

## The series Continues at these DNR Properties in 2023

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| Feb 11         | Potato Creek State Park     | Bob Buzolich   | (574) 233-4441 | sonofbuzz@prodigy.net   |
| Apr 15         | Morgan Monroe State Forest  | Teena Ligman   | (812) 278-0139 | tdligman@att.net        |
| Apr 29         | Versailles State Park       | Terry Elser    | (260) 438-8975 | elserfam@frontier.com   |
| Jun 17         | Mississinewa Lake           | Cliff Terry    | (317) 776-1848 | clifferry@sbcglobal.net |
| Jul 22         | Brown County State Park     | Terry Elser    | (260) 438-8975 | elserfam@frontier.com   |
| Aug 5          | Potato Creek State Park     | Bob Buzolich   | (574) 233-4441 | sonofbuzz@prodigy.net   |
| Oct 14         | Tippecanoe River State Park | Terry Elser    | (260) 438-8975 | elserfam@frontier.com   |

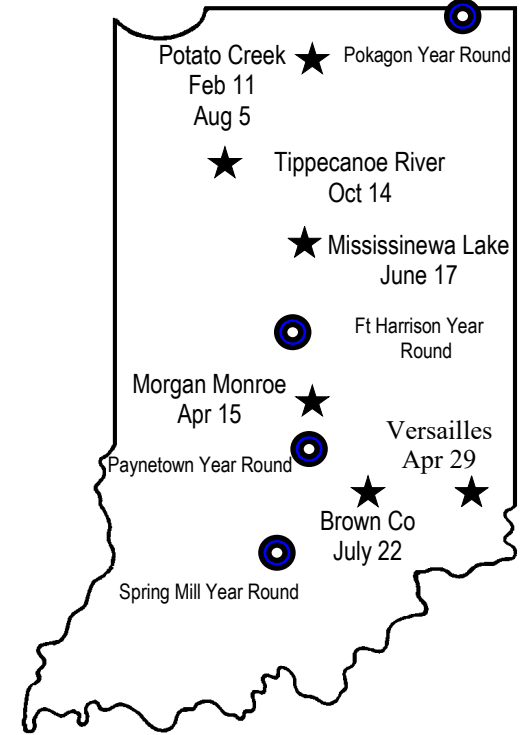
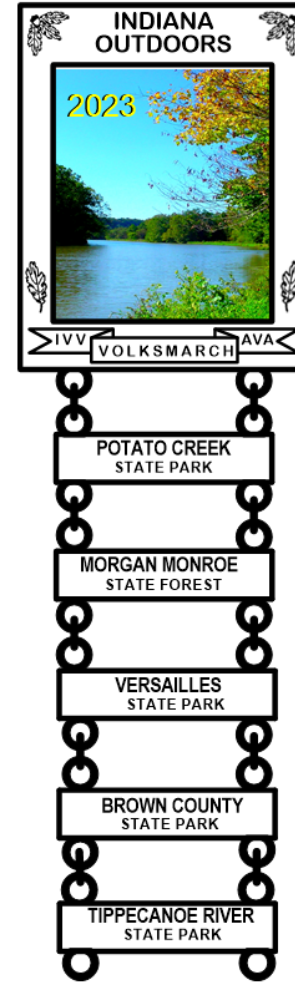
### YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

|              |                          |               |                |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Jan 1-Dec 31 | Fort Harrison State Park | Lance Ratliff | (317) 340-0776 | lanceratliff@hotmail.com |
| Jan 1-Dec 31 | Paynetown State Rec Area | Linda Woods   | (812) 336-1673 | lawoods4330@gmail.com    |
| Jan 1-Dec 31 | Pokagon State Park       | Tom Crabill   | (260) 409-1659 | tjcrabill@comcast.net    |
| Jan 1-Dec 31 | Spring Mill State Park   | Teena Ligman  | (812) 278-0139 | tdligman@att.net         |

INDIANA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION

AMERICA'S WALKING CLUB  
— ESTABLISHED 1976 —

THESE EVENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT TOWARD IVV ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



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# WALK INDIANA STATE PARKS

## VOLKSMARCH

### SERIES 2023

**INDIANA STATE PARKS VOLKSMARCH SERIES**

**What is a Volksmarch?**

A volksmarch is literally a “folk’s walk” or walk for the people. This form of exercise allows a person to participate at their own pace with friends and family over a marked course of usually 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) or more.

**Types of events :** There are two types of events in this series. Traditional events are generally for one day with a limited start time windows (example 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM) and finish time. In 2022, there are six traditional events as depicted on the front cover. We also offer year-round events which can be done every day during the park’s visiting hours. In 2022, there are four year-round events. Group walks are available for both traditional and year round events on our website at <https://www.meetup.com/Indiana-Volkssport-Walking-Meetup/>

**Eligibility:**

Anyone can participate. Volksmarching is a family sport, and people of all ages are welcome and invited to attend. Many parents carry infants in backpacks or push them in strollers. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**International Sanction:**

The Indiana Volkssport Association (INVA) is a member of America’s Walking Club – the American Volkssport Association (AVA) which sanctions these events to meet the international standards of the International Volkssport Verband (IVV). All IVV events are non-competitive and open to the public.

**IVV Awards Program:**

The IVV issues special awards for participants that complete specified milestones in volkssporting. A person may enroll by purchasing an IVV Event and/or Distance Book. The books cost \$6.00 each and entitle the individual to a certificate and patch when milestones are completed. There is no time limit for completing these books and they are good worldwide for sanctioned IVV events. In addition, the AVA also offers awards for special programs which can be found on the AVA website ([ava.org](http://ava.org))

**Event Awards:**

Each Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) property in this series has a special 2¼ inch die cast medal header with a property bar attached for the state park, recreation area or lake. Additional DNR property bars may be added to form a chain as shown on the front page. Completion of the trail and payment of the registration fee is required for the award. The 2023 header photo depicts the lake at Versailles State Park.

**Registration:**

All participants are encouraged to pre-register for our traditional events. The pre-registration fee for the medal (incl. property bar) and IVV credit is \$16.00 and on the day of the event it will be \$18.00. The pre-registration fee for the property bar only and IVV credit is \$8.00 and on the day of the event it will be \$10.00. The fee for IVV credit-only is \$3.00. You may walk for free if no award or IVV credit is desired. There will be no refunds. Registration for year-round events may be done at each site or on-line at the AVA website ( <http://my.ava.org/>)

**All pre-registrations for traditional events must be post-marked 10 days before the event.**

**Disclaimer:**

The sponsors are not liable for accidents, theft, and/or material damage. Every effort will be made by the sponsor to make these events safe and enjoyable.

**Weather:**

These events will be held rain or shine please dress appropriately.

**Pets:**

Pets must be kept on leashes.

**Refreshments:**

Water will be available at the start and finish and at all control points along the trail. Food may also be available for socializing at some events for a small donation

**Park Fees:**

All participants must pay the current admission fee when applicable. An annual pass to all DNR properties is available for both in and out-of-state visitors.

**Bike events**

Sanctioned bike events may be available at some DNR locations. Separate fees apply.

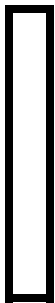
**For Information & special needs, contact:**

Terry Elser, 260-438-8975,e- mail [elserfam@frontier.com](mailto:elserfam@frontier.com)  
Cliff Terry, 317-776-1848,e-mail [clifftery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clifftery@sbcglobal.net)

\*Note: You may use the form to pre-register for events listed on the right. For the Potato Creek and Year-Round events, please register on the day of the event or contact the POC



**NOTE: No Refunds**



Indiana Volkssport Association  
Cliff Terry  
152 Stony Creek Overlook  
Noblesville, IN 46060

**You may pre-register for these events at once\* .**

| LOCATION                      | Award w/Credit \$16.00 | Bar Only w/Credit \$8.00 | Credit Only \$3.00 | Free |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Morgan Monroe St For 4/15/23  |                        |                          |                    |      |
| Versailles State Park 4/29/23 |                        |                          |                    |      |
| Mississinewa Lake 6/17/23     | XX                     | XXX                      |                    |      |
| Brown Co. State Park 7/22/23  |                        |                          |                    |      |
| Tippecanoe R St Park 10/14/23 |                        |                          |                    |      |

Amount Enclosed:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Mail to:

MAIL 10 days prior to the event.

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

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City State Zip



**PLEASE COPY FORM FOR EACH REGISTRATION**

# Year Round Events

Available every day during Park visiting hours

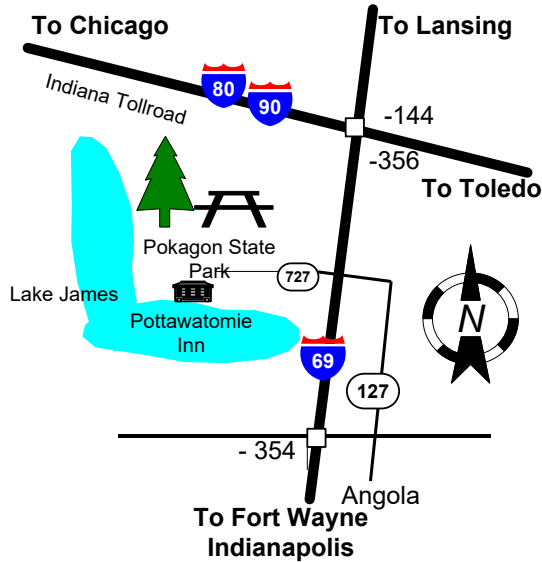
## POKAGON STATE PARK

**REGISTRATION :** Potawatomi Inn, 6 Lane 100 A Lake James, Angola, IN 46703 (lobby desk) The start box is kept at the front desk at the Inn

**DIRECTIONS :**  
From I 69 take exit 354. Go north on SR 127 then left to park entrance W of interstate at exit. From Indiana Toll Road (I80/90): exit 144 S on I-69. Travel 2 miles to exit 354. Follow above directions to park entrance  
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles) **TRAIL RATING:** 2C (Per AVA)

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** The trails wander a wide variety of shady forests, wetland boardwalks, and lakeside paths over hilly and flat terrain.

**POINT OF CONTACT:** Tom Crabill, phone (260) 409-1659 e-mail: tjcrabill@gmail.com Sanction # Y0012



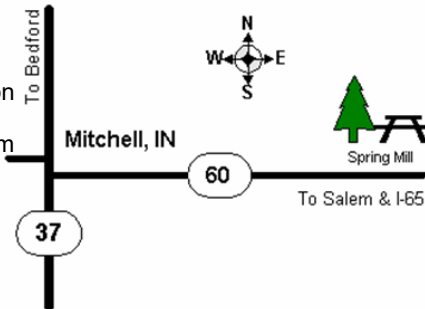
## SPRING MILL STATE PARK

**REGISTRATION :** Park Office, 3333 SR 60 E Mitchell, IN 47446 (lobby) **ON LINE:** <http://my.ava.org/>

**DIRECTIONS :** Take SR 37 to 60E junction S of Mitchell. Follow 60E 3.4 miles to Park Entrance on left. From the west: take 37 N or S to 60E Junction S of Mitchell and follow above directions. From the east take 60W (exit 7 on I-65) to Salem. The Park Entrance is 19 miles W of Salem on right . The start box is kept at the front desk at the Inn  
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 3C (Per AVA)

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Enjoy shaded trails through a beautiful old-growth forest, restored pioneer village, and a working grist mill over 200 years old. The trail also goes by streams, sinkholes, caves, and around a lake.

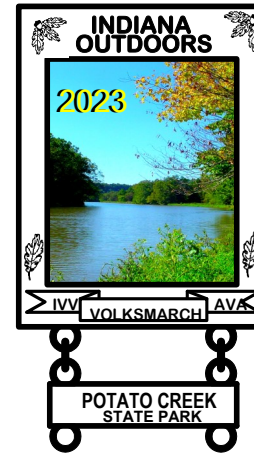
**POINT OF CONTACT:** Teena Ligman, phone (812) 278-0139 , e-mail tligman@att.net Sanction # Y1325



# POTATO CREEK STATE PARK

North Liberty, Indiana

Saturday, February 11 and August 5, 2023

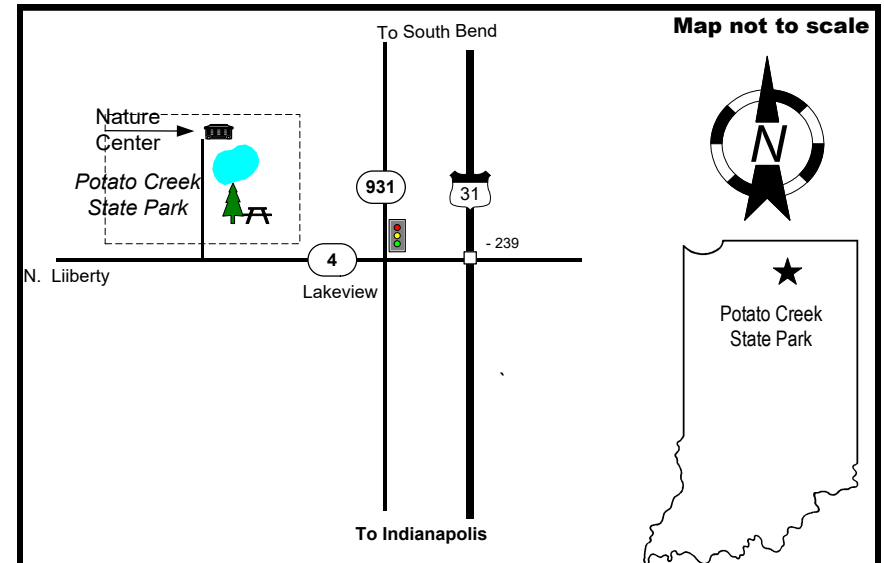


**START/FINISH POINT:** Nature Center  
**START TIME Feb 11:** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**START TIME Aug 5:** 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**FINISH TIME:** 4:00 PM (or before)  
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles) Bike – Aug only 11 K (6.8 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING: 1B (Per AVA)**  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** The route uses the state park's existing trail system winding through mostly flat wooded areas. In the event of extreme winter weather in February the routes may be restricted to cleared and paved roads. A bike event may be offered in August  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Bob Buzolich at (574) 339-9140, or  
Potato Creek St. Park at (574) 656-8186  
**PARK ADDRESS:** : 25601 State Road 4,  
North Liberty, IN 46554.



[on.IN.gov/potatocreeks](http://on.IN.gov/potatocreeks)

**DIRECTIONS:** Potato Creek State Park is located in northern Indiana about six miles west of U.S. 31 (exit 239) on State Road 4. From the gate house at the park entrance you should follow the signs to the Nature Center. The start point is located in the vicinity of the Nature Center



# MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST

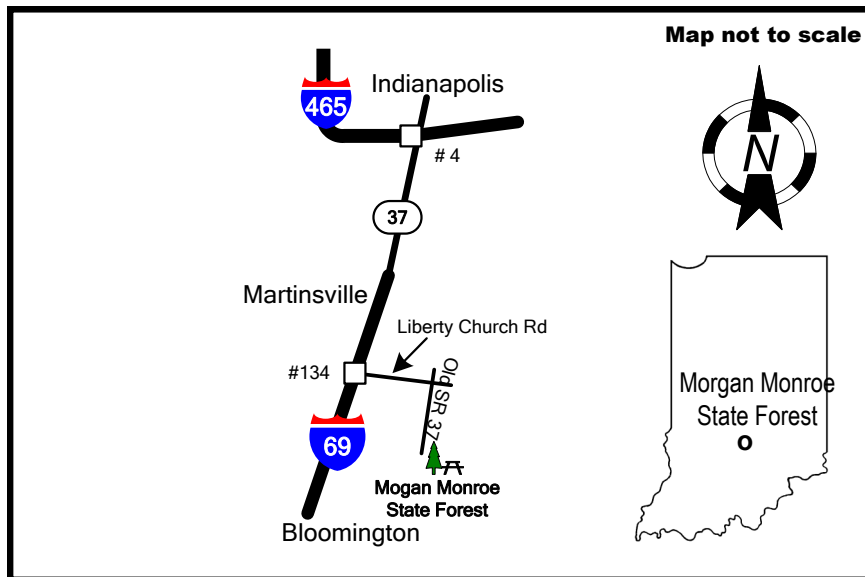
Martinsville, Indiana  
**Saturday, April 15, 2023**



**START/FINISH POINT:** Walls Shelter  
**START TIME:** 9:00 AM to noon (E.D.T.)  
**DISTANCE:** 10 k (6.2 miles) & 5 k (3.1 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 2B (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Forest trails on rolling terrain with some moderate hills. Not suitable for wagons, baby strollers, or wheelchairs.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Teena Ligman at (812) 278-0139  
 Cliff Terry at (317) 776-1848 or  
 Morgan Monroe St. Forest at (765) 792-4654  
**PARK ADDRESS:** 26220 Forest Rd.  
 Martinsville, IN 46151  
 MorganSF@dnr.IN.gov  
 on.IN.gov/morganmonroesf



**DIRECTIONS:** From Indy, take SR 37 south which becomes I 69 south to the Liberty Church Rd exit. Go east over the bridge, then R on Old St. Rd. 37. Continue to the main park entrance and follow signs to the Walls Shelter

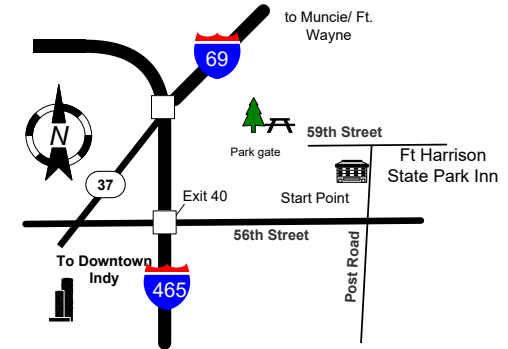


# Year Round Events

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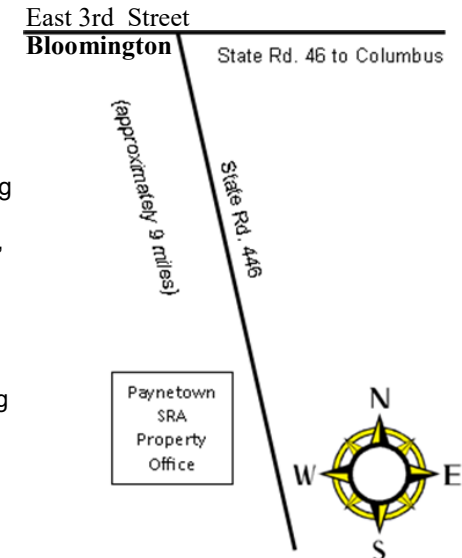
## FORT HARRISON STATE PARK

**REGISTRATION :** Fort Harrison State Park Inn, 5830 North Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216 (lobby desk) **ON LINE:** <http://my.ava.org/>  
**DIRECTIONS:** From I -465 on east side of Indianapolis take exit 40 (56th Street). Follow 56th Street east to Post Road for approximately 2 1/4 miles. Turn left on Post Road to the Inn on the left just before 59th Street . Register at the Inn and drive to trailhead to start the walk. The start box is kept at the front desk at the Inn  
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles) **TRAIL RATING:** 2B (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Enjoy a unique experience in a beautiful rustic setting within a major metropolitan area. The park has challenging trails with some unexpected vistas .  
**POINT OF CONTACT:** Lance Ratliff phone (317) 340-0776, e-mail [lanceratliff@hotmail.com](mailto:lanceratliff@hotmail.com)  
 Sanction # Y2505



## PAYNETOWN STATE RECREATION AREA

**REGISTRATION :** Paynetown State Recreation Area (SRA) Office, 4850 South State Rd 446, Bloomington, IN 47401. **ON LINE:** <http://my.ava.org/>  
**DIRECTIONS;** From the north, State Rd 37 south to State Rd. 46 east to State Rd. 446 south to property.  
 From the south, State Rd. 37 north to State Rd. 50 east to State Rd. 446 north to property.  
 From the east, State Rd. 46 west to State Rd. 446 south to property.  
 From the west, State Rd. 46 east to State Rd. 446 south to property. Parking is available both in front and in back of the building. From the back parking lot, as you are facing the building, find the trailhead off to the left  
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles) or 15 k (9.3 miles )  
**TRAIL RATING:** 2B (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Hike challenging trails through a beautiful forest of mixed hardwoods with views of Lake Monroe. Includes grassy and rocky terrain, hills, creeks, and gullies.  
**POINT OF CONTACT:** Linda Woods: phone (812)336-1673, email: [lawoods4330@gmail.com](mailto:lawoods4330@gmail.com)  
 Sanction # Y0851



# TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK

Winamac, Indiana

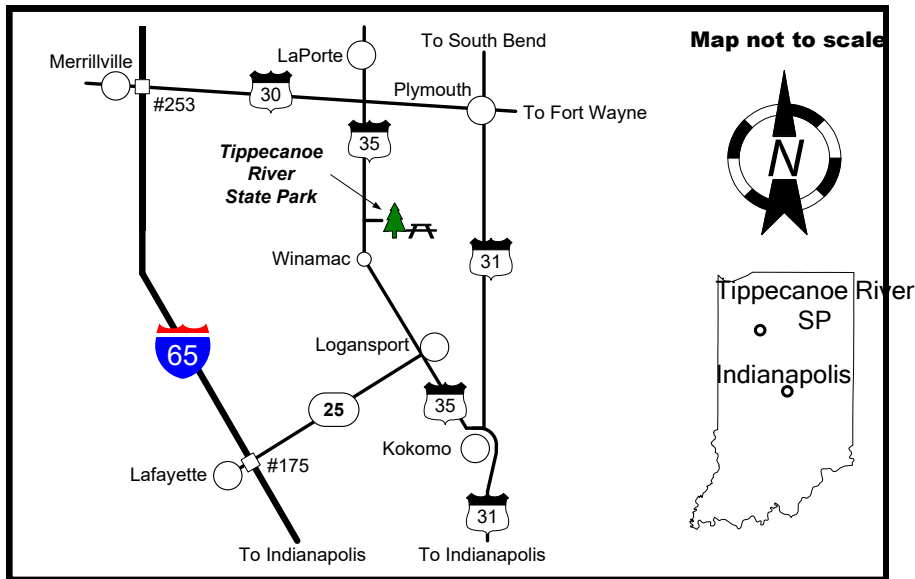
Saturday, October 14, 2023



**START/FINISH POINT:** River Shelter  
**START TIME:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**DISTANCE:** 11k (6.8 miles) & 5 k (3.1 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 1B (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Forest trails on fairly flat terrain, over prairies, river bluffs and through oak woods. Not suitable for wagons or wheelchairs.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Terry Elser at (260) 438-8975  
 Cliff Terry at (317) 776-1848 or  
 Tippecanoe River State Park at (574) 946-3213  
**PARK ADDRESS:** 4200 N. U.S. 35  
 Winamac, IN 46996  
[on.IN.gov/tippecanoeriversp](http://on.IN.gov/tippecanoeriversp)



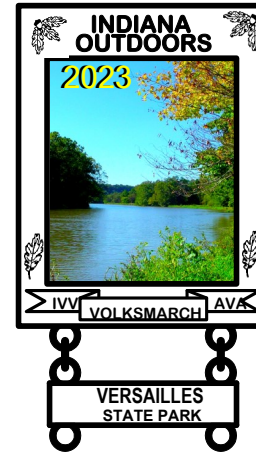
**DIRECTIONS:** Tippecanoe River State Park is located in northwest Indiana on US 35 about halfway between Logansport and LaPorte, Indiana. From Indy take US 31 north through Kokomo to US 35. Continue north on US 35 past Logansport and Winamac. The park is located 5 1/2 miles north of Winamac and 16 miles south of US 30. Once in the park follow the signs to the River Shelter.



# VERSAILLES STATE PARK

Versailles, Indiana

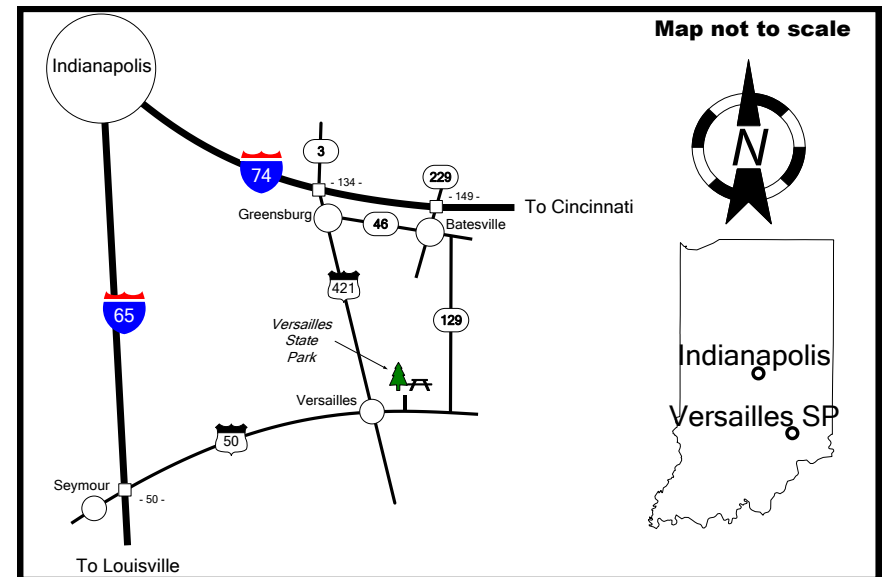
Saturday, April 29, 2023



**START/FINISH POINT:** Trailside Shelter  
**START TIME:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**DISTANCE:** 10 k (6.2 miles) & 5 k (3.1 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 3B (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Hike rugged trails featuring diverse forest trees, and hilly terrain. There will also be stream crossings and steps. Not suitable for wagons, baby strollers or wheelchairs.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Terry Elser at (260) 438-8975  
 Cliff Terry at (317) 776-1848 or  
 Versailles State Park at (812) 689-6424  
**PARK ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 205  
 Versailles, IN 47042  
[on.IN.gov/versaillessp](http://on.IN.gov/versaillessp)



**DIRECTIONS:** Versailles State Park is located in southeast Indiana, 1 mile east of Versailles, Indiana on US 50. After entering the park, follow the signs to the Trailside Shelter.



# MISSISSINEWA LAKE

## Miami State Recreation Area

Peru, Indiana

Saturday, June 17, 2023

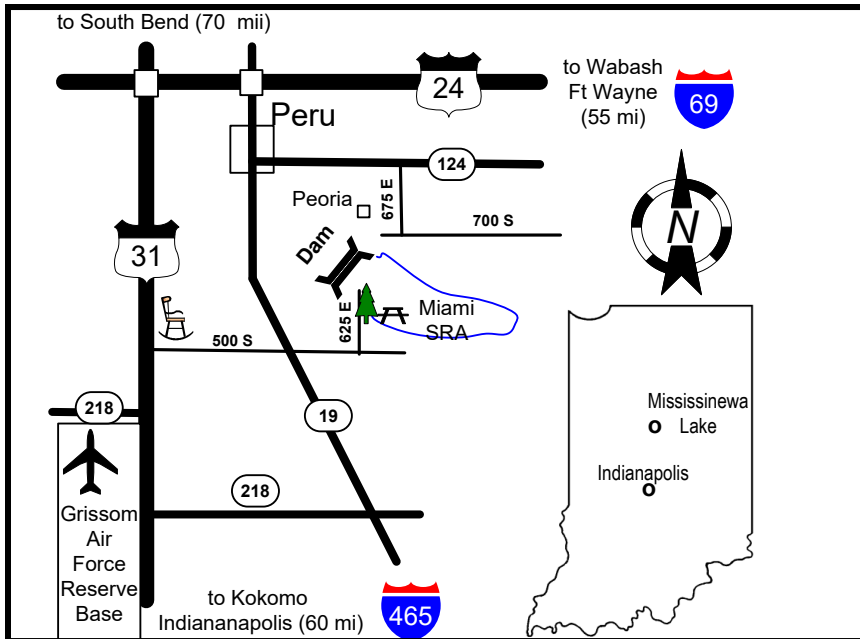
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**START/FINISH POINT:** Shelter 2  
**START TIME:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**DISTANCE:** 11k (6.8 miles) & 5 k (3.1 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 1B (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Mississinewa Lake offers trails in beautiful forests and prairies surrounding the lake providing habitat to a wide variety of wildlife. Enjoy exceptional viewing opportunities for hiking and birding.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Bill Thorne at (765) 603-1818  
 Cliff Terry at (317) 776-1848 or  
 Miami State Recreation Area at (765) 473-6528  
**PARK ADDRESS:** 4673 S. 625 E., Peru, IN 46970

e-mail on [IN.gov/mississinewalake](mailto:IN.gov/mississinewalake)



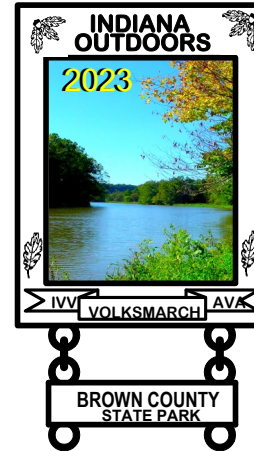
**DIRECTIONS:** . From Indianapolis, take US 31 north, 3 miles past Grissom Air Force Reserve Base. Turn right (east) at County Road 500 S (there is a large yellow rocking chair on the corner). Follow CR 500 S for 8 miles to County Road 625E. Turn left (north) on CR 625 E and follow the signs to the park



# BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK

Nashville, Indiana

Saturday, July 22, 2023



**START/FINISH POINT:** Recreation Building (near the campground entrance)  
**START TIME:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**DISTANCE:** 10 k (6.2 miles) & 5 k (3.1 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 3B (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** The trail will be over hilly terrain in a beautiful forest setting. The course will follow park trails to the Nature Center, around Strahl Lake, and Ogle Lake. Not suitable for wagons, baby strollers or wheelchairs.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Terry Elser at (260) 438-8975  
 Cliff Terry at (317) 776-1848 or  
 Brown County State Park at (812) 988-6406  
**PARK ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 608  
 Nashville, IN 47448

[on.IN.gov/browncountysp](http://on.IN.gov/browncountysp)

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-65, take SR 46 west (exit #68) 15 miles to the North Entrance of Brown County State Park. From Bloomington, take SR 46 east to Nashville, continuing east 1.5 miles to the North Entrance of Brown County State Park. Once in the park, follow the signs to the Recreation Building.

