

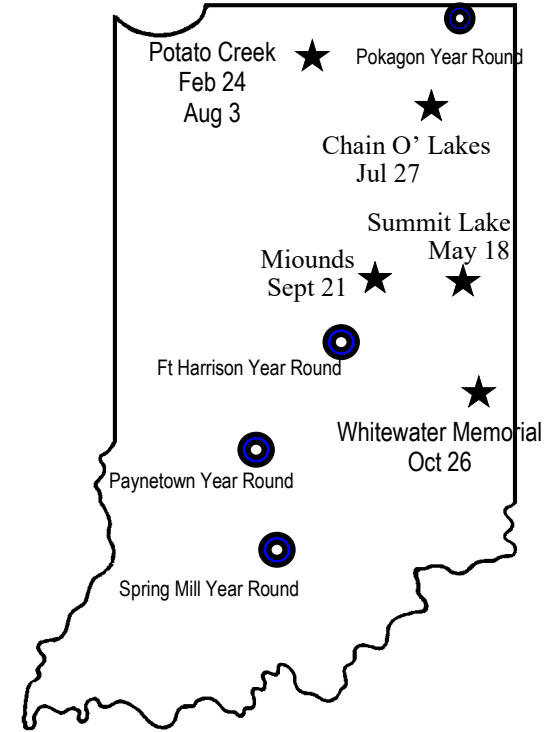
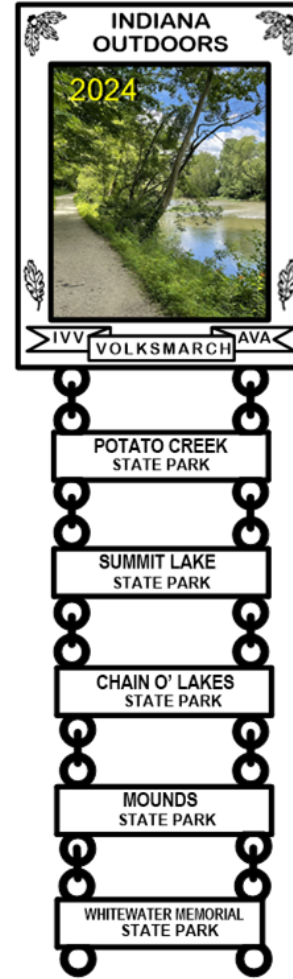
The series Continues at these DNR Properties in 2024

<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>
Feb 24	Potato Creek State Park	Bob Buzolich	(574) 233-4441	sonofbuzz@prodigy.net
May 18	Summit Lake State Forest	Terry Elser	(260) 438-8975	elserfam@frontier.com
Jul 27	Chain O' Lakes State Park	Terry Elser	(260) 438-8975	elserfam@frontier.com
Aug 3	Potato Creek State Park	Bob Buzolich	(574) 233-4441	sonofbuzz@prodigy.net
Sept 21	Mounds State Park	Terry Elser	(260) 438-8975	elserfam@frontier.com
Oct 26	Whitewater Memorial State Park	Cliff Terry	(317) 776-1848	clifferry@sbcglobal.net

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

WALK INDIANA STATE PARKS VOLKSMARCH SERIES 2024



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INDIANA STATE PARKS VOLKSMARCH SERIES

Who are we ?

The Indiana Volkssport Association (INVA) promotes hiking, biking, and other events throughout the state. We encourage lifelong fun, fitness and friendship for all ages and abilities. We are a non-profit organization and a member of America's Walking Club – the American Volkssport Association (AVA). Our events must meet the international standards of the International Volkssport Verband (IVV). All events are non-competitive and open to the public. We partner with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for events in state parks, recreation areas and lakes for this program.

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 to 11:00 AM) and finish time. In 2024, 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 2024, 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. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

IVV Awards Program:

The IVV issues special awards for participants that complete specified milestones. 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.

Event Awards:

Each event 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 appropriate fees are required for the award. The 2024 header photo depicts the a path along the White River at Mounds State Park. Awards are optional

Walk/Bike Fees and Registration:

All participants are encouraged to attend our events for a small fee. The fee helps to cover the costs of putting on our events. We try to keep the fees as low as possible.

Registration fee (includes IVV credit)	\$4.00
(children under 18 are free when accompanied with a parent)	
Award -Header with Bar (includes registration fee).....	\$17.00
Award -Additional bar (includes registration fee)	\$9.00

You may register for our traditional events on the day of the event at the site listed in this brochure. Registration for year-round events may be done at each site or on-line at the AVA website (<http://my.ava.org/>)

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

Year Round Events

Available every day during Park visiting hours

POKAGON STATE PARK

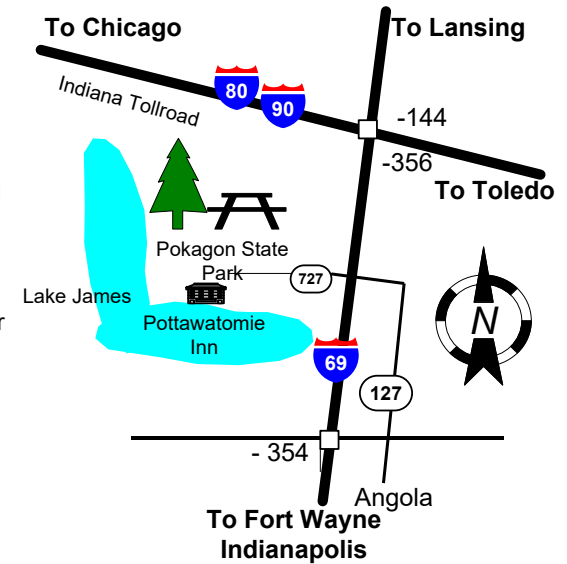
REGISTRATION : Potawatomi Inn, 6 Lane 100 A Lake James, Angola, IN 46703 (lobby desk) The start box is kept at the front desk at the Inn

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



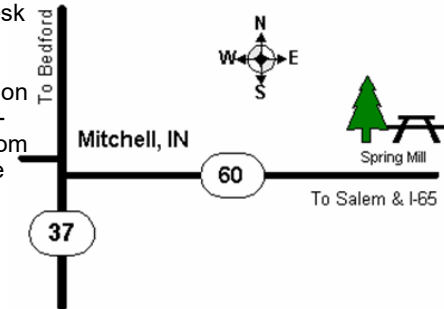
SPRING MILL STATE PARK

REGISTRATION : Park Office, 3333 SR 60 E Mitchell, IN 47446 The start box is kept at the desk at the Park Office **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 tdligman@att.net
Sanction # Y1325

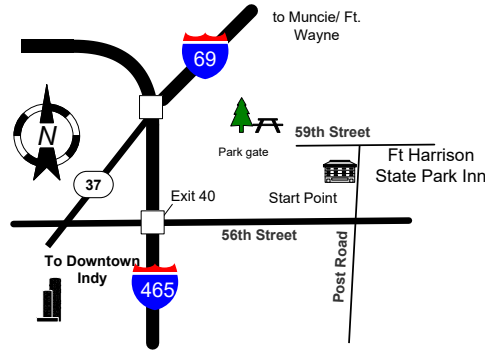


Year Round Events

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FORT HARRISON STATE PARK

REGISTRATION : Fort Harrison State Park Inn, 5830 North Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216 Ask for the start box at front 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 Sanction # Y2505



POTATO CREEK STATE PARK

North Liberty, Indiana

Saturday, February 24 and August 3, 2024

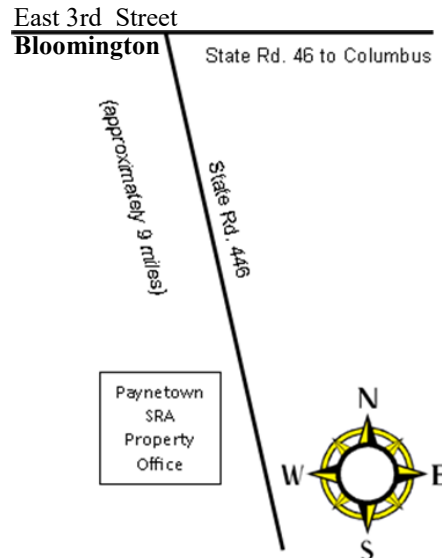


START/FINISH POINT: Nature Center
START TIME Feb 24: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)
START TIME Aug 3: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)
FINISH TIME: 4:00 PM (or before)
DISTANCE: 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles) Bike – Aug only 11 K (6.8 miles)
TRAIL RATING: 1B (Per AVA)
TRAIL DESCRIPTION: The route uses 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.

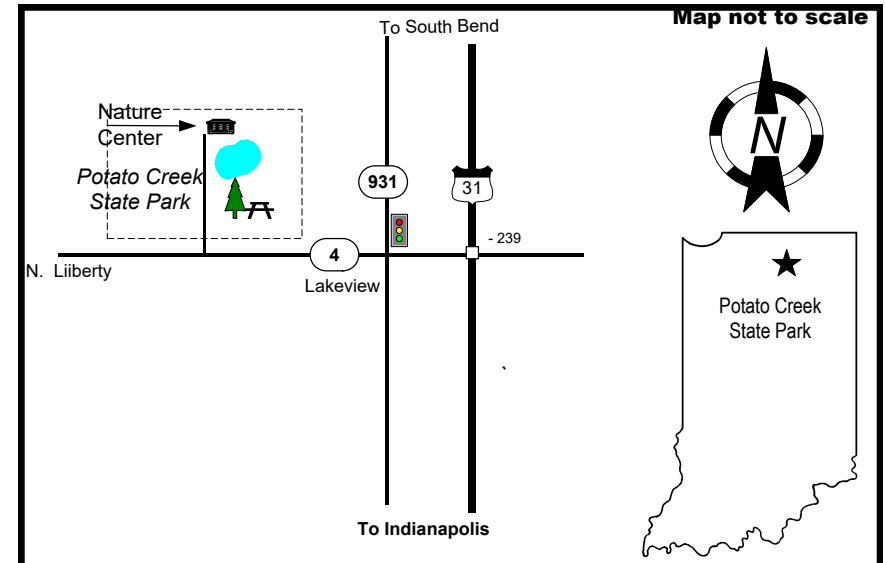


PAYNETOWN STATE RECREATION AREA

REGISTRATION : Paynetown State Recreation Area (SRA) Office, 4850 South State Rd 446, Bloomington, IN 47401. The start box is in the office at the front of the building (closed on weekends during the winter months, so sign up on line).
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 on the right
 From the south, State Rd. 37 north to State Rd. 50 east to State Rd. 446 north 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
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 Sanction # Y0851 Note: Alternate start point is available daily, Courtyard by Marriott, 310 S. College Ave., Bloomington . Ask for the start box at front desk



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



Sanction 126679

SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK

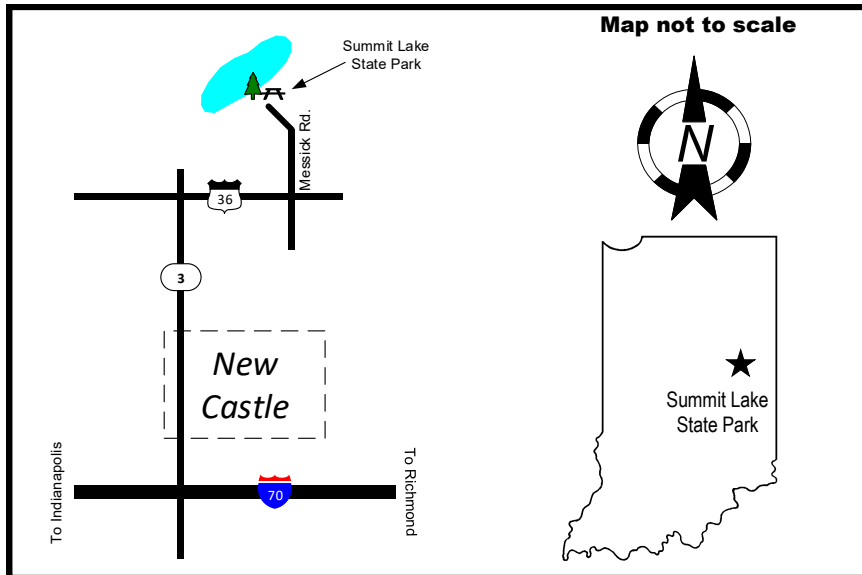
New Castle, Indiana
Saturday, May 18, 2024



START/FINISH POINT: Sunset Shelter
START TIME: 9:00 to 11:00 PM (E.D.T.)
FINISH TIME: 4:00 PM (or before)
DISTANCE: 5 or 10 Km (31 or 6.2 Mi.)
TRAIL RATING: 1B (Scale is 1 to 5 with 5 being the most difficult)
TRAIL DESCRIPTION: On lakeside and forest trails with gentle rolling terrain. There will be some paved park roads. Not suitable for wagons, baby strollers, or wheelchairs.
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Terry Elser at (260) 438-8975,, or
 Summit Lake State Park at (765) 766 5873
PARK ADDRESS: 5993 N. Messick Rd.
 New Castle, IN 47362



DIRECTIONS: From I-70, take exit 123 (SR 103) and go north approximately 11 miles to US 36. Turn right (east on US 36) and go 4 miles to Messick Rd. Turn left (north) on Messick Rd. and go 1.2 miles to the park entrance. Once in the park, follow the signs to the Sunset Shelter.



Sanction 126618

WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK

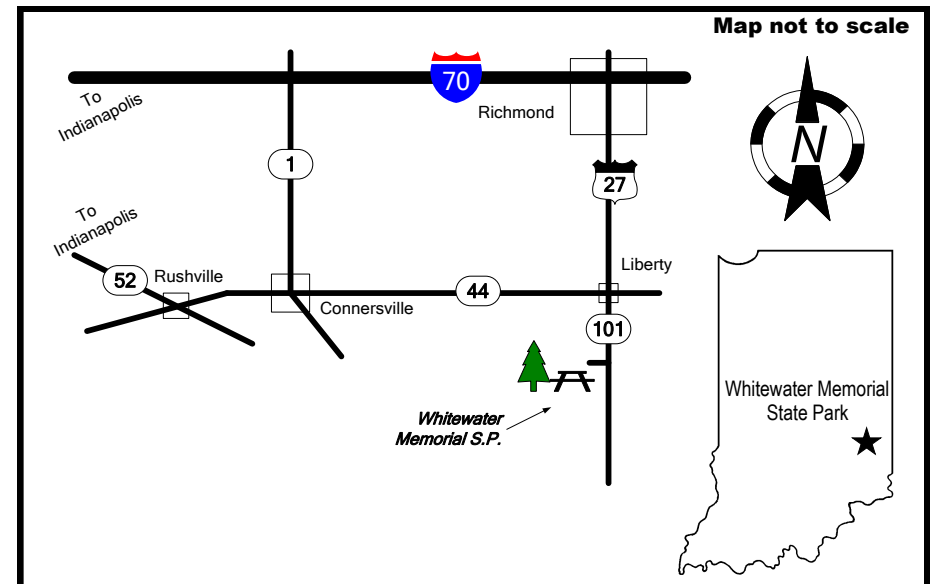
Liberty, Indiana
Saturday, October 26, 2024



START/FINISH POINT: South Shelter
START TIME: 9:00 to 11:00 AM (E.D.T.)
DISTANCE: 10k (6.2 miles) & 5 k (3.1 miles)
TRAIL RATING: 2B (Per AVA)
TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Park offers trails in beautiful forests surrounding the lake providing habitat to a wide variety of wildlife.
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Cliff Terry at (317) 776-1848 or
 Whitewater Memorial State Park at (765)-458-5565
PARK ADDRESS: 1418 S. State Road 101
 Liberty, IN 47353



DIRECTIONS: Located in eastern Indiana south of I-70. From Richmond and I-70 take US 27 south to Liberty. Then take SR 101 south to the park entrance on the right. Once in the park follow the signs to the start point. .



Sanction 126621

MOUNDS STATE PARK

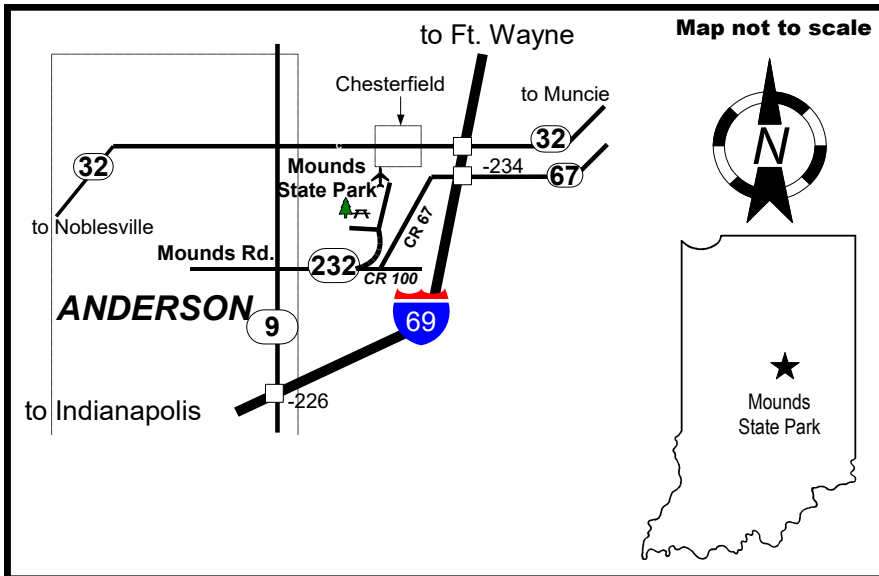
Anderson, Indiana
 Saturday, September 21, 2024



START/FINISH POINT: Woodland Shelter
START TIME: 9:00 to 11:00 AM (E.D.T.)
FINISH TIME: 4:00 PM (or before)
DISTANCE: 10 Km (6.2 miles)
TRAIL RATING: 2B (Scale is 1 to 5 with 5 being the most difficult).
TRAIL DESCRIPTION: The trail will be on forested paths that are well groomed. There will be hills and some stairs. Not suitable for wagons, baby strollers, or wheelchairs.
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Terry Elser at (260) 438-8975, or
 Mounds State Park at (765) 642-6627
PARK ADDRESS: 4306 Mounds Road.
 Anderson, IN 46017



DIRECTIONS: Mounds State Park is located east of Anderson in central Indiana. **From the north**, take I-69 to SR 67 (exit 234). Go west on CR 67 for 3.25 miles to CR 100. Turn right on CR 100 and go .25 miles to SR 232 (Mounds Rd.) Turn right on SR 232 and go approximately .5 miles to the park entrance on the left. Once in the park, follow the signs to the Shelter. **From the south**, take I-69 to SR 9 (exit 226). Go north to SR 232 (Mounds Rd.) Turn right on SR 232 to the park entrance on the left.



Sanction 126620

CHAIN O'LAKES STATE PARK

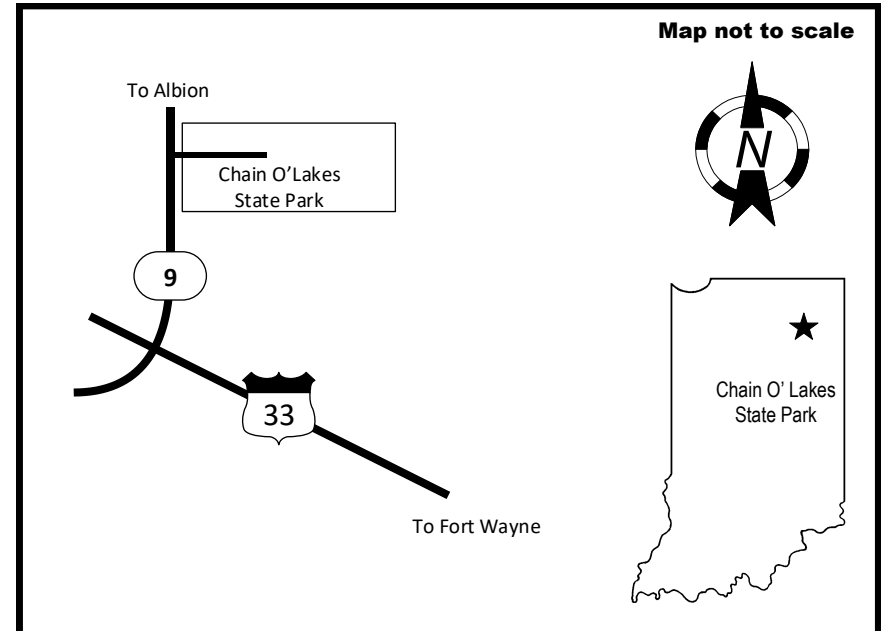
Albion, Indiana
 Saturday, July 27, 2024



START/FINISH POINT: Sunny Shelter
START TIME: 9:00 to 11:00 AM (E.D.T.)
FINISH TIME: 4:00 PM (or before)
DISTANCE: 5 or 10 Km (3.1 or 6.2 Mi.)
TRAIL RATING: 2B (Scale is 1 to 5 with 5 being the most difficult).
TRAIL DESCRIPTION: The wooded trail winds gently through rolling hills and around several small connected lakes. Ancient oaks and hickory trees shade the path as it wanders along fields and wetlands in the area. Not suitable for wagons, baby strollers or wheelchairs.
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Terry Elser at (260) 438-8975, or
 Chain O'Lakes State Park at (260) 636-2654
PARK ADDRESS: 2355 E. 75 S
 Albion, IN 46701



DIRECTIONS: Located 25 miles NW of Fort Wayne. Take SR 33 twenty miles to Merriam and then take SR 9 four miles north toward Albion. Once inside the park, follow the signs to Sunny Shelter.



Sanction 126619