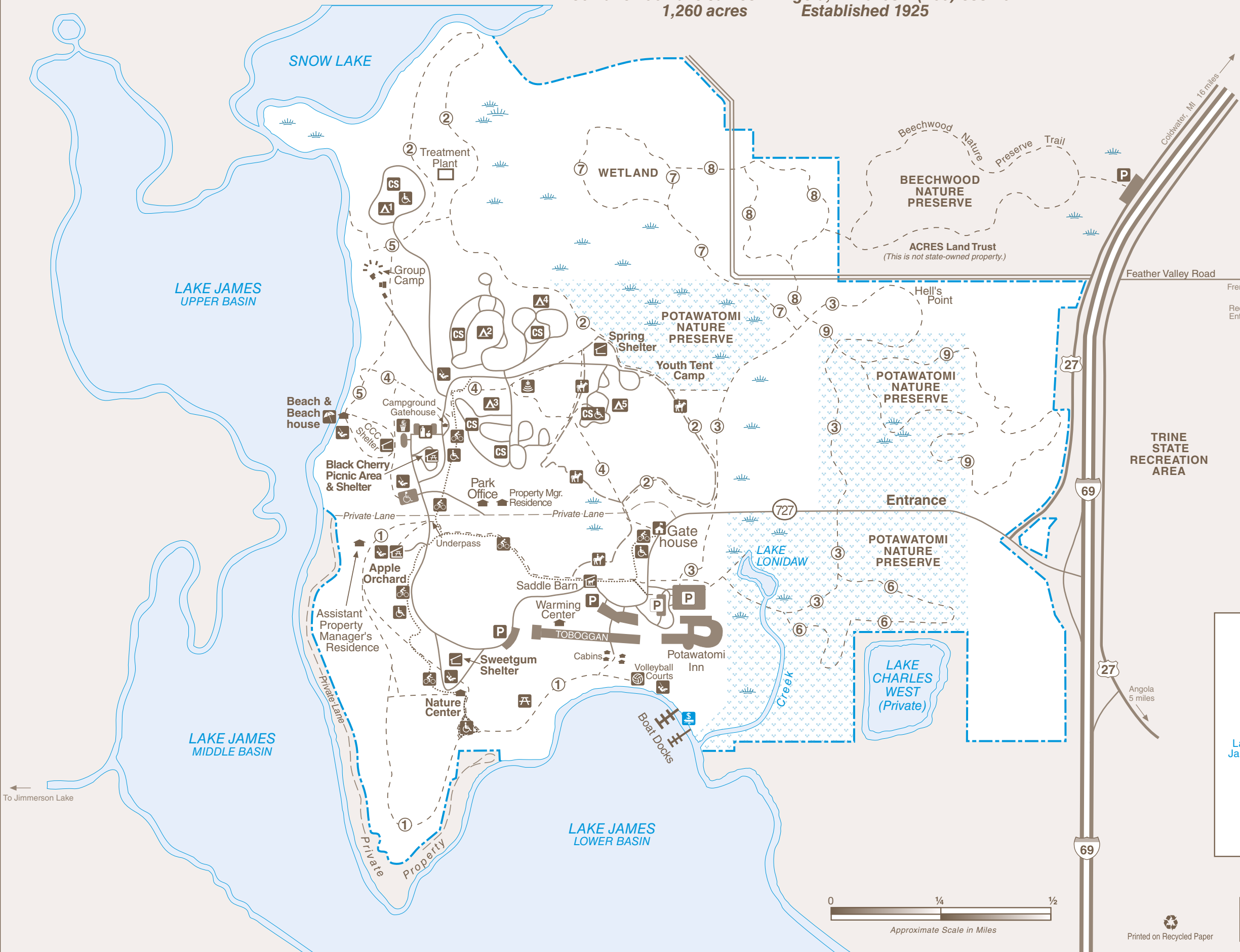


POKAGON STATE PARK

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1,260 acres
Established 1925

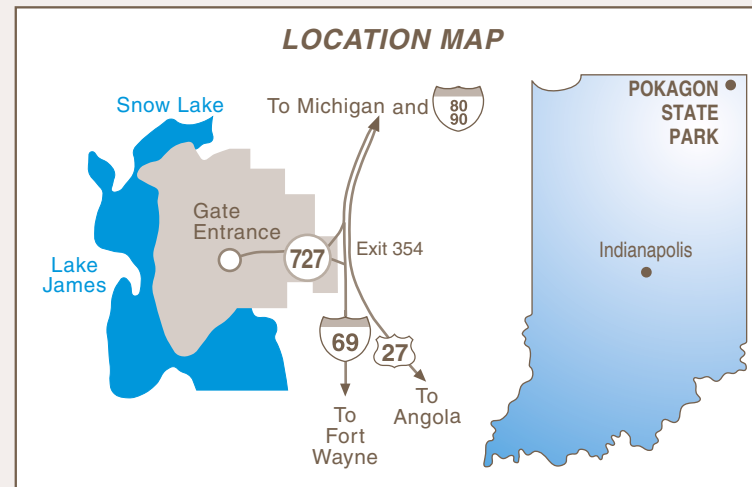


Beechwood Nature Preserve - Along the east edge of the park, Trail 8 crosses the border and enters the 89-acre, Beechwood Nature Preserve, a unit of the ACRES Land Trust. A 1.5-mile loop continues over rolling hills of old meadows now sporting thickets of gray dogwoods and remnants of an old apple orchard. From the loop, a short section of the trail continues to the Beechwood parking lot at State Road 127. A boardwalk traverses a lowland swamp, featuring rare yellow birch, red maple, blue beech and skunk cabbage.

TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	2	Moderate
2	2.2	Moderate
3	2.2	Moderate
4	1.4	Easy
5	.7	Easy
6	.7	Moderate
7	1.8	Moderate
8	1	Moderate
9	1.7	Rugged



LEGEND	
	Boundary
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Bike Trail
	Horse Trail
	Marsh
	Nature Preserve
	Parking
	Gatehouse
	Comfort Station
	Accessible
	Campground
	Playground
	Camp Store
	Shelter
	Picnic Shelter
	Amphitheater
	Beach
	Volleyball Pit
	Basketball Court



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- **Olin Lake Nature Preserve**—parking, hiking trails watching areas, fishing, hunting, target ranges, trapping, wildlife
- **Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area**—archery range, boating, boat ramps, camping, dog training beautiful formal gardens.
- **Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site**—Author, photographer, naturalist and entrepreneur Gene Stratton-Porter was a woman ahead of her time. Her Cabin at Wildflower Woods is nestled on the shores of Sylvan Lake amongst 148 acres of fields, woods, and

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

Visitors shall observe the following rules, which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the public's use and enjoyment.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

Take time to explore and enjoy this ice age legacy. woodlands, pine groves, old fields, and meadowlands. Including lakes, marshes, fens, swamps, deciduous small, Pokagon has a tremendous variety of ecotypes, you may expect to find farther north. Although relatively For this reason, Pokagon, in many ways, resembles parks topography that they cover, is typical of glaciated regions. The variations of plant and animal species, and the Londan on Trail 3 is a perfect example.

Where sunken blocks of ice broke away as the glaciers melted, sit today's kettle-hole lakes. Lake other county in the state. All are natural and all were There are more lakes in Steuben County than in any the north, which is known as glacial debris or glacial till. are part of the total mass of earth brought down from from nowhere. These are known as glacial erratics. They piles of rocks, and individual rocks, that seemingly came While walking on many of the park trails, you will notice Pokagon State Park.

leave a lasting impression on the face of the lands of of this massive, one-mile thick, ice flow was the last to and has been named the "Wisconsin." The Saginaw lobe That glacier was the last one of four to cover Indiana enjoy today resulted.

melting 10,000 to 15,000 years ago. The landscape we from Canada over northern Indiana. That glacier began thousands of years, it formed an ice sheet that flowed melted in the summer. As an accumulation piled up over 10 degrees cooler, more snow fell in the winter than During an age when the climate was approximately

AN ICE AGE LEGACY

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 1 Trail from Inn past Nature Center to Apple Orchard picnic area through hardwood forest. Crosses road at bridge, continues as the bicycle trail to saddle barn and back to Inn. A good trail for woodland birds and spring flowers.	2.2 mile	Moderate
Trail 2 Begins on main park road near gatehouse, goes through rolling land, past Spring Shelter, through hardwood forest. Terminates at Campground 1.	2.2 miles	Moderate
Trail 3 Interesting trail leading through Potawatomi Nature Preserve, with varied habitats of marsh land, deep hardwood forests, pines and sand hills; panoramic view of area from trail overlook at Hell's Point. Returns to Potawatomi Inn.	2.2 miles	Moderate
Trail 4 Begins near gatehouse (with Trail 2) and extends to Trail 5 through campgrounds near amphitheatre. A variety of habitats is offered in pine trees, hardwood forest and rolling land.	1.4 miles	Easy
Trail 5 Begins near Campground 1 and goes past Group Camp to beach; passes through deep woods; a good trail to observe birds and spring flowers.	.7 miles	Easy
Trail 6 Trail through primitive area, including swamp. Begins and ends on Trail 3. A good trail for observing marshland plants and animals.	.7 miles	Moderate
Trail 7-Bluebird Hills The trail starts just below Hell's Point on Trail 3 and makes a large loop before returning to the starting point. This is mostly open, rolling hills. Grasslands support native prairie plants typical of the land before it was farmed. Restored wetlands among the hills provide homes for many species that prefer this habitat.	1.8 miles	Moderate
Trail 8 Our newest trail leaves Trail 3 just west of Hell's Point and heads north, crosses a county road, and traverses open, rolling hills, which are being managed to return to meadowlands. Future plans will connect trail to the nearby ACRES Land Trust Beechwood Nature Preserve.	1 mile	Moderate
Trail 9 Leaves Trail 3 and goes east through wooded swamps and young forests. Touches the former site of the "Pokagon Motel" on State Road 127, near I-69, passes by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)-built stone dams, and returns to Trail 3.	1.7 miles	Rugged

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

- **BIKE TRAIL**—Accessible (1.6 miles). Connects campgrounds, Nature Center, saddle barn, Inn and park entrances.
- **BOAT RENTALS**—Available at Inn beach summer months. Limited spring and fall hours. No launching facilities for private boats are provided; however, docking slips are available, first-come/first-served.
- **CAMPING**—Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Each site with table and fire ring. Electricity available. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.
- **CAMP STORE**—General store, beach, open seasonally.
- **FISHING**—Bass, bluegill, walleye, crappie, catfish, northern pike, etc. State license required and available at park office.
- **GROUP CAMP**—Capacity 120 in summer, 50 in winter. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.
- **HIKING**—13.7 miles of trails, easy-to-moderate invite you, year-round.
- **HORSES**—Hayrides available. Two-mile bridle trail plus short pony ride. Inquire at saddle barn.
- **INN**—Inn rooms, Inn cabins and an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool and sauna available. Great setting for dinners and banquets. Rates do not include food. Reservations are available through the Inns Reservation System.
- **INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov and by calling (260) 833-2012.
- **NATURE CENTER**—Exhibits on park's natural and cultural history. Woodland window and auditorium. Open daily most of the year.
- **PICNIC AREAS**—Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields.
- **SWIMMING**—Free beach. Beach house and beach open Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day.
- **TOBOGGAN RUN**—1,780-foot refrigerated twin track. Operates weekends, from Thanksgiving weekend through February, with extended holiday hours.
- **WINTER SPORTS**—Sledding, ice skating, cross-country skiing (rental), camping and ice fishing.
- **YOUTH TENT**—Youth tent camping under adult supervision. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

Please let wild animals remain wild. 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.

For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at park office.

- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Metal detectors allowed on main beach between Labor Day and Memorial Day with written permit from property manager.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Water is tested regularly for purity.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Swimming is limited to places and times designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- 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.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places. Fires of age.
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- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision. Each campsite must have one responsible member at least 18 years of age.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Do not injure or damage any structure, 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.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the main office.



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On the shores of Lake James and Snow Lake, amid the rolling hills of Indiana's lake country, Pokagon State Park offers unexcelled opportunities for outdoor recreation during all seasons. In a region where the Potawatomi ruled for many years, the park takes its name "Pokagon" from their last two most notable leaders, Leopold and Simon Pokagon (father and son). By treaty, the Potawatomi transferred to the federal government approximately 1 million acres of land, including the present site of Chicago, at the price of three cents an acre.

The lakes form an attractive background for Pokagon, offering excellent fishing, boating and swimming throughout the summer, and a perfect setting for many winter sports. There are two beaches, 13.7 miles of trails, and ample opportunities to enjoy lake shores, wooded hills, wetlands and open meadows.