

Forest Resource Management

Located along the Knobstone Escarpment in southeastern Indiana, the more than 26,000 acres of Clark SF is composed of high hills and knobs, and dominated by Central Hardwood forests. Established in 1903 on 2,000 acres of worn-out land, Clark is Indiana's oldest State Forest. Created to provide a State Forest reserve, forestry laboratory and State tree nurseries, Clark SF has a long history of forest management and public use.

In keeping with its mandate to "protect and conserve the timber, water resources, wildlife and topsoil in the State Forests for the equal enjoyment and guaranteed use of future generations," today's State Forests continue to apply active, science-based forest management to achieve these goals. This concept is known as multiple-use forestry.

Multiple-use forestry allows the forest to be managed to provide the greatest number and variety of benefits to forest patrons and surrounding communities. Indiana State Forests combine legislative directives with current knowledge from scientific research and public-use information to provide desired benefits while maintaining the forests' health and productivity. Indiana State Forests are managed to provide a wide range of benefits, including outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, conservation education, timber production, watershed protection and scenic values.

Active management of forest resources through multiple-use forestry practices such as timber harvesting, thinning and invasive species control allows foresters to improve and maintain the health of the forest to sustain for future generations the many benefits citizens derive from the forest. A continuous forest inventory allows foresters to apply the best science-based multiple-use forestry to achieve the multiple-use resources benefits desired, without over-taxing the forest resources.

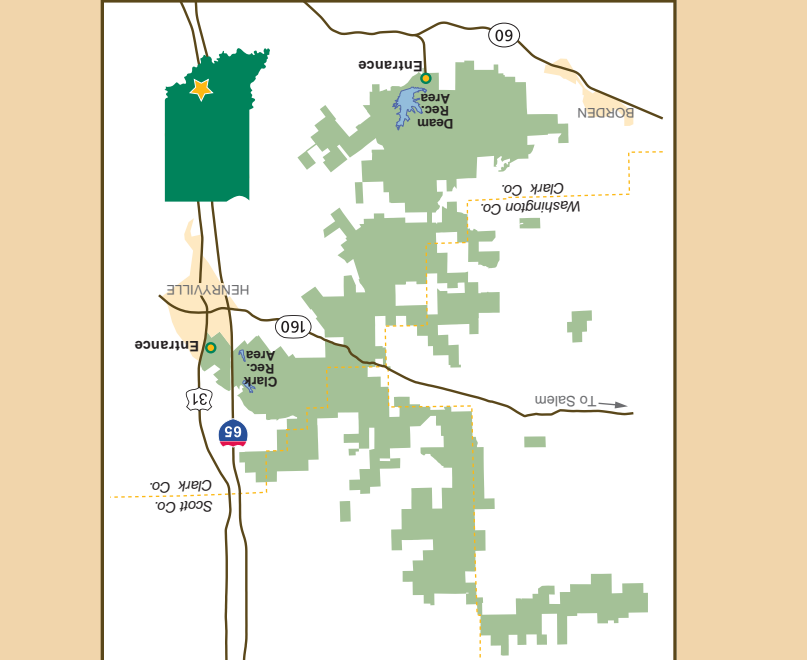
All timber harvest operations are closely monitored for compliance with logging and forestry Best Management Practices for water quality and soil erosion, as well as compliance with forest certification standards held by Indiana State Forests. Indiana's state forests are recognized under the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC-C012858) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) program (www.sfi-program.org) as well-managed forests that meet a rigorous set of internationally recognized certification standards.* Trail sections may be temporarily closed or rerouted during forest management operations for safety of trail users and forest operators.

Clark SF is committed to the conservation and protection of its forestlands through the application of multiple-use forestry, for the enjoyment and guaranteed use of present and future generations.

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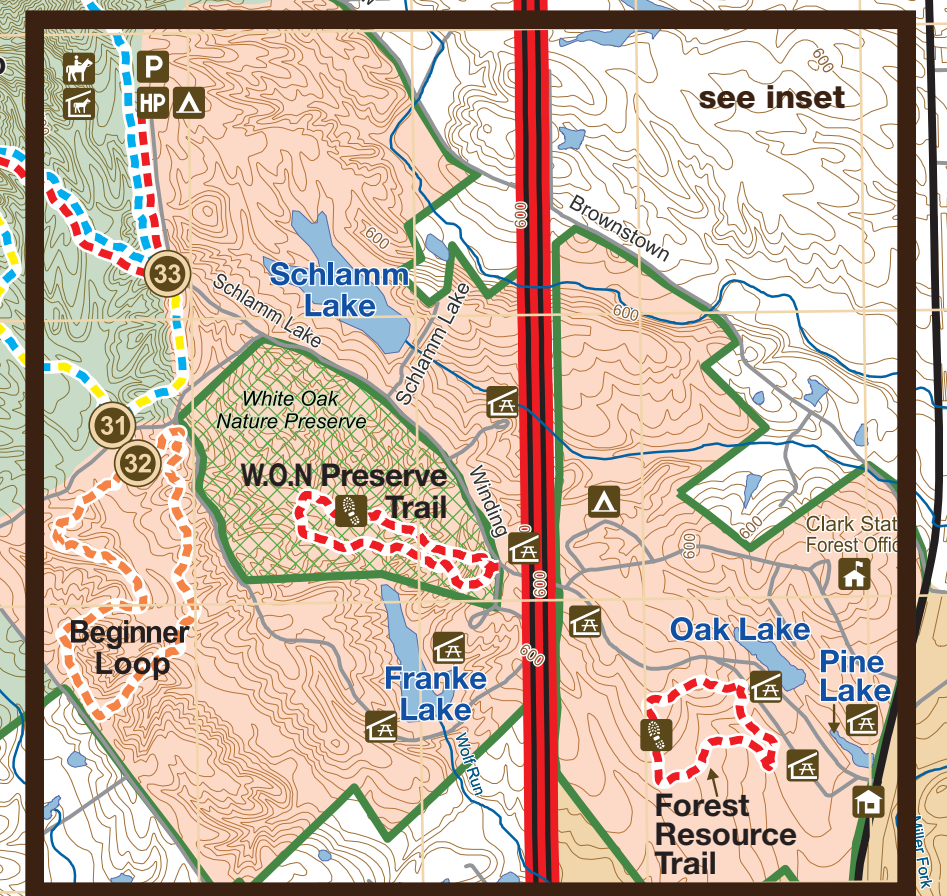
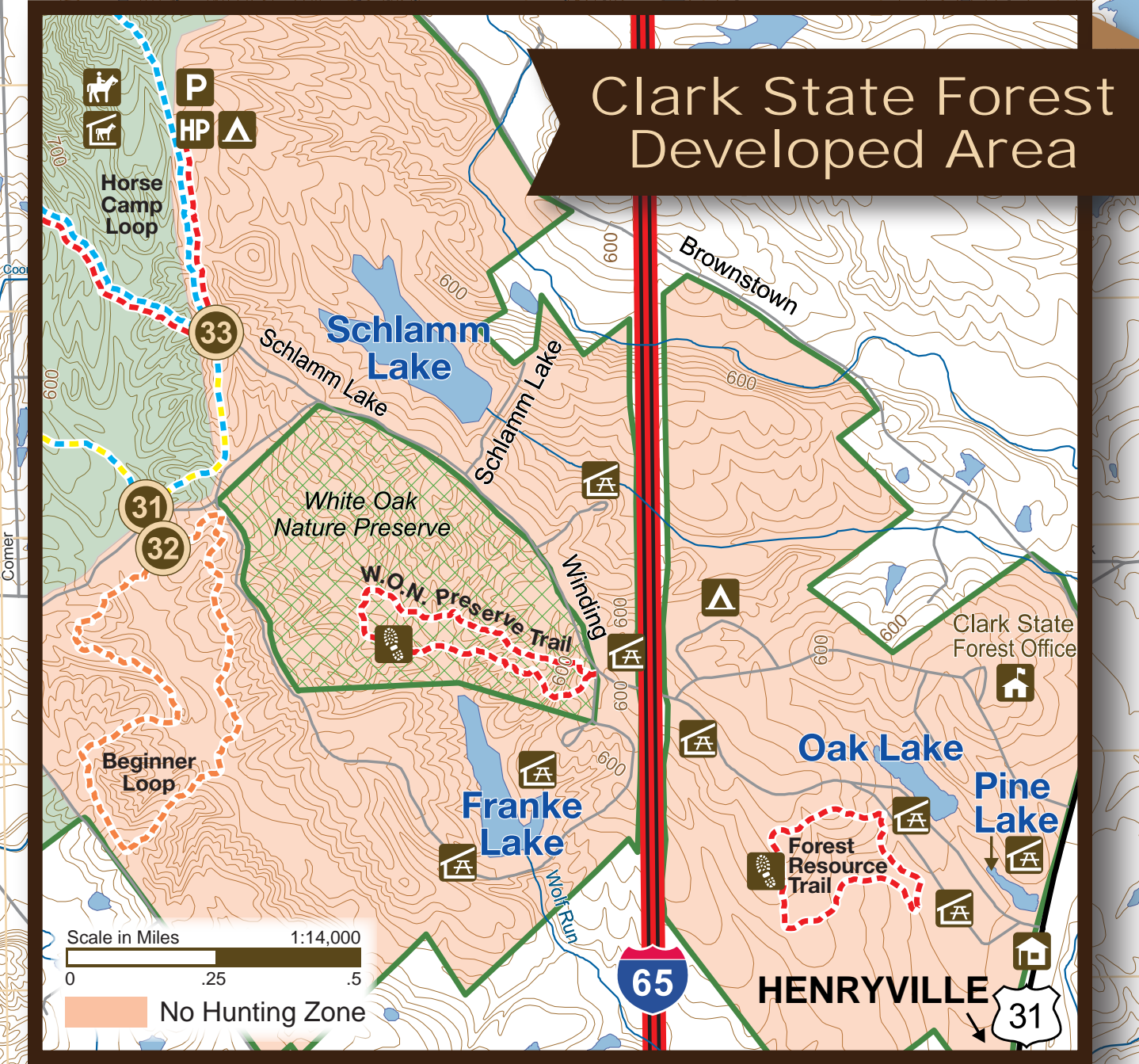
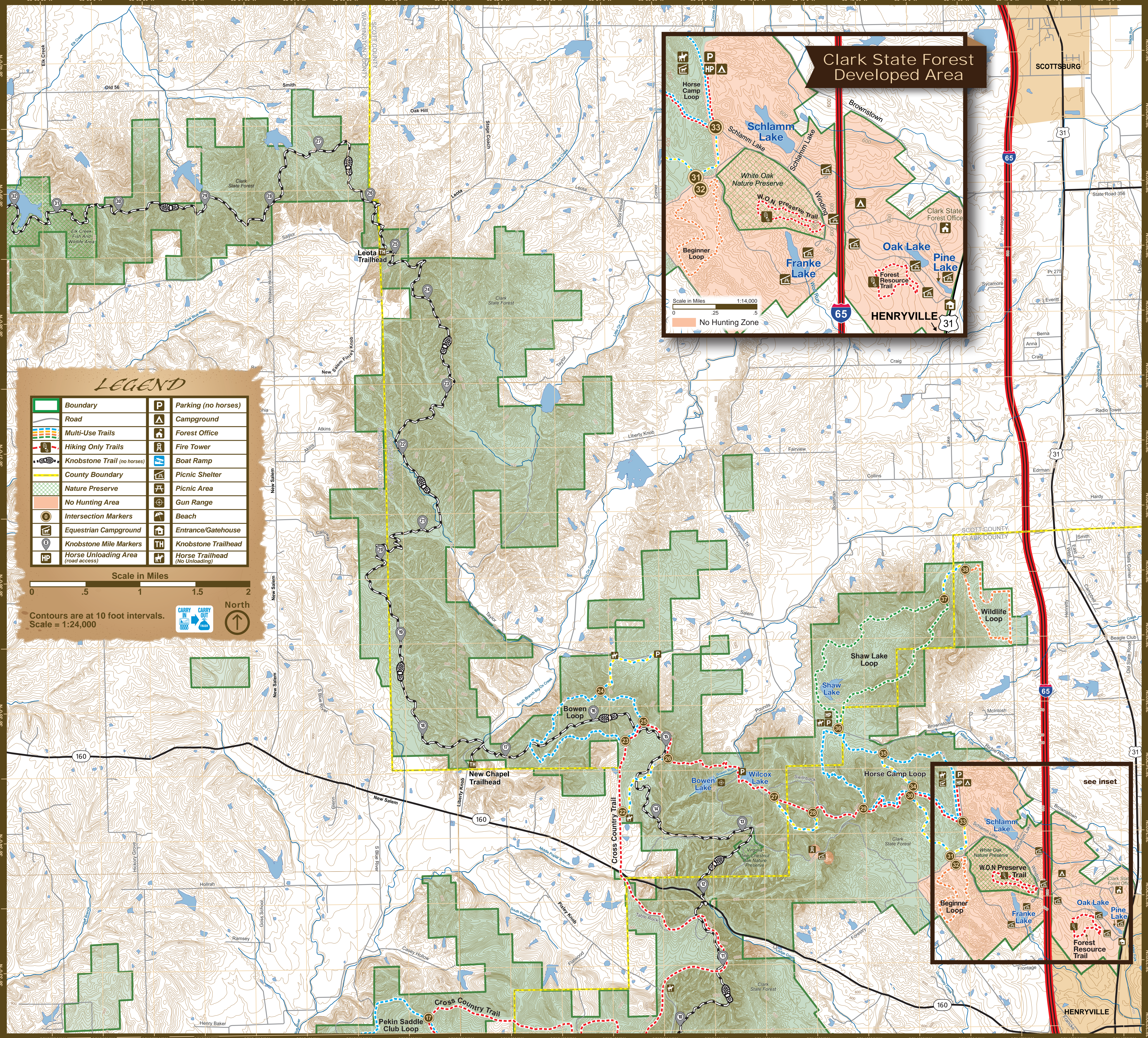
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Clark State Forest Information



LEGEND

	Boundary		Parking (no horses)
	Road		Campground
	Multi-Use Trails		Forest Office
	Hiking Only Trails		Fire Tower
	Knobstone Trail (no horses)		Boat Ramp
	County Boundary		Picnic Shelter
	Nature Preserve		Picnic Area
	No Hunting Area		Gun Range
	Intersection Markers		Beach
	Equestrian Campground		Entrance/Gatehouse
	Knobstone Mile Markers		Knobstone Trailhead
	Horse Unloading Area (road access)		Horse Trailhead (No Unloading)

Scale in Miles: 0, .5, 1, 1.5, 2

Contours are at 10 foot intervals. Scale = 1:24,000

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CLARK OFFICE HOURS
Normal hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION INFORMATION
Clark State Forest lies approximately 20 miles north of metropolitan Louisville, Kentucky. It is accessible from Interstate 65 via exit 19, Henryville, and is one mile north of Henryville on U.S. 31.

Beautiful roads and paths wind through the heavily forested timberland. There are seven fishing lakes: Schlam Lake (18 acres), Franke Lake (13 acres), Bowen Lake (7 acres), Oak Lake (2 acres), Pine Lake (2 acres), Shaw Lake (13 acres), and Wilcox Lake (5 acres). Valid state property Lake Permits are required for boating on these and all other state-managed lakes. There is no swimming at Clark State Forest. There are picnic and camping facilities. The public camping area is accessed through the main forest entrance. There are sites for tent, trailer and group camping.

*Boundaries are estimates and not intended for surveying use.

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CAMPGROUNDS
There are two primitive campgrounds. One is for horsemen. The other is for primitive tent camping. Each campground operates on a first-come, first-served basis and has its own self-registration kiosk. Each campground has a picnic table, grill and parking spur at each campsite. Water is available at both campgrounds only during warmer months. In the off-season, water can be accessed from the property office's water spigot. Campground improvements are planned, including a comfort station, showers, electric and reservable campsites. Check with forest office or website for updates.

SHELTERHOUSES
There are a number of picnic areas, including nine shelterhouses, available for day use. Several shelterhouses are available to reserve. Make reservations by phone or at the office during normal operating hours. Rental is from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Rental fee is not refundable. Picnic tables and grills are located at the picnic sites. Playground areas are available near most picnic areas or along the Clark SF entrance off U.S. 31.

HORSE TRAILS
Clark SF/Deam Lake SRA offers 70 miles of horse trails. Trails are marked with colored symbols on posts. To ride horses on state property you must obtain an annual or daily Horse Tag. Tags can be purchased at the property office during normal operating hours. Annual Horse Tags are also available at stores.innsgits.com. Check in at the Deam Lake office for changes, updates, or trail closures. It is advised to check online for this information before your trip.

HIKING TRAILS
The 60-mile Knobstone Hiking Trail is Indiana's longest footpath. Maps are sold at the Clark SF/Deam SRA property offices. Maps can also be accessed at dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4224.htm. The horse trails are also open to hiking. Clark SF/Deam Lake also offers 9 miles of hiking-only trails. The hiking trails and the Knobstone Trail are marked by white blaze on trees. Check in at the Clark SF/Deam Lake office or online for changes, updates, or trail closures. For more Knobstone Trail info visit dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4224.htm.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL
The Deam Lake Loop trail is the only trail permitted for mountain biking. To ride mountain bikes on state property you must obtain an Off-Road Cycling Permit. Permits can be purchased at either property office during normal operating hours. Bikers will share this trail with horseback riders and hikers. Mountain bikers and hikers should yield right-of-way to horseback riders. Check in at the Clark SF/Deam Lake office or online for changes, updates, or trail closures.

HUNTER ACCESS
Hunting is allowed on State Forest property during legal hunting seasons. A valid hunting license is required. There are safety zones near each office, shelter building, and campground. When in doubt, hunters should stay at least 300 feet from any buildings, roads or trails. During timber harvests, other restrictions may apply for certain areas. Hunters must know and adhere to the State Forest boundary and not block State Forest gates. Indiana's hunting and trapping dates are available at the Clark SF office and in the current Indiana Hunting and Trapping Guide. To find the nearest Deer and Turkey Check Stations and other hunting information go to dnr.IN.gov/fishwild.

GUN RANGE RULES
All range users are required to obtain a Clark SF Range Permit for use of gun range. All visitors to the range must sign in and out at the Clark SF office. Failure to do so will result in a fine. Only paper targets are permitted. Automatic weapons are prohibited. Please keep area clean and practice proper gun safety at all times. Check with forest office for updates, hours, and range closures.

RULES GOVERNING USE
Public lands are managed for long-term use. To protect these lands and assure their ability to provide multiple long-term benefits, the following activities are prohibited: use of off-road vehicles, carelessness with fires, destruction of private or public property, unauthorized vegetation or fauna destruction, and unauthorized trail making. Please take care of public lands and enjoy them.



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

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