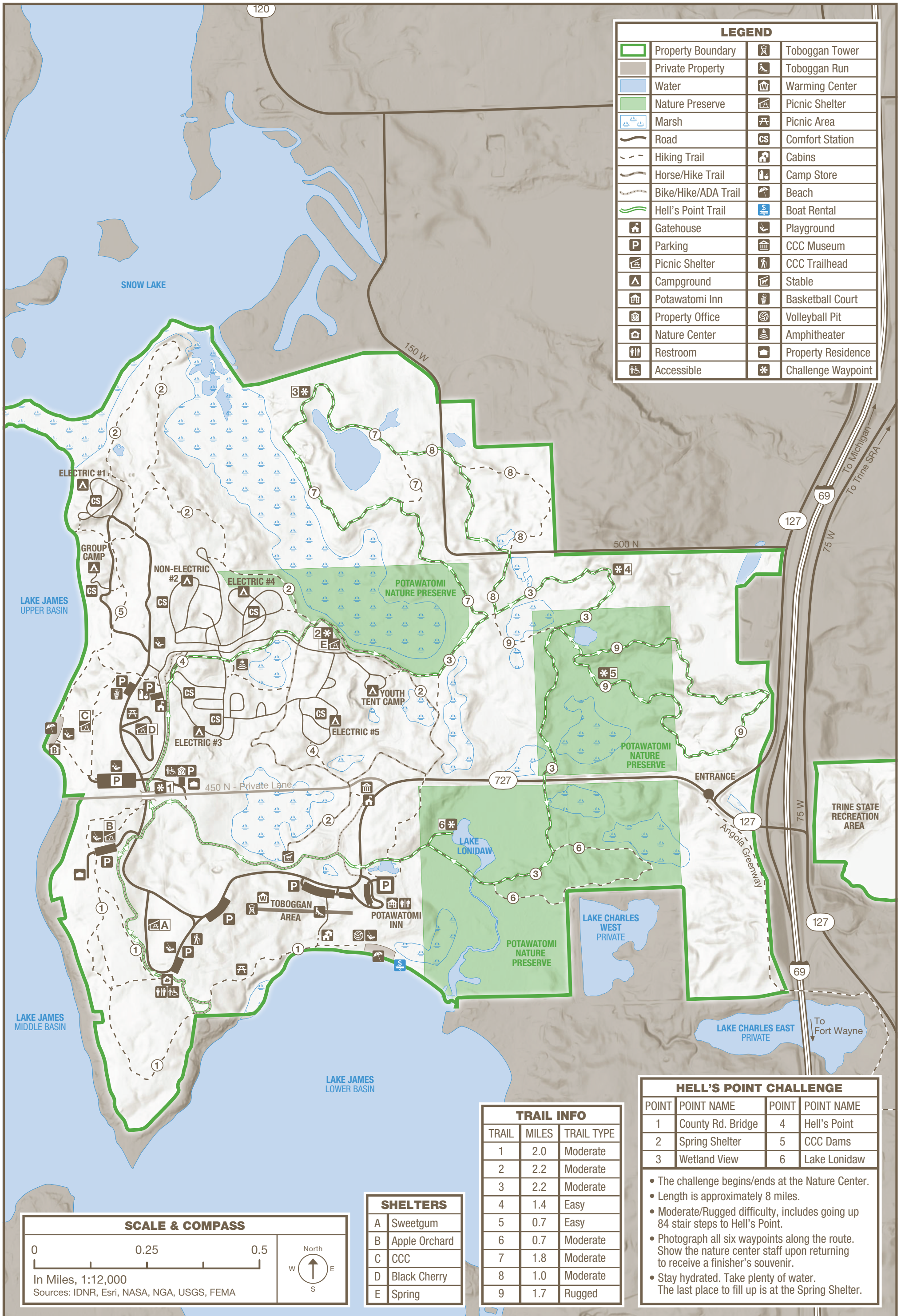


POKAGON STATE PARK

450 Lane 100 Lake James | Angola, IN 46703 | 260-833-2012
1,260 Acres | Established 1925



LEGEND			
	Property Boundary		Toboggan Tower
	Private Property		Toboggan Run
	Water		Warming Center
	Nature Preserve		Picnic Shelter
	Marsh		Picnic Area
	Road		Comfort Station
	Hiking Trail		Cabins
	Horse/Hike Trail		Camp Store
	Bike/Hike/ADA Trail		Beach
	Hell's Point Trail		Boat Rental
	Gatehouse		Playground
	Parking		CCC Museum
	Picnic Shelter		CCC Trailhead
	Campground		Stable
	Potawatomi Inn		Basketball Court
	Property Office		Volleyball Pit
	Nature Center		Amphitheater
	Restroom		Property Residence
	Accessible		Challenge Waypoint

SCALE & COMPASS	
0	0.25 0.5
In Miles, 1:12,000	
Sources: IDNR, Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA	

SHELTERS	
A	Sweetgum
B	Apple Orchard
C	CCC
D	Black Cherry
E	Spring

TRAIL INFO		
TRAIL	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	2.0	Moderate
2	2.2	Moderate
3	2.2	Moderate
4	1.4	Easy
5	0.7	Easy
6	0.7	Moderate
7	1.8	Moderate
8	1.0	Moderate
9	1.7	Rugged

HELL'S POINT CHALLENGE			
POINT	POINT NAME	POINT	POINT NAME
1	County Rd. Bridge	4	Hell's Point
2	Spring Shelter	5	CCC Dams
3	Wetland View	6	Lake Lonidaw

- The challenge begins/ends at the Nature Center.
- Length is approximately 8 miles.
- Moderate/Rugged difficulty, includes going up 84 stair steps to Hell's Point.
- Photograph all six waypoints along the route. Show the nature center staff upon returning to receive a finisher's souvenir.
- Stay hydrated. Take plenty of water. The last place to fill up is at the Spring Shelter.



THE PARK STORY

Pokagon State Park's rich natural and cultural histories are unique to Indiana and offer a northern feel to a popular, year-round destination.

During the Wisconsin Ice Age, the Saginaw Lobe reached Pokagon, ceasing its forward motion and beginning to melt. Huge chunks of ice and debris split from it, creating Lake James and Lake Lonidaw; Hell's Point; and an esker on Trail 6.

This area lies at the southernmost range of many plant and animal species that are more commonly found in the northern Great Lakes and Canada. Included are the tamarack tree, massasauga rattlesnake, yellow birch, and star-nosed mole.

The Bodewadmi (Potawatomi) settled this area of northern Indiana. It's believed they originated from northern Ottawa and Ojibway tribes, who shared their language. The Myaamia's (Miami) historic homeland also included this region. The Myaamia and Bodewadmi shared many traditions and lifestyles.

Leopold Pokagon resisted the forced removal of his Potawatomi band to the West. In 1833, he negotiated a treaty guaranteeing their right to remain. His son Simon also successfully advocated for the Potawatomi.

In the 1920s, a group of local businessmen negotiated the purchase of several hundred acres along Lake James that became the state park.

During the 1930s, Co. 556 of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was assigned to the state park. In addition to many infrastructure and erosion control projects, the CCC built the park's Spring Shelter, CCC Shelter, Group Camp, office, saddle barn, and gatehouse.

Today, Pokagon State Park provides year-round recreation and accommodations, but make sure to come during winter to ride the toboggan slide and spend a summer day on the beach.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

BIKE TRAIL: Accessible. Connects Inn, nature center, saddle barn, campgrounds, and park entrances.

BOAT RENTALS: At Inn beach during summer. Limited spring and fall hours. No launching facilities for private boats; however, docking slips are available, first-come/first-served.

CAMPING: Modern toilets, hot water and showers. Table and fire ring at each site. Electricity available. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

CAMP STORE: Open seasonally, firewood, snacks, drinks.

CCC Pocket Museum: Discover the Civilian Conservation Corps and their park heritage.

FISHING: Bass, bluegill, walleye, crappie, catfish, northern pike, etc. State license required. Available for purchase at park office.

GROUP CAMP: Capacity 120/summer, 50/winter. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

HIKING: 13.7 miles of trails, easy-to-moderate invite you, year-round.

HORSES: Hayrides available. Two-mile bridle trail, short pony rides. Inquire at saddle barn.

POTAWATOMI INN: Rooms, cabins, indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna. Great for dinners and banquets. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE: Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Schedules available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov and by calling 260-833-2012.

NATURE CENTER: Exhibits on park's natural and cultural history. Woodland window and auditorium. Open daily most of the year.

PICNIC AREAS: Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields.

SWIMMING: Free beach. Beach house open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.

TOBOGGAN RUN: 1,780-foot refrigerated twin track. Open weekends from Thanksgiving weekend to February with extra holiday hours.

WINTER SPORTS: Cross-country skiing (rental), sledding, ice skating, ice fishing.

YOUTH TENT: Adult supervision required. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.



HIKING TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- Bicycles prohibited on hiking trails.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 1	2.0 mi.	Moderate

Trail from Inn past Nature Center to Apple Orchard picnic area through hardwood forest. Crosses road at bridge, continues as the bicycle trail to saddle barn and back to Inn. A good trail for woodland birds and spring flowers.

Trail 2	2.2 mi.	Moderate
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Begins on main park road near gatehouse, goes through rolling land, past Spring Shelter, and through hardwood forest. Ends at Campground 1.

Trail 3	2.2 mi.	Moderate
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Interesting trail leading through Potawatomi Nature Preserve, with varied habitats of marsh land, deep hardwood forests, pines and sand hills; panoramic view of area from trail overlook at Hell's Point. Returns to Potawatomi Inn.

Trail 4	1.4 mi.	Easy
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Begins near gatehouse (with Trail 2) and extends to Trail 5 through campgrounds near amphitheatre. A variety of habitats is offered in pine trees, hardwood forest and rolling land.

Trail 5	0.7 mi.	Easy
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Begins near Campground 1 and goes past Group Camp to beach; passes through deep woods; a good trail to observe birds and spring flowers.

Trail 6	0.7 mi.	Moderate
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Trail through primitive area, including swamp. Begins and ends on Trail 3. A good trail for observing marshland plants and animals.

Trail 7-Bluebird Hills	1.8 mi.	Moderate
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Begins below Hell's Point on Trail 3 and makes a loop before returning to the starting point. This is mostly open, rolling hills. Grasslands support native prairie plants typical of the land before it was farmed. The restored wetlands provide homes for many species that prefer this habitat.

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TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 8	1.0 mi.	Moderate

Our newest trail leaves Trail 3 just west of Hell's Point and heads north, crosses a county road, and traverses open, rolling hills, which are being managed to return to meadowlands.

Trail 9	1.7 mi.	Rugged
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Leaves Trail 3 and goes east through wooded swamps and young forests. Touches the former site of the "Pokagon Motel" on State Road 127, near I-69, passes by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)-built stone dams, and returns to Trail 3.



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TRAIL CHALLENGE

- Try one of our challenges and earn merchandise to purchase. Participate in the Centennial or Hell's Point Challenge at Pokagon State Park. Visit the website and select your park of choice to learn more.

on.IN.gov/parks-challenges



TRUE TALES

- **MOST INTERESTING FEATURE:** The original toboggan slide was built in 1935 by the CCC and had curves similar to a bobsled run.
- **LODGING FEATURE:** The original Potawatomi Inn was built in 1927 and had 40 rooms that rented for \$3/night.
- **GEOLOGICAL FEATURE:** Steuben County has 120 glacial-formed kettle lakes, the most lakes of any Indiana county.

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