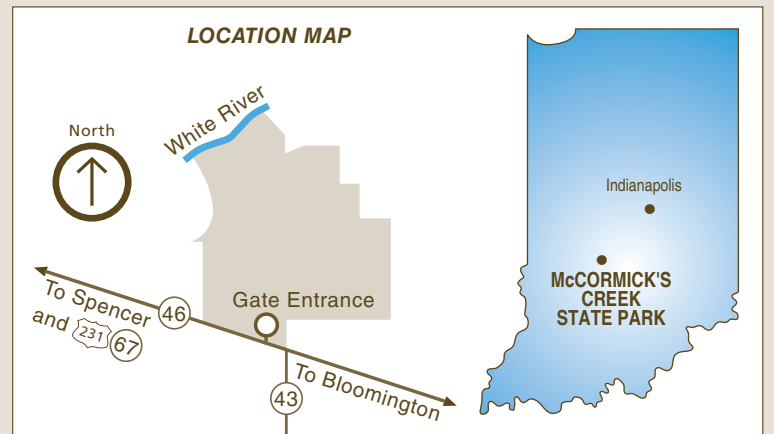
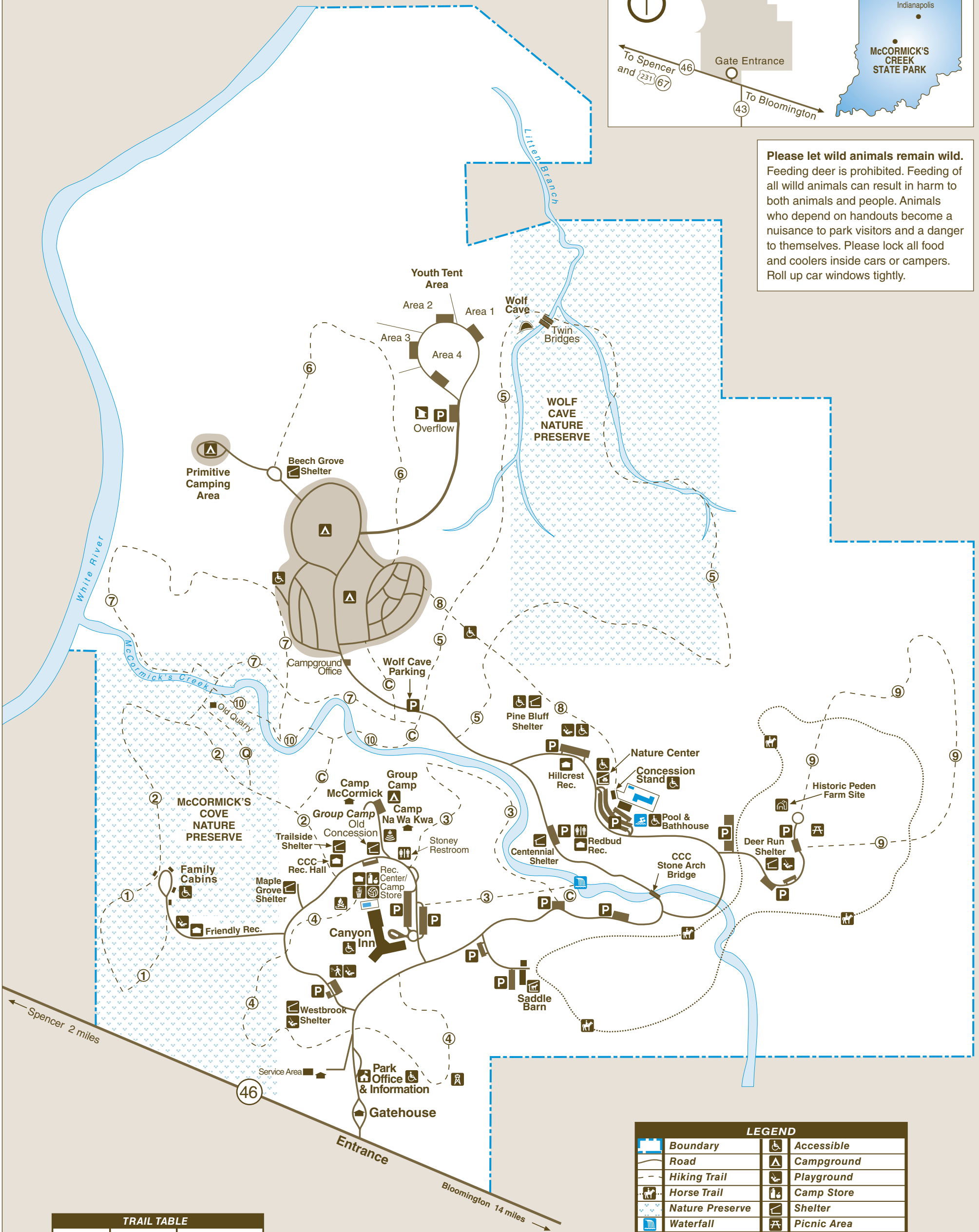


McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK

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1,924 acres Established 1916



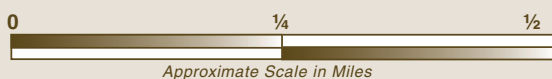
Please let wild animals remain wild.
Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of all wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.



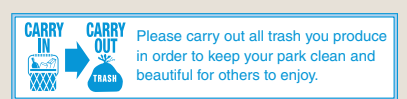
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1	0.5	Moderate
2	1.0	Moderate
3	0.8	Rugged
4	1.4	Moderate
5	2.0	Moderate
6	0.6	Easy
7	1.8	Moderate
8	0.7	Accessible
9	1.2	Easy
10	0.7	Rugged

C - Connector Trails Q - Quarry Loop

LEGEND			
	Boundary		Accessible
	Road		Campground
	Hiking Trail		Playground
	Horse Trail		Camp Store
	Nature Preserve		Shelter
	Waterfall		Picnic Area
	Swimming		Amphitheater
	Restroom		Horse Stable
	Parking		Fire Ring
	Fire Tower		Tennis Court
	Nature Center		Park Office/Info
	Sports Courts		Recreation Center



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

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history set in modern surroundings. Today the park is a delightful combination of campgrounds, Nature Center and swimming pool were development came in the early 1970s, when the present old stone bridge, and the fire tower. Another surge of CCC men constructed most of the shelter houses, the (Civilian Conservation Corps) was in the park. The improvements came in the 1930s, when the CCC they came up for sale. Much of the park's building acquisition of surrounding farms and homesteads as

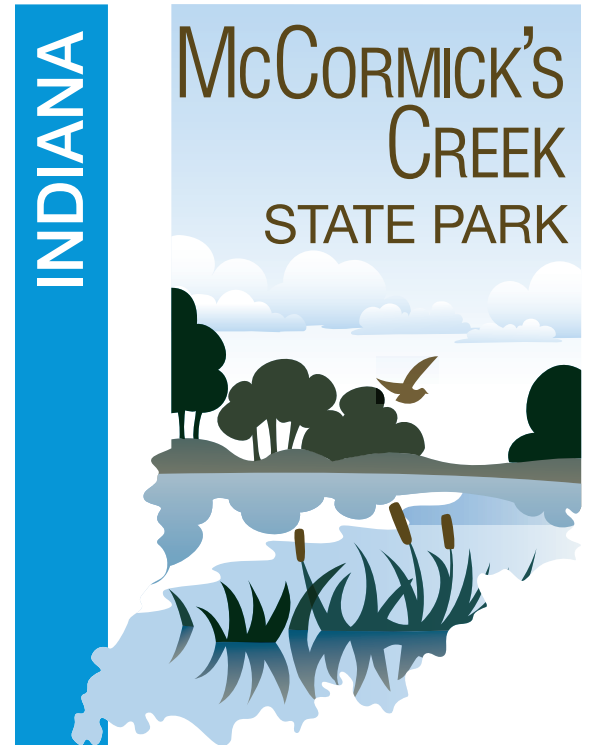
Creek State Park grew to its present size through Originally a little more than 350 acres, McCormick's original foundations. pool and recreation center, but the inn still rests on the changes brought new wings, a banquet room, swimming building. A few years later in the early 1920s, the building was remodeled and new brick siding was added. Later

as part of the state's centennial celebration. Canyon Inn opened its doors in the old sanitarium building. With the death of Dr. Denkwalter in 1914, his estate went up for sale at a land auction. Both Owen County and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining McCormick's Creek in its park-like setting, so the land was purchased. McCormick's Creek State Park was

dedicated as Indiana's first state park on July 4, 1916, for rest and relaxation. along the canyon, making the spot a favorite of everyone. Meanwhile, local residents continued to picnic and hike. Denkwalter planted a variety of trees and shrubs. to the loveliness of the well-landscaped grounds, where

Canyon Inn site, was a white-sided structure with long porches on every side. It offered guests plenty of access The original sanitarium, built on the present-day and weary to "get away from it all" and recuperate. perfect location for a sanitarium, a place for the wealthy and restful qualities. Dr. Denkwalter saw the tranquil peace of the canyon and its surrounding cliffs as the Denkwalter, a physician interested in the site's scenic and restful qualities. Dr. Denkwalter saw the tranquil 1888, when part of the area was purchased by Frederick The turning point in McCormick's Creek history came in getting the cut rock across the river to the railroad line. enterprising businessmen opened limestone quarries never great enough to make them profitable. Other

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Imagine an area filled with canyons and ravines far too rugged for even Native American settlement. McCormick's Creek State park is such an area. Long before pioneers entered the land now known as McCormick's Creek, the Miami roamed, camping along the banks of the White River to the north and south. The eventual park land became a hunting ground, offering deer, squirrel, grouse, and fish from its deep woods and clear streams.

In 1816, the area's first settler, John McCormick, homesteaded nearly 100 acres along the canyon by the waterfalls. Since it was then common practice to name physical landmarks after the people who owned them, the area became McCormick's Creek.

Early residents in the area cut timber, grazed livestock on the steep slopes and farmed small patches of flat upland ground. They also tried building sawmills on the creek, but the water level and force were

including volleyball and basketball. stocked camp store with nature-themed gifts. Complete RECREATION CENTER/CAMP STORE—Offers a fully the Central Reservation System.

buildings. Reservations for shelters are available through McCormick's Creek has 7 open shelters and 4 recreation playground equipment and playfields. In addition, PICNIC AREAS—Include tables, grills, toilet facilities, IN.gov or (812) 829-4344.

available at the Nature Center, at Interpretive Services. nature trail lies behind the center. Program schedules are available tree of charge to park visitors. A self-guiding and quizzes, and a full range of naturalist activities theme, it includes natural history exhibits, nature games INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Open Reservation System.

service. Reservations are available through the Inns meeting rooms are equipped with wireless Internet is open to inn guests only. No pets allowed. Guest and restaurant is open to the public and serves three meals, INN—Guest rooms feature private bath, telephone, HIKING—10.7 miles of easy to rugged trails. Reservation System.

Reservation System. camps. Reservations are available through the Central modern shower house located in the center of both kitchen accommodating 100 people in each camp; and capacity 25 people each; a large capacity dining hall/ NaWakwa. Each camp contains four sleeping barracks, features two group camps, Camp McCormick and Camp GROUP CAMPS—McCormick's Creek State Park Reservation System.

nights. Reservations available through the Central April - October. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive accessible. Pets are not permitted in the cabin area. Open maximum of six people and has a living area, bedroom, bathroom, screened-in porch and kitchen. Cabin 7 is FAMILY CABINS—Each cabin accommodates a are available through the Central Reservation System.

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Nature Center information

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Saddle Barn information

Call: (812) 829-8848

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 park office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS

boardwalk. Fishing is permitted on the river.

travels along the canyon rim before descending toward the White River. Along the way hikers encounter a 7. MODERATE (1.8 miles)—Trail 7 is a loop trail that and 20.

Shelter, travels through dense forest and ends in the Class A campground between campsites 19 6. EASY (0.6 mile)—Trail 6 begins beside Beech Grove Cave parking lot.

Maple forest, crosses Litten Branch, and offers access to Wolf Cave before ending near the Wolf Cave Nature Preserve, loops through a Beech- 5. MODERATE (2.0 miles)—Trail 5 is a loop trail that begins at the Wolf Cave Parking Area, enters Wolf Canyon Inn.

CCC fire tower. Trail 4 ends on the road near Canyon Field, McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve and the Canyon Inn pool and travels toward the Recreation 4. MODERATE (1.4 miles)—Trail 4 begins behind the seasonably inaccessible.

Fluctuating creek levels may make areas of the trail restrooms. There are no bridges crossing the creek. to the falls and canyon before ending at Stony 3. RUGGED (0.8 mile)—Trail 3 is a loop trail that House Quarry.

Quarry Loop Trail for observation of the Old State cabins 11 and 12. Trail 2 also offers access to the Cove Nature Preserve and ends between family CCC Recreation Hall, ventures into McCormick's 2. MODERATE (1.0 mile)—Trail 2 begins behind the Family Cabin Area.

Nature Preserve and ends at the entrance to the through large native timber in McCormick's Cove 1. MODERATE (0.5 miles)—Trail 1 is a loop trail that

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

behind Canyon Inn.

availability, contact the park office. Located

Memorial Day to no later than Labor Day. For swimming SWIMMING—Park pool open the Saturday before

Stables at (812) 829-8848

reservation information, contact McCormick's Creek SADDLE BARN—Trail rides and Hayrides offered. For

8. ACCESSIBLE (0.7 mile)—Trail 8 is a paved trail that begins in the campground, between campsites 14 and 15, and proceeds through woodlands and the Pine Bluff picnic area, ending at the pool and concession stand.

9. EASY (1.2 miles)—Trail 9 loop trail begins in the Deer Run parking area and loops through hardwood forest, old farm fields and crosses the bridle trail twice before ending in the Deer Run area.

10. MODERATE (0.7 mile)—Trail 10 begins across McCormick's Creek, from the Old State House Quarry, and proceeds upstream to the Trail 3 stairway that leads out of the canyon.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 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.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO₂ 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.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- 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.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits, and park only in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to places and times set by the DNR.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Bicycles must be used only on roadways and are not allowed on hiking trails.

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