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WELCOME TO THE TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK

The Hoosier Hikers host this Seasonal walking event through the Online Start Box from March 1 to November 30, except for three Guided Group Walks during 2026 at this event. Because Tippecanoe River State Park is one of the most serene of Indiana's State Parks throughout the To enter the Park, you will need to pay a gate fee, which is \$7 for Indiana plated vehicles, \$15 for out-of-state plated vehicles and \$2 for entry by cyclists and pedestrians.

Information for the three Guided Group Walks will only be available in local media and through the Hoosier Hiker Facebook page under EVENTS. The link to the Hoosier Hiker Facebook page is Hoosier Hikers, Affiliate of the American Volkssport Association | Facebook.

Three distances are offered (6-K North Loop, 6-K South Loop and 12-K). Both Loops start and finish in the parking area nearest the Nature Center. The written instructions are numbered to coincide with the maps. The 6-K North Loop will take you through the Tippecanoe River Nature Preserve, along the banks of the Tippecanoe River and through hardwood forest. The 6-K South Loop will take you through the forested hollows found in the Southern portion of the Park, where you will encounter a marsh and sand hills. As you do the 6-K South Loop, please exercise caution, as you will make use of dual use trails, which are shared with equestrians. The 12-K route consists of the 6-K North Loop and the 6-K South Loop. It is your choice, as to which Loop to do first and whether you do one Loop twice in lieu of doing both Loops. This event and its routes are sanctioned by the IVV through the AVA and qualify for credit toward IVV achievement awards. The routes may offer the opportunity to receive credit for the following special programs, as indicated:

Walking the USA A-Z (ALL routes)

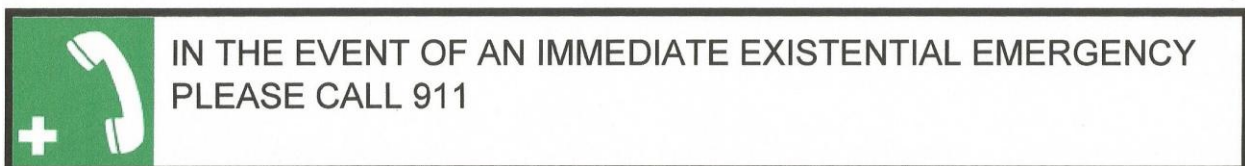
Par-for-the-Course (ALL Routes – This is the playground by the Nature Center)

To begin your adventure, you will need to travel to the Start/Finish Point, which is the parking area nearest the Nature Center. Primary or Alternate Start/Finish Point. Upon entering the Park follow the signage to the Nature Center.

US Highway 35 is a North-South route and the only road leading to, or past, Tippecanoe River State Park. US 35 intersects with Indiana State Route 14 in Winamac, where you will need to Turn Right onto US 35 to head North toward the Park. When you approach the Park, you will see signage directing you to TURN RIGHT to proceed into the Park. US 35 also intersects with US 30 (the Lincoln Highway), where you will need to exit US 30 to proceed in a Southerly direction on US 35 and passing through Knox, Indiana. When you approach the Park, you will see signage directing you to make a LEFT TURN into the Tippecanoe River State Park.

For all events in an Indiana State Park during the year 2026 there is a 2-1/4-inch single die cast medal (the Header) with a scenic photo from an Indiana State Park. To this medal an identifying bar for the park may be attached. The bar may be purchased separately from the header. Events at other state parks will offer other identifying bars. Completion of the event and payment of the registration fee are required to receive the award. The on-site registration cost for the award is \$17 for the award, bar and IVV credit. The on-site

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registration cost for only the bar with IVV credit is \$9.

Because you have registered for the event through the AVA Online Start Box (OSB), the basic registration fee of \$4 will have been paid when you have entered your event completion. The OSB does not collect funds for any awards. So, the cost of the award for someone who registers through the OSB is \$13 for the header and bar, or \$5 for only the bar. If you wish to receive the award, please complete the form below and mail with payment to:

**HOOSIER HIKERS
C/O ROBERT BUZOLICH
1703 E HOWARD ST
SOUTH BEND, IN 46617-1826**

Acceptable payments are checks and money orders payable to **HOOSIER HIKERS. Please do NOT CASH.**

NAME: _____

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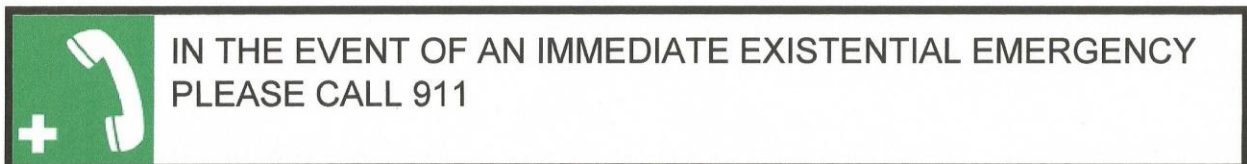
STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____ **COUNTRY:** _____

**I HAVE COMPLETED THE EVENT AT THE TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK (MA26/Y36438490)
AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE):**

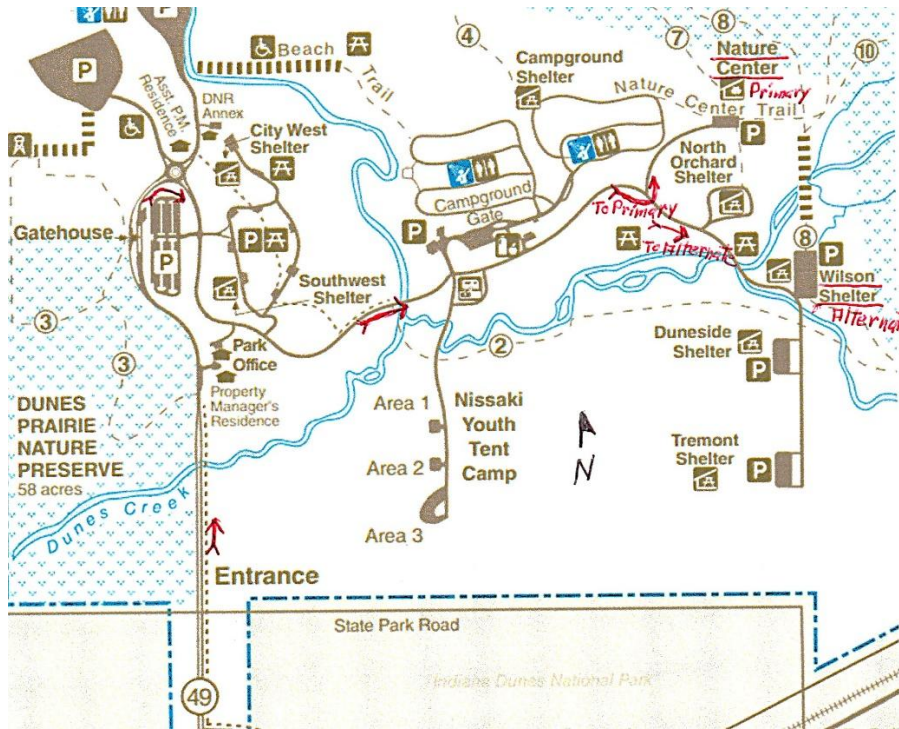
HEADER AND BAR	\$13.00
BAR ONLY	\$ 5.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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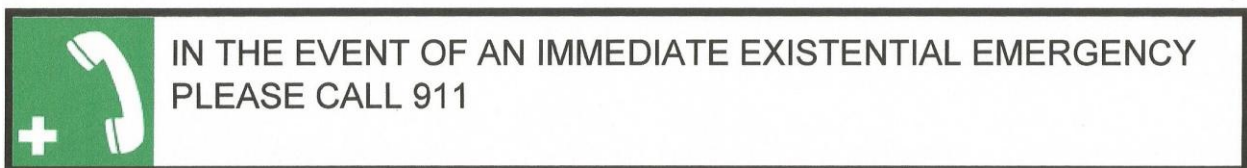
WATER AND RESTROOMS, TO INCLUDE VAULT TOILETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE START/FINISH POINT in the vicinity of the Nature Center, which is open 9 am to 4 pm (Central) daily, except holidays. Additional restrooms and sources of water may be seasonally available along BOTH 6-K Loops. So, plan accordingly.

ON ALL ROUTES SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT. All routes are primarily on improved, natural surface trails with sand and roots and boardwalks, which may be slippery during inclement weather. However, when it is necessary to walk on a street or road, please do so facing approaching traffic. All routes are intersected by roads, which should be crossed cautiously with personal safety in mind by using the available pedestrian crossings. The South Loop makes use of dual use trails, which are shared with equestrians. When encountering equestrians on the trail, YIELD to the rider and their horse, keep a safe distance from the horse and DO NOT do anything that will spook the horse.

Pets may accompany you on your sojourn, but you must keep the pet leashed and recover your pet's waste.

If there is an existential injury producing accident on any of the routes, call 911 immediately. Once the existential threat has passed, contact the President of the Hoosier Hikers, Bob Buzolich, at 574-339-9140, or via email at sonofbuzz@prodigy.net and complete an AVA incident form. For general information regarding this event, or Volkssporting, please contact Bob Buzolich at 574-339-9140 or via email at sonofbuzz@prodigy.net.

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MAP & DIRECTIONS FOR 6-K NORTH LOOP AT TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK

Welcome to Tippecanoe River State Park for the Hoosier Hiker's first Seasonal Walking Event at this location, AVA Sanction Number MA26/Y3849. These maps and directions are for the Event's 6- kilometer North Loop from the Start/Finish Point near the Nature Center.

1) TO HIT THE TRAIL, after securing your vehicle, look in the direction of the Nature Center, which is to the East of the Parking Area. Turn 90 degrees to your left and you will be facing North. Just to the North of the Parking Area, you will see signage for Trail 4 and the Tippecanoe River Nature Preserve. Proceed in a Northerly direction through the Parking Area and onto Trail 4. Continue along Trail 4 to its first intersection with Trail 5.

2) At the intersection of Trail 4 and Trail 5, make a slight Right Turn to Proceed in a Northerly direction on Trail 5.

3)) Where Trail 5 comes to a T-Intersection TURN RIGHT to continue on Trail 5 as it proceeds through the Nature Preserve and along the bank of the Tippecanoe River. As you proceed along Trail 5, you will encounter an intersecting trail on your left, which you should disregard to continue along Trail 5.

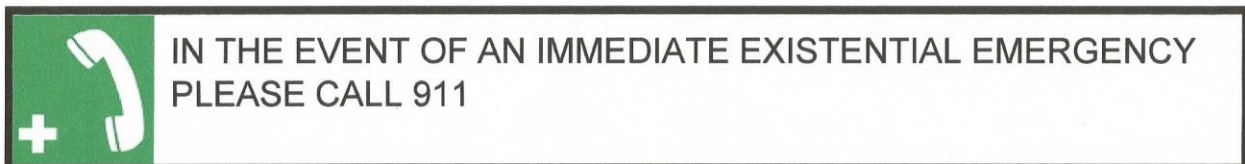
4) At the intersection of Trail 5 and Trail 3 TURN LEFT onto Trail 3 to proceed in a Southerly direction. Along the way, you will encounter, disregard and pass three intersecting trails to your left. Also, after the third such intersecting trail, Trail 3 becomes Trail 4.

5) Continue in a Southerly direction on Trail 4, as it goes past the perimeter of the Campground and curves to the left to proceed in an Easterly direction. Trail 4 terminates where it intersects with the park road.

6) At the intersection of Trail 4 and the Park Road, TURN LEFT onto the shoulder of the Park Road, and follow it back to the Start/Finish Point near the Nature Center.

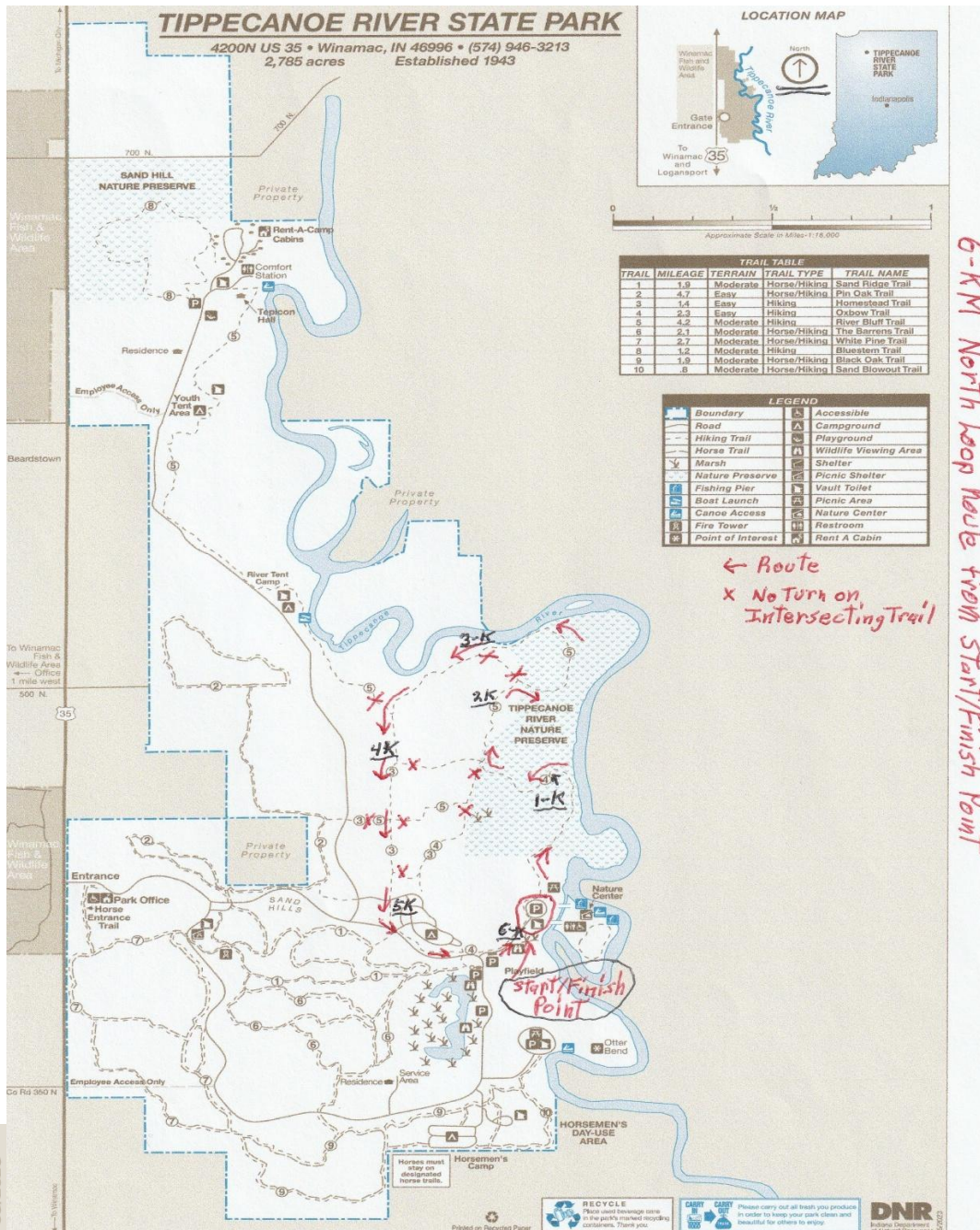
When you have completed the 6-K North Loop, you should have returned to the parking area nearest the Nature Center, where you secured your vehicle. If you are done for the day or, if your only desire was to complete the 6-K North Loop, please return to the OSB to enter your event completion. If not, take a rest, use the latrine and partake of some refreshment, before doing the 6-K South Loop or doing the North Loop for a second time to complete 12-K for the day.

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6-K NORTH LOOP MAP



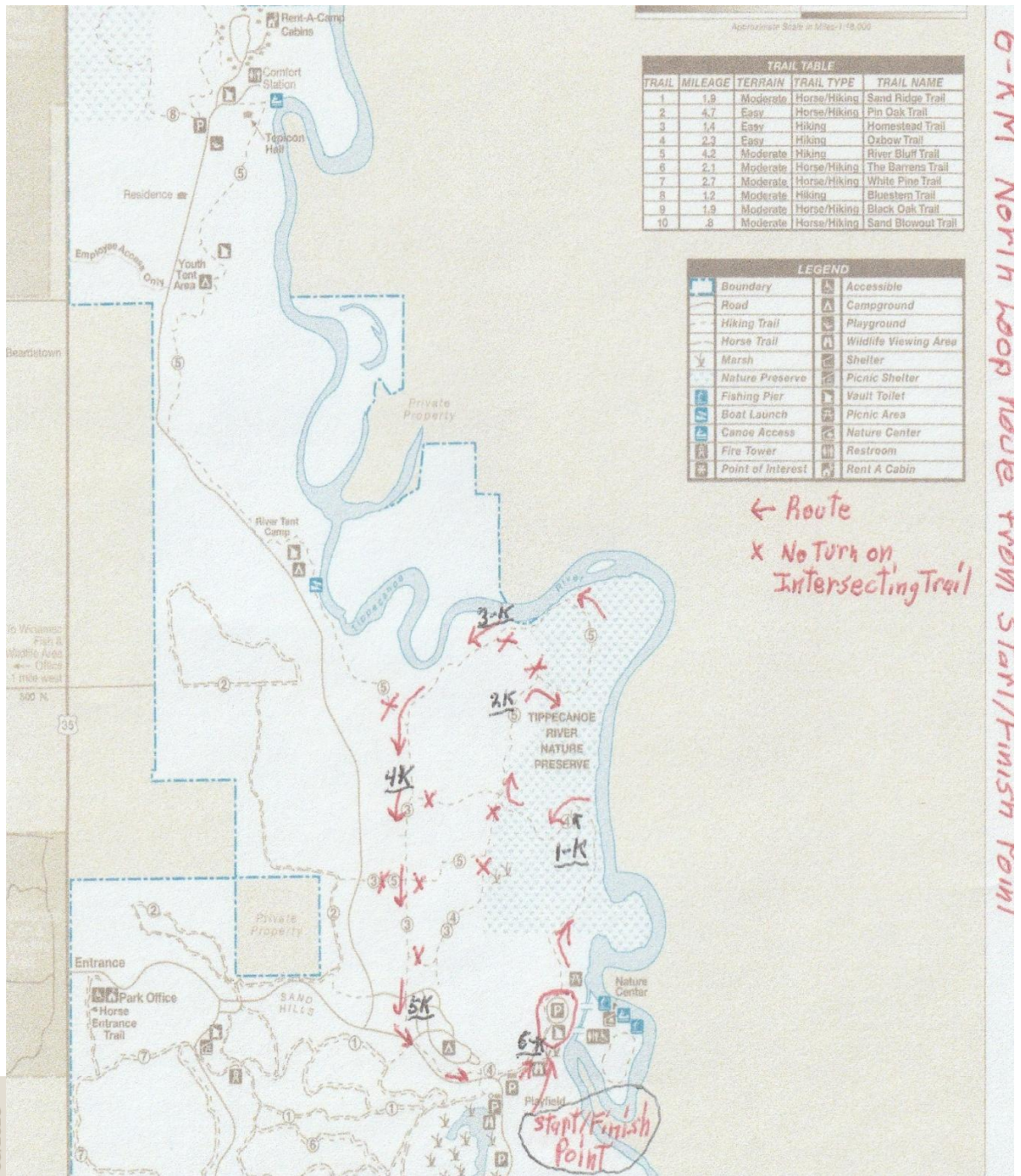
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ENHANCED MAP DEPICTION OF 6-K NORTH LOOP



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MAP & DIRECTIONS FOR 6-K SOUTH LOOP AT TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK

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1) TO HIT THE TRAIL, after securing your vehicle, look in the direction of the Nature Center, which is to the East of the Parking Area. Turn 90 degrees to your right and you will be facing South. Just to the South of the Parking Area, you will see the Park Road that led you to the Nature Center parking area. Proceed in a Southerly and Westerly direction along the shoulder of the Park Road to the start of Trail 4.

2) Proceed in a Westerly direction along Trail 4. When you first encounter a four way trail intersection on Trail 4, you will see the Campground on your right and several wooden posts on your left. TURN LEFT onto the connecting trail to proceed in a Southerly direction and cautiously cross the Park Road, to find yourself on a connecting trail taking you to a bridling location for equestrians and a connecting trail TO TRAIL 1 to the right at the top of the bluff.

3)) TURN RIGHT onto the connecting trail To Trail 1 to proceed in a Westerly direction. Along the way, you will encounter two intersections where Trail 1 splits. In both instances proceed to the LEFT to continue on Trail 1. At the second such intersection Trail 1 also intersects with Trail 6 on the left.

4) TURN LEFT onto Trail 6 to proceed in a Southerly and Westerly direction. As you proceed you will also encounter several intersections, where Trail 6 splits. Proceed along the LEFT fork in the first instance.

5) When you reach the intersection with the intersecting trail on your left, which is also closed by a wooden fence. TURN

RIGHT to continue on Trail 6. At the next intersection you will see a Trail 6 Shortcut sign on the right and Trail 6 on the left.

6) TURN LEFT to remain on Trail 6.

7) When Trail 6 comes to a T-Intersection with a Trail 9 connector trail to the left, TURN RIGHT to continue along Trail 6.

8) Proceed along Trail 6 as it approaches the former fire tower. Along the way, you will need to guide yourself to the LEFT as you encounter additional Trail 6 Split intersections. DISREGARD any signage for a Trail 6 Shortcut.

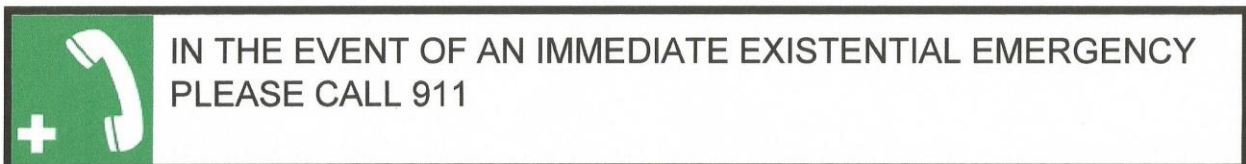
9) After passing the former fire tower, continue in a Northerly direction along Trail 6 to its intersection with Trail 1. At the intersection of Trail 6 and Trail 1 TURN RIGHT onto Trail 1 to proceed in an Easterly direction. Along the way, you will encounter additional intersecting trails, where you will guide yourself to the LEFT to remain on Trail 1.

10) At the first intersection of Trail 1 and a connecting trail to the Campground, TURN LEFT, to proceed down the bluff toward the Campground and cautiously cross the Park Road to approach the Campground.

11) At the Campground Gate, which may or may not be closed and locked, the connecting trail will intersect with Trail 4. TURN RIGHT to proceed in an Easterly direction on Trail 4, as it returns you to the Start/Finish Point.

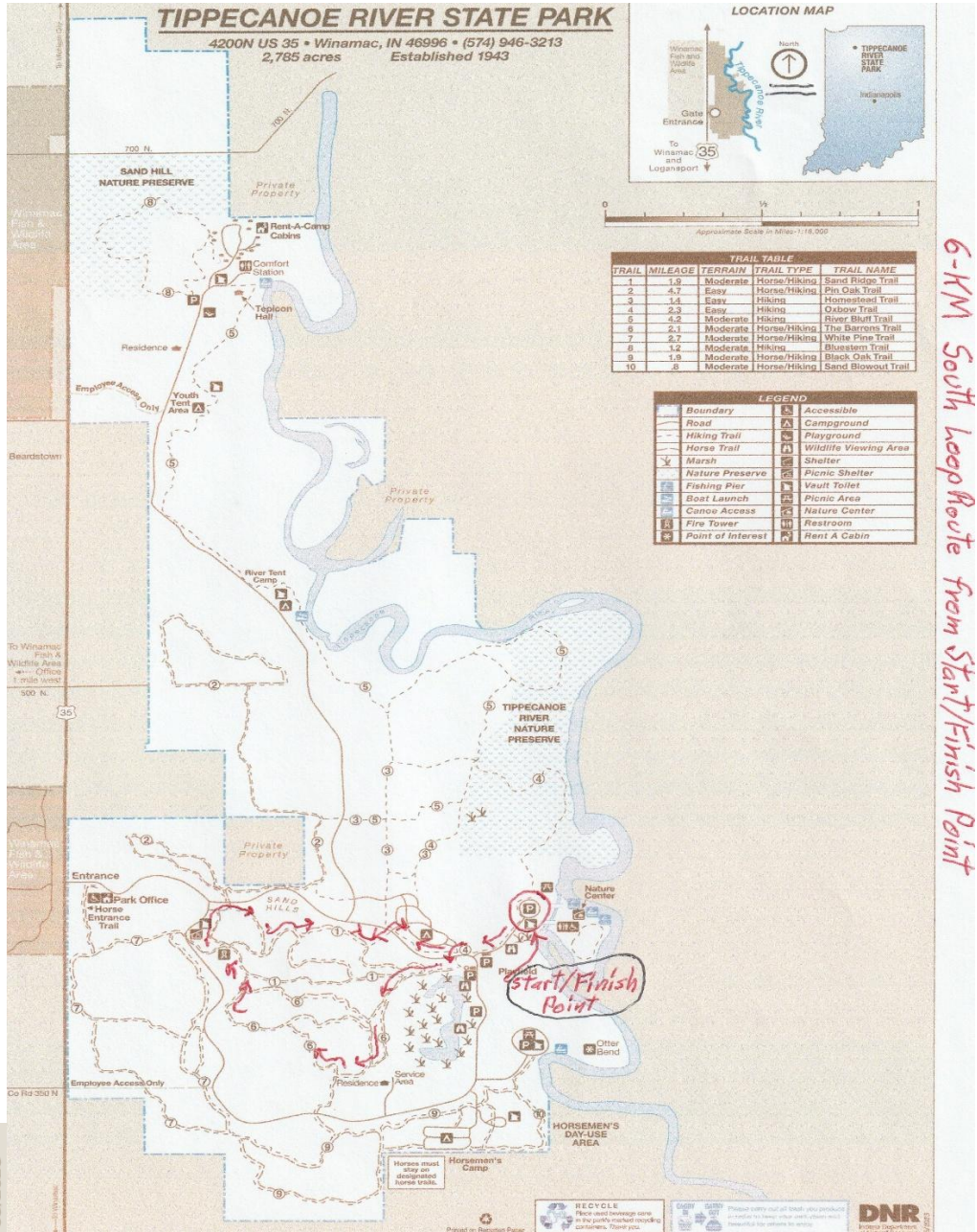
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6-K SOUTH LOOP MAP

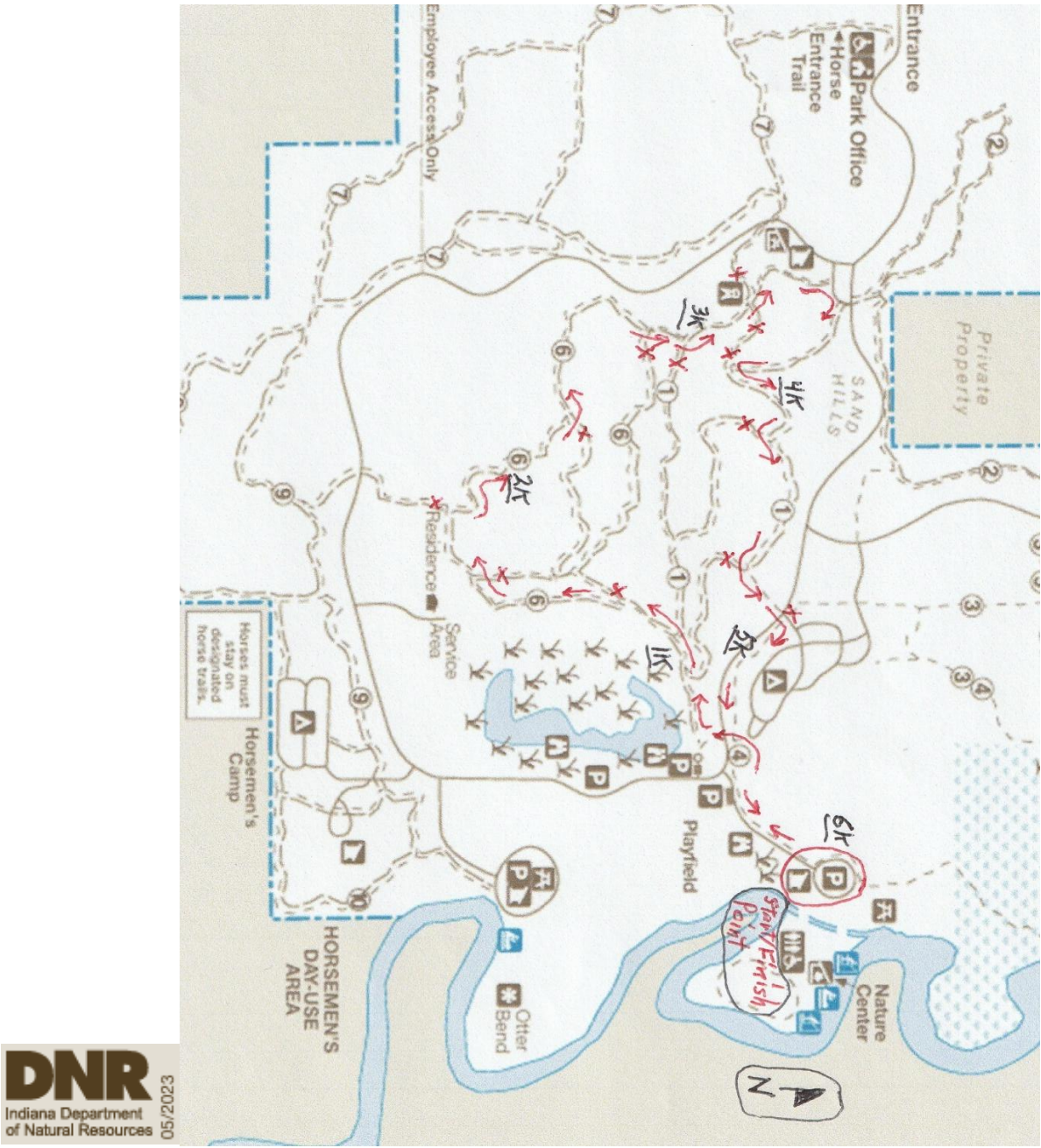


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