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- 24,323 acres
- 1 lake
- 5 trail shelters
- 34 designated parking areas for hunting or other recreation activities
- 4 canoe/kayak ramps on Blue River
- No camping
- 72 miles of horse trails
- 34 miles of hiking/biking trails (includes Adventure Trail)



Completed Projects



An existing wooden bridge used by property staff and various recreational user groups, received improvements thanks to staff and volunteers from the Indiana Trail Riders Association (ITRA).

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In 2019, the Division of Forestry took ownership of former Indiana Governor Edgar Doud Whitcomb's property located along the banks of the Ohio River. Whitcomb served as the 43rd Governor of Indiana between January 1969 – January 1973.

In 2020, the property staff began making improvements to the access road, grounds, and cabins.

A new gate was installed at the entrance.



In Progress Projects

- The Whitcomb property has 3 cabins overlooking the Ohio River. Once complete, the cabins will be available to the public for rent. This property will make a great week/weekend retreat for family reunion and group gathering.
- Improvements include:
 - New porches
 - Bathroom remodels
 - New heat/air units
 - Plumbing & electrical upgrades
 - Kitchen remodel/updating



Property staff continue to implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) and other trail improvements to the property's 100-mile trail system.



BMP work on a segment of the Upper Blue River horse trail in summer 2020

In Progress Projects

Continue to replace, repair, repaint, or add additional signage on recreational trails and other management locations around the property.



In Progress Projects

The Division of Forestry has embarked on the task of documenting, assessing, and establishing a baseline inventory of caves located on the Harrison-Crawford State Forest. This information will provide important information pertaining to the karst features found throughout the property.



Upcoming Projects



Plans are underway to relocate a section of the Adventure Trail removing it from the Blue River floodplain. Once complete the trail conditions will improve as it treks across O'Bannon Woods State Park before returning to Harrison-Crawford State Forest. DNR staff and volunteers from the Hoosier Mountain Bike Association (HMBA) will make this improvement possible.

Upcoming Projects



- Planning is underway for the construction of a new trailside shelter on the Adventure Trail. It would look like the shelter recently built at Morgan Monroe State Forest (pictured).
- Review of the shelter located at Wyandotte Lake. This shelter is aging. The Division of Forestry will determine if the need for replacement is warranted.
- Aging septic system at the property manager's residence will be replaced in 2021.

- There are 3 timber harvests that were sold prior to FY 2020 that have yet to be completed.
- A contract is in place to perform timber stand improvement (TSI) on 294 acres.
- 102 acres of TSI was performed by property staff.
- Site preparations are underway for a 10-acre oak enrichment planting, planned for 2021 (pictured).
- Property staff maintained a 12-acre TITP planting and 1 acre Purdue chestnut planting



- There are two timber sales scheduled in FY 2021.
 - Compartment 11 Tracts 4 & 5
 - Compartment 31 Tract 2
- A timber harvest in Compartment 18 Tract 7 may be sold in 2021 or 2022.
- Two small oak shelterwoods in Compartment 17 Tract 3 and Compartment 18 Tract 2 may be included in 2021. These shelterwoods were established in 2015 – 2016 and nearing the final phase, overstory removal. This final cut releases the young oaks that have become established.

