

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

- The park is closed from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m., except to anglers and to campers at their site.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Water is tested regularly for purity.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, only in designated areas.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- 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.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Youth groups are permitted in the family campground. No camping is permitted only in the campground. No vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> 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.
- 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.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS

**H.SHARP SPRING TRAIL** (1 mile), **EASY** to **MODERATE**—This trail loops around the perimeter of Wyandotte Wetlands and passes Sharp's Spring on the lake's backside. The parking lot shelter provides a beautiful spot for a picnic.

## ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**ACCESS SITES**—Four public-access sites are available in the area. The Lock and Dam 44 access site at the mouth of the Blue River provides a concrete ramp for access to the Ohio River.

**CANOEING**—Eleven miles of Blue River downstream from SR 462 bridge are available for canoeing, tubing and boating.

**CAMPING**—The modern electric campground with 234 reservable sites is equipped with modern restrooms, hot water and showers. There are an additional 36 electric sites with modern facilities reservable for horse camping only. Fresh water fill-up available throughout the modern campground, along with 50-amp service and 45-foot pad. A 63-site, reservable, non-electric horse camp is available with a modern restroom, hot water and showers. Stage Stop primitive campground and youth rally camp, with 50 sites, is non-reservable. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

**FISHING**—At fishing pond and Blue River access sites.

**GROUP CAMP**—100-person capacity with dining and recreation hall, bunkhouses and shower house. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

**HIKING**—11.3 miles of short day-use trails provide access to the Adventure Trail, a 25.5-mile backpacking trail through Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

**HORSE TRAILS**—The horse trail system includes 80 miles of marked loop trails through Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—Open year-round. Program schedules are available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (812) 738-8234.

**NATURE CENTER**—Hickory Hollow Nature Center, authentic 1850s hay press, 1830s farmstead. Hours vary seasonally.

**PICNIC AREAS**—Tables, grills, toilet facilities.

**SHELTERS**—Nine shelters. Three shelters are reservable through the Central Reservation System.

**SWIMMING**—Family Aquatics Center. Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

**WYANDOTTE CAVES**—Temporarily closed for repairs. Call (812) 738-8232 for information.

**G.POST-OAK CEDAR NATURE PRESERVE**—This trail is on Cold Friday Road, 1.5 miles south of the main property office. The Division of Nature Preserves requests that you register at the trailhead before entering the nature preserve.

**F.OHIO RIVER BLUFF** (1.5 miles), **RUGGED**—This loop trail captures vistas of what the early settlers saw while traveling down the Ohio River. Follow the rocky escarpment bluff, as it meanders down to the horse trail from Shelter House 2 and back to the lower parking lot. It then skirts under the edge of the bluff and up the rock staircase, built by the CCC, back to the shelter.

**E.WHITE-TAILED DEER** (1 mile), **EASY**—This trail begins at the entrance to Shelter House 2 picnic area and ends at the bottom of Shelter House 2 parking lot.

**D.CLIFF DWELLER** (1.75 miles), **MODERATE**—This loop trail crosses a dry creekbed, follows a beautiful, spring-fed creek and has some long stretches of climbing. Parking is available at the Pioneer Shelter House.

**C.CCC GHOST** (1.25 miles), **RUGGED**—This trail begins and ends at the Group Camp and follows both sides of a dry creekbed. Be prepared for long, steep climbs and rocky descents. Parking is available at the Group Camp.

**B.TULIP VALLEY** (2 miles), **MODERATE**—Begins across from the Group Camp, passes through the woods in front of Hickory Hollow Nature Center, and continues up the ridge to the campground. One mile of this trail is universally accessible from the Nature Center.

**A.ROCKY RIDGE BIKE AND HIKE** (2 miles), **MODERATE**—Begins and ends near campsite 35. This loop trail passes through deep ravines and up scenic, rocky slopes. Parking and water are available at the campground.

**AA.FIRE TOWER TO ROCKY RIDGE BIKE AND HIKE** (8 miles) **MODERATE** to **RUGGED**—Begins at the fire tower and travels west, intersecting with the Rocky Ridge Trail in the Class A campground, then heads south to the Nature Center and continues to the Group Camp. It then turns north passing the Aquatic Center before returning to the fire tower.

## DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

### THIS IS YOUR PARK

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

### CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS



Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made online or by calling toll-free.

**camp.IN.gov**  
**1-866-6campIN**  
(1-866-622-6746)

Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by calling toll-free.

**IndianalInns.com**  
**1-877-lodges1**  
(1-877-563-4371)



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

### FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Write:** O'Bannon Woods State Park  
7234 Old Forest Road SW  
Corydon, IN 47112  
**Call:** (812) 738-8232  
**Fax:** (812) 738-8255  
**Nature Center:** (812) 738-8234  
**Online:** [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov)

### 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 let wild animals remain wild.** Feeding wildlife is prohibited and 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.

This combination of a state park surrounded by a vast, working state forest provides a unique opportunity for viewing multiple-use management of natural and cultural resources. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the wild diversity, long history and rugged beauty of southern Indiana at O'Bannon Woods State Park.

Interpretive naturalists offer year-round hikes, talks and other programs for visitors and groups. The Nature Center offers resource and cultural displays, live snakes and turtles, bird viewing, an outdoor wetlands pond and living-history demonstrations at a pioneer farmstead. Also featured is a one-of-a-kind, restored, historically accurate, 1850s hay press and barn with accompanying exhibits.

With the development of this state park, we continue to offer high-quality activities and facilities for both new and returning visitors. Guests can enjoy a wide range of activities and facilities as described in an adjacent column of this brochure. Hunting, in compliance with established seasons, continues to be permitted in Harrison-Crawford State Forest, but not inside the state park.

The late Gov. Frank O'Bannon and his family for their contributions to this community and to the area's natural resources and history. The 2,294-acre site was established in 1980 in a peaceful and secluded setting, with the 24,000-acre Harrison-Crawford State Forest. It was operated by the Indiana DNR's Division of Forestry. The state forest, one of Indiana's largest, serves as a source of timber and a place for canoeing, hiking, hunting, fishing, birding, swimming and other outdoor recreation.

The property name was changed in 2004 to honor where the group camp is located today. Indiana's few African-American CCC companies, sat retaining walls. The 517th camp, which hosted one of manager's residence, the service area and numerous built facilities, including shelter house 2, the property near the park entrance and throughout the forest. They began in 1934. These men planted many of the trees the work of the 517th Co. Civilian Conservation Corps state forest in 1932. The area became popular through Natural Resources, bought the first parcels of land for a Department of Conservation, now the Department of

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STATE PARK



Nestled among the hills, rivers, and forests of extreme south central Indiana, O'Bannon Woods State Park is rich with resources dating back to prehistoric Native Americans. The stories of the region's history live on in the facilities and natural features of the park, which was formerly known as Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area.

Native Americans mined the valuable bluish-grey Harrison County chert or flint from caves and fields for thousands of years to make spearpoints, knives, arrowheads and other tools.

Pioneer settlers traveled through the Ohio valley in the early 1800s to establish towns, businesses and early trading with riverboats coming up the Ohio River. A local button factory, lime kilns and haypress barns were sources for river-related income during the mid-to-late 1800s. Even today, visitors find stone foundations, cemeteries and historical structures scattered among the hillsides.

By the early 1900s, much of the area had been overfarmed and was bare of trees. The

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2,294 acres Established 2004

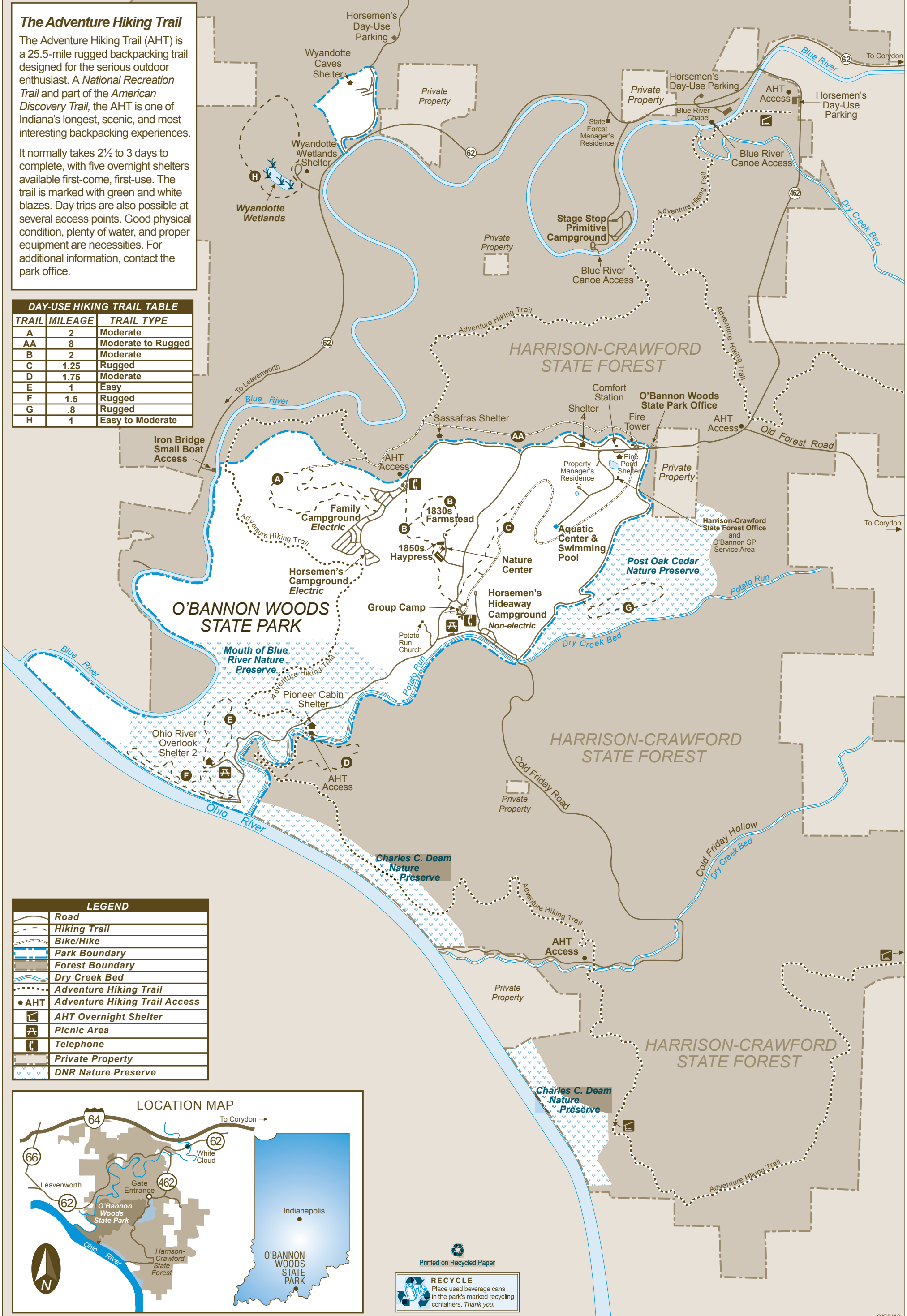
## The Adventure Hiking Trail

The Adventure Hiking Trail (AHT) is a 25.5-mile rugged backpacking trail designed for the serious outdoor enthusiast. A *National Recreation Trail* and part of the *American Discovery Trail*, the AHT is one of Indiana's longest, scenic, and most interesting backpacking experiences.

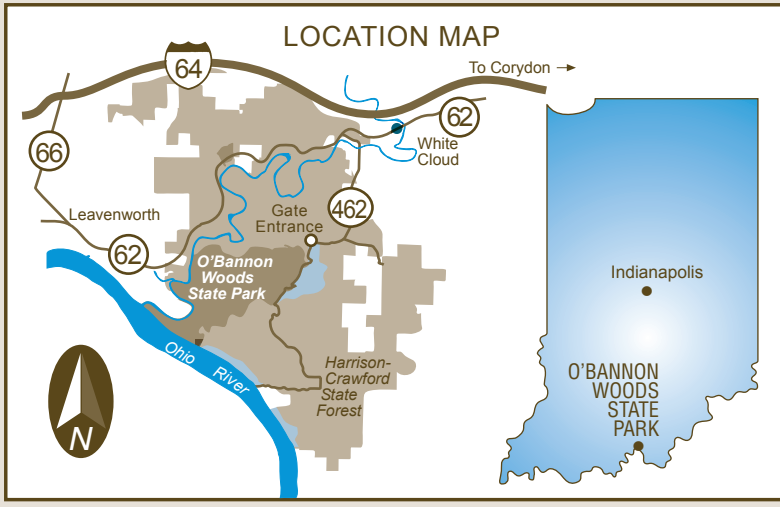
It normally takes 2½ to 3 days to complete, with five overnight shelters available first-come, first-use. The trail is marked with green and white blazes. Day trips are also possible at several access points. Good physical condition, plenty of water, and proper equipment are necessities. For additional information, contact the park office.

### DAY-USE HIKING TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
A	2	Moderate
AA	8	Moderate to Rugged
B	2	Moderate
C	1.25	Rugged
D	1.75	Moderate
E	1	Easy
F	1.5	Rugged
G	.8	Rugged
H	1	Easy to Moderate



LEGEND	
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Bike/Hike
	Park Boundary
	Forest Boundary
	Dry Creek Bed
	Adventure Hiking Trail
	Adventure Hiking Trail Access
	AHT Overnight Shelter
	Picnic Area
	Telephone
	Private Property
	DNR Nature Preserve



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**RECYCLE**  
Place used beverage cans in the park's marked recycling containers. Thank you.