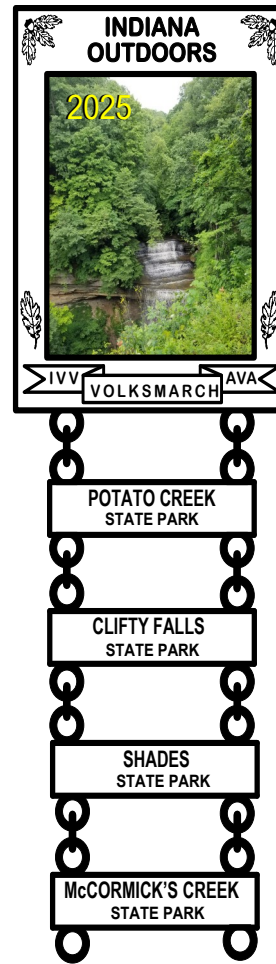


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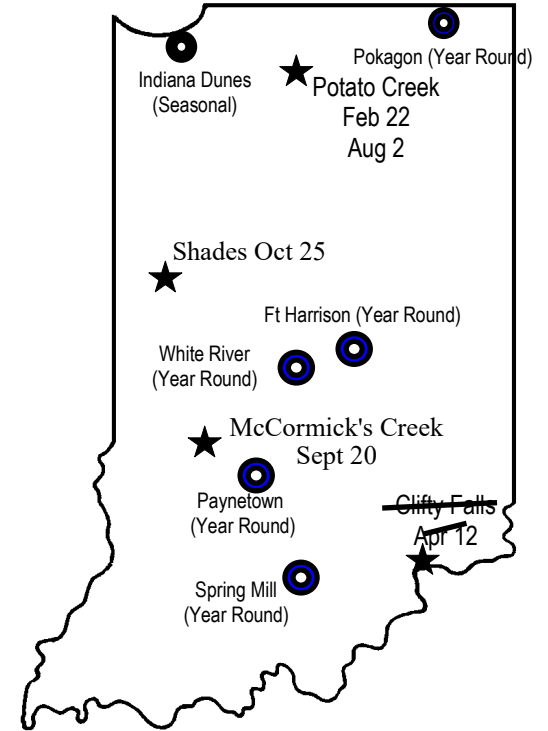
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Aug 2	Potato Creek State Park	Bob Buzolich	(574) 233-4441	sonofbuzz@prodigy.net
Sept 20	McCormick's Creek State Park	Cliff Terry	(317) 900-6750	clifferry@sbcglobal.net
Oct 25	Shades State Park	Cliff Terry	(317) 900-6750	clifferry@sbcglobal.net
<b>YEAR-ROUND/ SEASONAL EVENTS</b>				
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
Jan 1-Dec 31	White River State Park	Cliff Terry	(317) 900-6750	clifferry@sbcglobal.net
Mar 1-Nov 30	Indiana Dunes State Park	Bob Buzolich	(574) 233-4441	sonofbuzz@prodigy.net



# WALK INDIANA STATE PARKS

## VOLKSMARCH

### SERIES 2025



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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 3 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 2025, there are five 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 and a new Seasonal event. In 2025, There are four year-round events and one seasonal event. Group walks are available for traditional, year round, and seasonal events on our website at [www.facebook.com/groups/2304519116421172](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2304519116421172)



## Your Notes:

### 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 2025 header photo depicts a waterfall at Clifty Falls 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



# POTATO CREEK STATE PARK

North Liberty, Indiana

Saturday, February 22 and August 2, 2025

**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 points along the trail. Food may also be available for socializing at some events for a small donation.

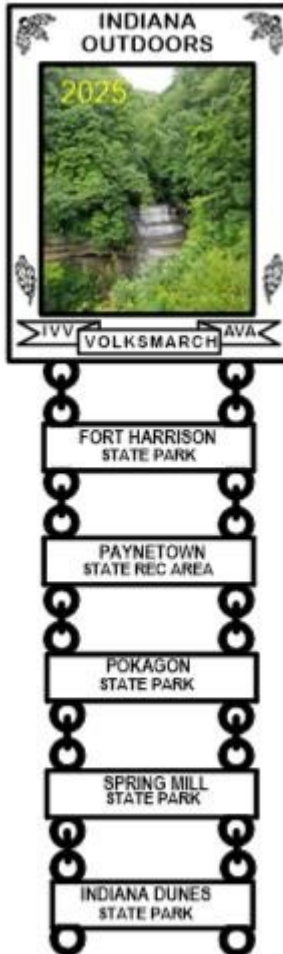
**Park Fees:** All participants must pay the current admission fee when applicable. An annual pass to all DNR properties is available for both in and out-of-state visitors. (no fees at WRSP)

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

**For information & special needs, contact:** Cliff Terry, 317-776-1848, e-mail [clifferry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clifferry@sbcglobal.net)

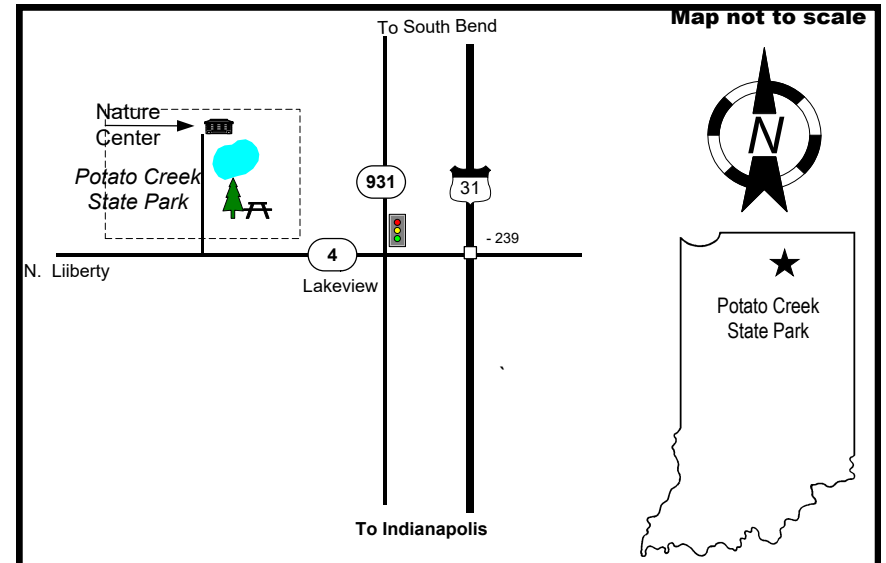


**START/FINISH POINT:** Nature Center  
**START TIME Feb 22:** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**START TIME Aug 2:** 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (E.D.T.)  
**FINISH TIME:** 4:00 PM (or before)  
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles) Bike – Aug only 11 K (6.8 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING: 1B (Per AVA)**  
**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.



Year round and Seasonal event awards

**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 129178

# CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK

Canceled due to flooding

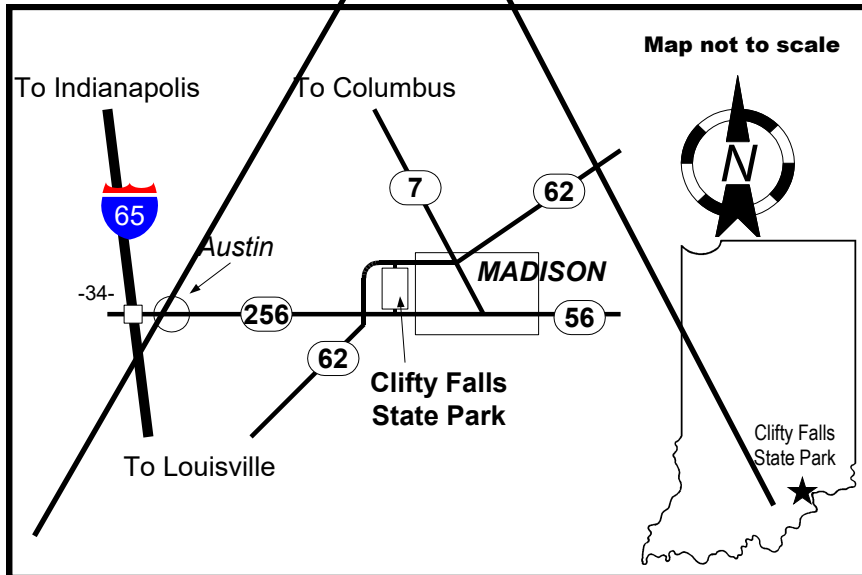
~~Saturday, April 12, 2025~~



**START/FINISH POINT:** Nature Center  
**START TIME:** 10:00 AM to Noon (E.D.T.)  
**FINISH TIME:** 2:00 PM (or before)  
**DISTANCE:** 5 or 10 Km (31 or 62 Mi.)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 3B (Scale is 1 to 5 with 5 being the most difficult)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Enjoy a walk through the deep canyons and beautiful waterfalls in early spring's full glory. The falls range from roaring plunges to delicate bridal-veil mists to gleaming frozen titans. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Teena Ligman at (812) 278-0139, or Clifty Falls State Park at (812) 273-8885  
**PARK ADDRESS:** 2221 Clifty Drive  
 Madison, IN, 47250



**DIRECTIONS:** The park is located in southeast Indiana, about 23 miles east of I-65 and about halfway between Louisville, KY, and Cincinnati, OH. It is just west of Madison on SR 56 (south gate). Once in the park, follow the park signs to the Nature Center.



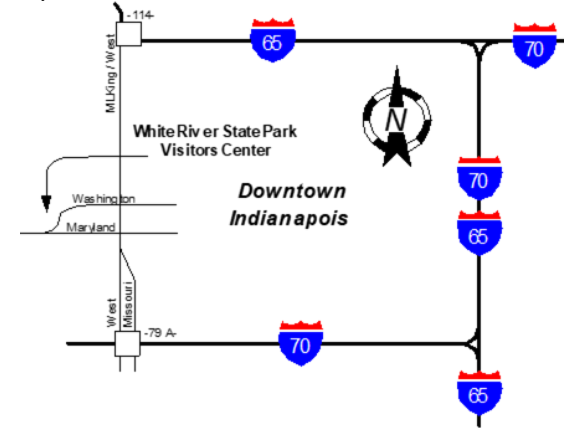
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# Year Round / Seasonal Events

Available during times listed below

## WHITE RIVER STATE PARK (WRSP)

**REGISTRATION:** White River State Park Visitors Center, 801 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (lobby) **ON LINE:** <http://my.ava.org/>  
**DIRECTIONS:** Take your favorite route into downtown Indy to Washington Street. The parking lot is on the right on the curve. The start box is in a podium near the rest rooms  
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 11 k (6.8 miles)  
**TRAIL RATING:** 1A (Per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Enjoy a unique urban experience with the sites in downtown Indianapolis, including the Central Canal and Indiana State House  
**POINT OF CONTACT:** Cliff Terry phone (317) 900-6750, e-mail [clifferry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clifferry@sbcglobal.net)  
 Sanction # Y0259



**NOTE:** The event is available on-line at all times but the Visitors Center is closed during winter (mid Dec—Feb). Call 317-233-2434 or visit / [www.whiteriverstatepark.com/visitors-center](http://www.whiteriverstatepark.com/visitors-center) for hours. Paid parking is available in the Visitors Center parking lot (@ \$3 per hour) except during special events

## INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK

(Seasonal Event available Mar 1 to Nov 30)

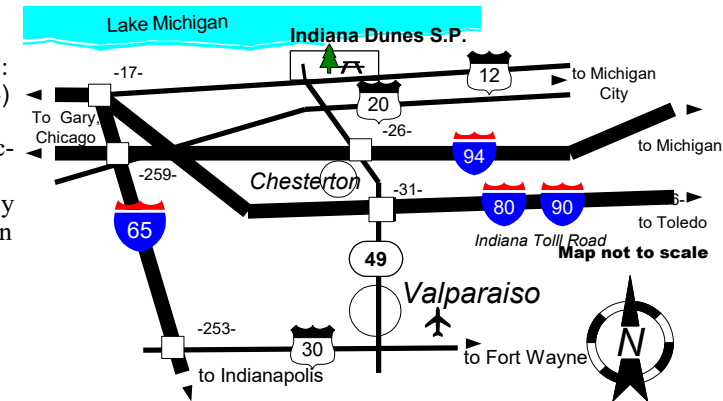
**REGISTRATION:** **ON LINE only:** <http://my.ava.org/>

**DIRECTIONS:** Indiana Dunes State Park is located on the shore of Lake Michigan about 15 miles east of Gary. To get to the park, take SR 49 north from any of the major east-west roads (US 12, US 20, I-94, I-80/90, or US 30). Once in the park, follow the signs to the Nature Center

**DISTANCE:** 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 k (3.1 to 7.4 miles) **TRAIL RATING:** 1A or 2B (per AVA)  
**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** The beautiful beach along Lake Michigan's southern shore sets the scene for this unique hike. The trail includes the soft sandy sand dunes, a gently rolling forest trail and a marsh boardwalk.

**POINT OF CONTACT:** Bob Buzolich phone (574) 339-9140, e-mail [son-of-buzz@prodigy.net](mailto:son-of-buzz@prodigy.net) Sanction # Y3640

**NOTE:** This event is only available by using the On Line Start Box (<http://my.ava.org/>) during the period from March 1 to November 30



# 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 (start box at the front desk)

**ON LINE:** <http://my.ava.org/>

### DIRECTIONS :

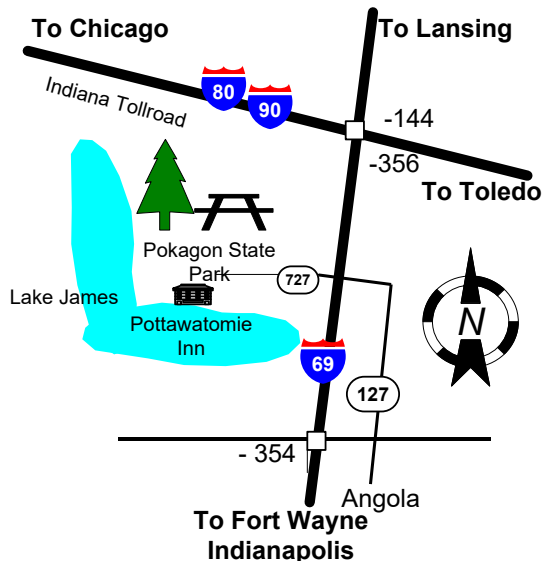
From I 69 take exit 354. Go north on SR 127 then left to park entrance W of interstate at exit. From Indiana Toll Road (I80/90): exit 144 S on I-69. Travel 2 miles to exit 354. Follow above directions to park entrance

**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](mailto:tjcrabill@gmail.com)

Sanction # Y0012



## SPRING MILL STATE PARK

**REGISTRATION :** Spring Mill Inn, 3333 SR 60 E Mitchell, IN 47446 The start box is kept at the desk at the Inn **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

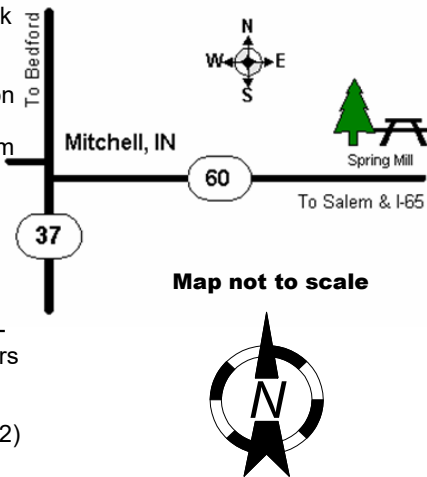
**DISTANCE:** 5 k (3.1 miles) or 10 k (6.2 miles)

**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](mailto:tdligman@att.net)

Sanction # Y1325



# SHADES STATE PARK

Waveland, Indiana

Saturday, Oct 25, 2025



**START/FINISH POINT:** Hickory Shelter

**START TIME:** 9:00 to 11:00 AM (E.D.T.)

**FINISH TIME:** 1:00 PM (or before)

**DISTANCE:** 5 or 10 Km (31 or 6.2 Mi.)

**TRAIL RATING:** 3B (Scale is 1 to 5 with 5 being the most difficult).

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Guided walk only

Enjoy hiking through the deep woods and canyons of this beautiful park. Sites include Prospect and Inspiration Points, Lover's Leap, and Red Fox Ravines .

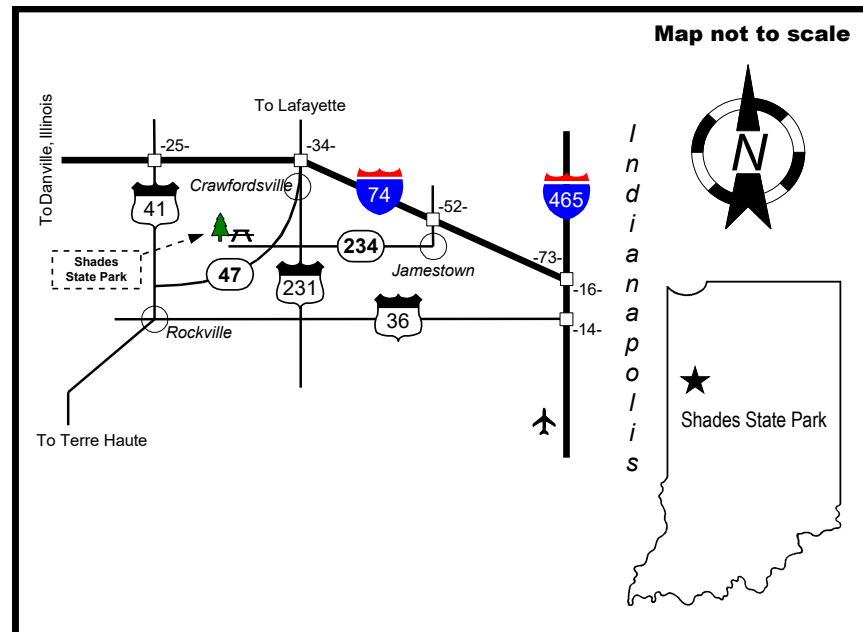
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Cliff Terry at (317) 900-6750, or

Shades State Park at (765) 435-2810

**PARK ADDRESS:** 27751 S. 892 W., Waveland, IN 47989

**DIRECTIONS:** Located near the western border of Indiana approximately 17 miles southwest of Crawfordsville. From Crawfordsville, take SR 231 eight miles south to SR 234. Turn right (west) on SR 234 and go to the park entrance. Once in the park follow the signs to Hickory Shelter. .



Sanction 129290

# McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK

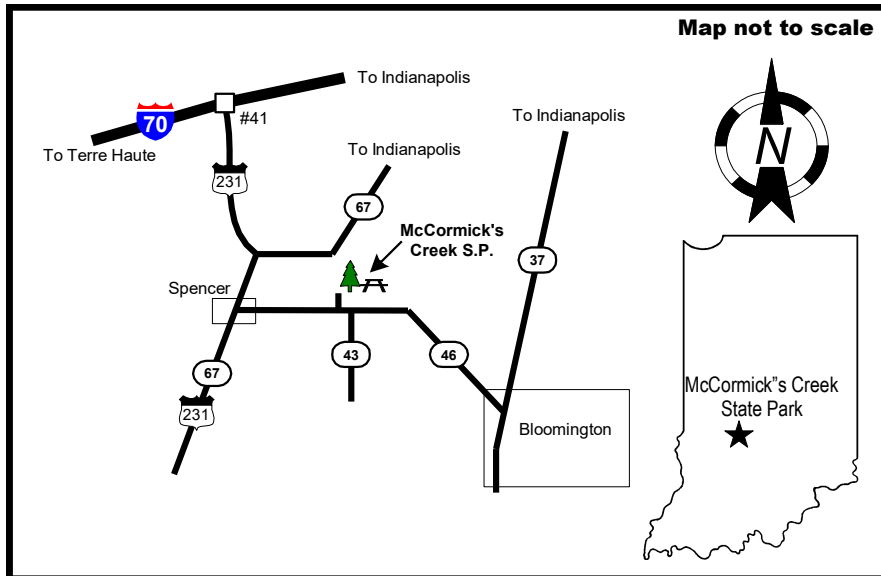
Spencer, Indiana  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025**



**START/FINISH POINT:** Westbrook Shelter  
**START TIME:** 9:00 to 11:00 AM (E.D.T.)  
**FINISH TIME:** 2:00 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:** Hike trails featuring diverse forest trees, spicebush, and native wildflowers. Two loops to waterfalls and McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Cliff Terry at (317) 900-6750 or  
 McCormick's Creek St. Park at (812) 829-2235  
**PARK ADDRESS:** 250 McCormick's Creek Rd.  
 Spencer, IN 47460



**DIRECTIONS:** The park is located about 15 miles northwest of Bloomington on SR 46, and two miles east of Spencer. After entering the park, follow the signs to the Westbrook Shelter.



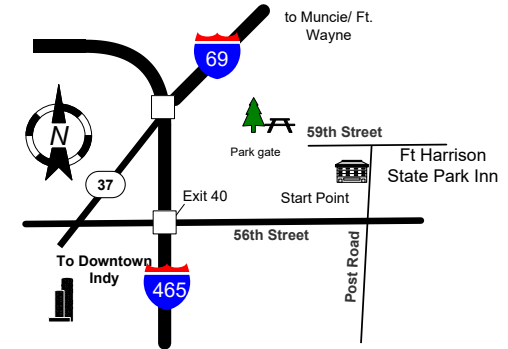
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# Year Round Events

Available every day during Park visiting hours

## 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](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. 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](mailto: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  
 Sanction # Y0851

