

# POINTS OF INTEREST (POI)

## # POINT OF INTEREST NAME & DESCRIPTION

**1 Rock Garden**  
A specialty vehicle crawl area. The rock garden is designed with four stages, from easy to extreme. Most 4WDs and ORVs can traverse stages 1 and 2. Stages 3 and 4 require experienced drivers and modified vehicles.

## 2 Overlook Hill

One of the most beautiful vistas at Interlake. Easily accessed by any vehicle or ORV, this hilltop is one of the highest in the area. You can see all of Interlake from here.

## 3 Hole in Rock

A short walk from the trail, this is a remnant from the mining era. Boulders like this are the result of drilling and blasting during coal extraction.

## 4 Skinny Pedal Hill

A 4WD fun spot. This narrow, steep hill challenges some of the best. Use caution to stay upright and on your wheels.

## 5 Marion Parking

A focal point from the past. Marion Parking was a mine-equipment parking area. Heavy equipment, such as Big Kate (a dragline manufactured specifically for Interlake and still used today), was staged here before moving into the production line.

## 6 Football Field

This basin is a fun mud-and-climb area for all levels of drivers. Although the mud changes as nearby mining affects the hydrology of the area, the hill climbs remain. This is a great location for teaching young drivers how to shift on a hill, in a safe location, and near easy trails.

## 7 Waterfall

Close to single track trails and a short walk from the dual track. Interlake's waterfall varies with the seasons and beaver activity. This impressive falls cascades from Perched Lake to the pit below. When it is in full stream, the sights and sounds rival those of many other falls in the state.

## 8 Trail 4 Overlook

A serene stop along the trail. The view from this overlook is one of the finest, including the highways left from the mining operations and most of Interlake to the north and east.

## 9 Observation Deck (ADA Accessible)

Located on the Observation hiking trail, near the main road and Trail 1. The deck overlooks a large wetland area that is an integral part of the biological water purification system established in 2008 to eliminate acidic drainage into the South Fork Patoka River. Migratory birds, beaver and other wildlife frequent the wetlands throughout the year. This is a great location for interpretive classes and school groups.

# HIKING TRAILS

## TRAIL & DESCRIPTION

**Overlook Trail** 1.29 miles

Meanders through a transition woods and along a scenic lake. Includes several picnic stops along the route. (enter from the office parking lot)

## Observation Trail

1.07 miles

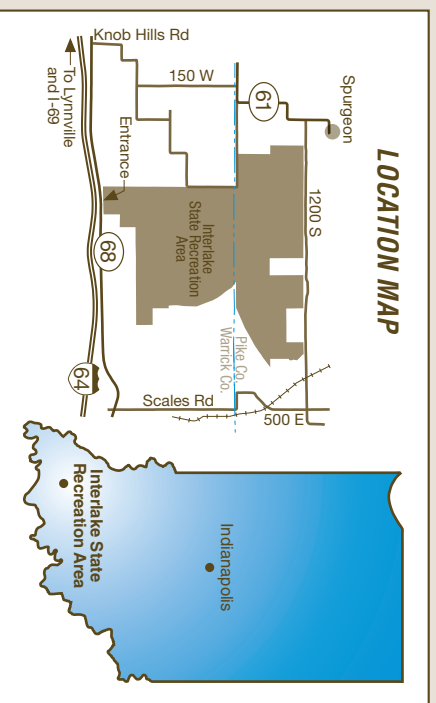
Has an ADA overlook for visitors to watch wildlife in the reclaimed headwaters of the South Fork Patoka. It extends into former coal spoils for a refreshing woodland hike. (enter off the main road near POI 9)

# RIDE SMART, RIDE SAFE

Free ORV safety course with optional certification  
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Stay on marked trails or in designated ORV areas.



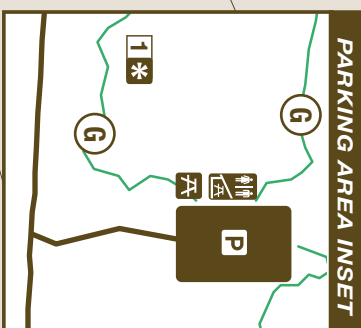
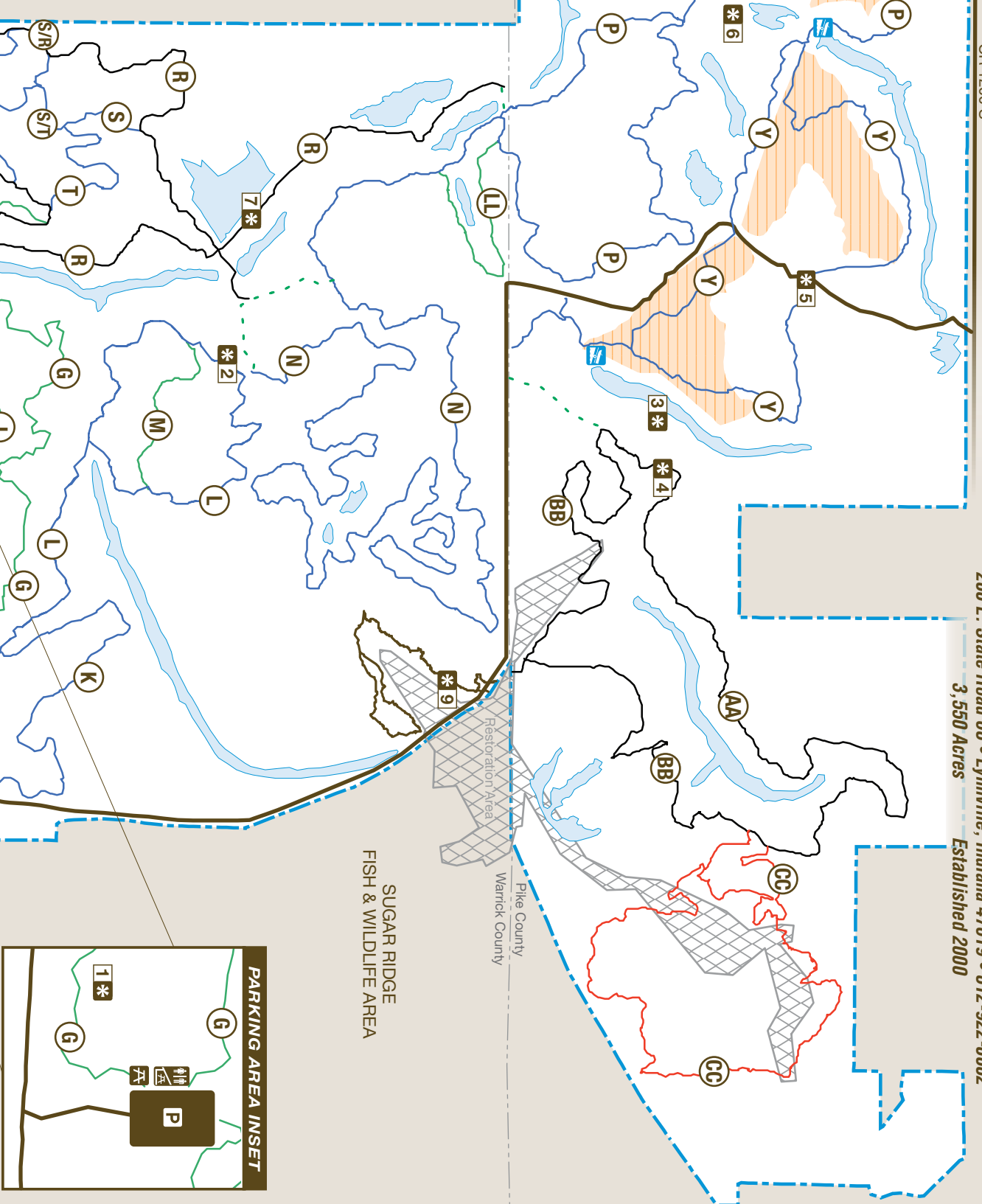
TRAIL SIGNS	
	Beginner Level (easiest)
	Intermediate Level (more difficult)
	Advanced Level (most difficult)
	Expert Level (extremely difficult)

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# INTERLAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

200 E. State Road 68 • Lynnville, Indiana 47619 • 812-922-0002  
3,550 Acres  
Established 2000



DNR does not provide tow or vehicle retrieval services.

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

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



LEGEND			
	Boundary		Parking
	Road		Point of Interest
	Riding Trail (lines vary)		Restrooms
	Hiking Trail		Gatehouse
	Challenge Area		Picnic Shelter
	Restoration Area		Picnic Area
	Multi-Use Trail		Boat Launch



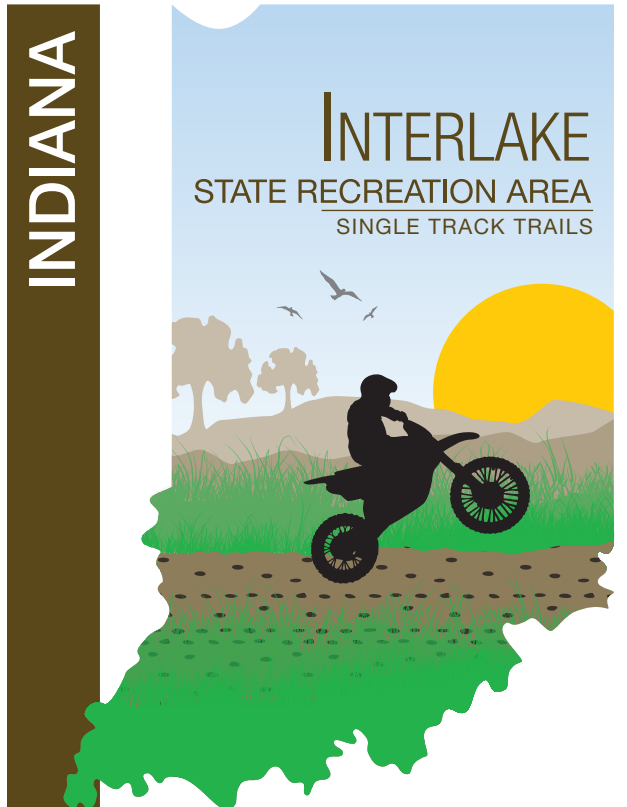
parking area; additional parking and trail access are available at Marlon Parking (POI 5). Amenities are minimal. Visitors should bring non-alcoholic beverages to stay hydrated, as well as food and snacks to enjoy throughout the day.

**NOTE:** Some single-track trails will intersect and use multi-use trails for short distances. Those sections are not described in this brochure (see the Interlake Motorized brochure for more information).

**EASY/BEGINNER TRAILS**

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>G, Big Kate</b>	3.09 miles
<b>J, Rabbit</b>	0.44 miles
<b>H, Turkey</b>	0.44 miles
Turkey is an alternate connector trail within the Big Kate loop. This connector includes a steep ravine crossing, prairie, and some shrubs, and is one of the quickest routes to the Beaver single-track trail loop.	
<b>U, Island</b>	1.22 miles
Island is an easy loop trail with multiple scenic vistas along two of Interlake's mining-era lakes. This trail is a fun transition between the rolling central ground and the western forest area. Access to the more-difficult Beaver Trail system can be found at two locations from this trail.	
<b>V, Whitetail</b>	1.20 miles
Whitetail is an alternate route to increase the distance of the Beaver Trail system while enjoying scenic vistas overlooking two interior lakes. Some sections can be challenging due to tight technical turns.	
<b>M, Little Ben</b>	0.44 miles
Little Ben provides level ground with sweeping turns serving as an easy break through the prairie or faster route to and from the Beaver Trail system or multi-use trails.	
<b>L, Lake Loop</b>	0.54 miles
Lake Loop provides a short easy break from the more vigorous Locust Trail. This trail meanders through a small locust grove and around a small lake. It is a great trail to slow down and relax on before taking the next challenge.	

**DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources**



Interlake State Recreation Area, Indiana's largest off-road vehicle (ORV) property, is a 3,500-acre destination focused on trails. It has a rich history in the world of dirt bike riding. That history continues today with more than 39 miles of single track trails available. While the trails are open to horse riding, hiking, and mountain biking, the predominant use remains dirt bike recreation. There are also approximately 50 miles of multi-use trails that are open to all trail users, augmenting the single-track trail system.

The terrain varies from flat prairie land to steep short (spoil) hills and deep ravines. It can be smooth pack or rocky, rutted, and root filled. There are four distinct eras of mine reclamation visible at Interlake, and each gives the recreational rider a unique experience. Spending a day on Big Kate, Prairie, Locust, and Beaver trails will allow the rider to experience every environment Interlake offers. For the most adventuresome and experienced rider, an additional exploration awaits in the Pine Loop and Hill Climb trail system.

Interlake has easy access from State Road 68, just east of Lynnville. Trails begin at the main

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**MORE DIFFICULT/INTERMEDIATE TRAILS**

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>N, Prairie</b>	5.00 miles
Prairie is the longest single-track trail on property. The rider will encounter open prairie, rolling spoil hills, scenic vistas, woods, sun, and shade. Seasonal section closures due to standing water are possible. There are several intersections with multi-use trails that allow for varying the distance traveled while on the Prairie Trail. This is a great trail for the adventurous rider who wants a taste of everything at Interlake.	
<b>P, Locust</b>	3.31 miles
Locust connects and extends the Prairie Trail. Riders cross multi-use Trail 1 from the Prairie Trail to enter a locust grove and continue northwest into exciting areas of Interlake. While the terrain remains relatively flat, the trail remains technical, with tight turns in low-limbed areas and in tall prairie grasslands. This trail is perhaps the farthest from any multi-use trails, providing an atmosphere of solitude, concentration, and relaxation from the everyday world.	
<b>Y, Coal</b>	4.52 miles
Coal is mainly in wooded areas with some sections in the prairie. A long, diverse trail with fewer hill climbs and technical elements than the most difficult or extreme trails, it still remains a challenge for most riders. Expect tight turns, branches, hills, valleys, mud, rocks and roots. There are several multi-use trail crossings that can be used to create a multiple loop system of this long trail.	
<b>T, Big Dam</b>	0.77 miles
Big Dam runs through the oldest woods on property and is a north-south connector within the Beaver Trail loop. It has bridge crossings, moderate turns, some hill climbs, and roots, all within the shade of an open old-stand hardwood forest.	
<b>S, Little Dam</b>	0.97 miles
Little Dam is a meandering trail within the Beaver Trail system that connects the east and west performers. Expect tight turns, rutting, and roots along this trail. It shares some segments with Big Dam and Beaver trails and can be used to decrease the Beaver loop length or as a quick return to easier trails.	
<b>W, Creek</b>	1.34 miles
Creek is found at the most northwest corner of Interlake. This trail has some challenging wooded and hilly sections. Tight turns, bridge crossings, mud, and glimpses of a fast-moving creek are a few of the technical elements the rider will enjoy.	
<b>L, Old Ben</b>	2.78 miles
Old Ben starts at the main parking lot, travels through tight scrub woods followed by short hills before entering the central area of Interlake. While most of the terrain is level, there are several long rises and downhill sections that require skill and stamina, the overhead foliage can be close and intimidating. This trail is a true test in concentration for the experienced rider.	

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Write:** Interlake State Recreation Area  
200 E. State Road 68  
Lynnville, IN 47619

**Call:** 812-622-0002

**Online:** on.IN.gov/interlake

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Open dawn to dusk.  
\* Trails close 30 minutes before dusk.

**ENTRANCE FEES** \*Fees are subject to change

**Daily Motorized (ORV):** \$15 per vehicle that will use the motorized trails, which includes gate entry. (For example, a truck hauling four ATVs will be charged \$60.)

**Annual Motorized Trail-Use Permits available**

Daily Non-motorized: Indiana State Park gate entrance and specialty fees apply for all non-motorized property use. Annual (state park) passes are accepted. Bridle tags are required, one per horse.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

Interlake SRA is a direct result of off-road vehicle registration fees and federal Recreational Trails Program grant awards at work.



**Division of Outdoor Recreation**



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Highway Administration**



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TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>CC, Hill Climb</b>	2.89 miles

**EXTREMELY DIFFICULT/EXPERT TRAILS**

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>AA, Big Pine</b>	1.09 miles
Big Pine (AA, 2.35 miles) is strenuous, wooded, hilly, and long. This trail is the northern section of Pine Trail loop. Explore the oldest mined land via this trail. This is a great training trail with tight turns, ruts, roots, and trees. Plan a long day, stay hydrated, and ride with a friend.	
<b>BB, Little Pine</b>	2.12 miles
Little Pine allows riders to continue exploring 1930s mined ground through pine woods, mine spoils (steep short hills), rocky terrain, tight turns, ruts, and roots. Stay hydrated and ride with a friend. For even more adventure, access Hill Climb Trail before returning to Little Pine Trail and the Pine Trail loop.	

**NOTE:** Pine Trail Loop includes Big Pine (AA) and Little Pine (BB) trails. There are no easy out or intersecting trails in this system. The entire distance is 4.47 miles. Access to Hill Climb (CC) Trail is via Little Pine Trail.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>R, Beaver</b>	4.17 miles

**MOST DIFFICULT/ADVANCED TRAILS**

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>K, Little Kate</b>	1.41 miles

Little Kate (K, 1.41 miles) is not far from the parking lot via the Old Ben Trail and remains in the woods for a shady ride. The trail is intertwined along the path. Shorter hill climbs and technical elements are the norm. Several intersections with multi-use Trail 6 make group riding a breeze.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

\* All DNR property rules and Indiana ORV rules apply.

**GENERAL**

- All vehicles must be registered or licensed (street legal) according to Indiana law.
- Everyone who enters Interlake SRA must pay at the gatehouse.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the property. All vehicles are subject to search.
- All ORVs must have functioning spark arrestors and mufflers.
- The operator of any vehicle, other than an ORV, traveling off road or on property trails, must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid driver's license.

**ORV OPERATION**

- The operator of an ORV who is under age 16 must be directly supervised at all times by a parent or legal guardian who possesses a valid driver's license.
- DOT-approved helmets must be worn by everyone riding at Interlake SRA, with one exception. Adults 18 years old and older in vehicles or ORVs equipped with overhead protection and seatbelts. Seatbelts must be worn at all times when operating such vehicles.
- Youth under the age of 18 years old must wear DOT-approved helmets in all ORVs, including side-by-sides and UTVs.

**ORV TRAILS & DESIGNATED USE/CHALLENGE AREAS**

- Stay on marked trails or in designated ORV areas.
- Trails may have ORV size limitations. Any ORV operator traversing a trail and using an ORV larger than the designated size for that trail may be ejected from the property. If a trail does not have a use or size designation or limitation, it is open to all vehicle types.
- Due to ongoing development, areas of Interlake may be closed. It is illegal to trespass on closed areas.

**TERMS TO KNOW** (for legal definitions see IC 14-8-2)

- ATV** - All-terrain Vehicle
- DOT** - Department of Transportation
- OHM** - Off-highway Motorcycle
- ORV** - Off-road Vehicle, includes ATV, OHM, RORV and UTV; **not** street legal (licensed) vehicles
- RORV** - Recreational Off-road vehicle
- UTV** - Utility Task Vehicle, Utility-terrain Vehicle
- Vehicle** - any mode of transportation other than an ORV; for legal definition see 312 IAC 8-1.5-22
- Overhead Protection** - roll bars or fully enclosed metal cab