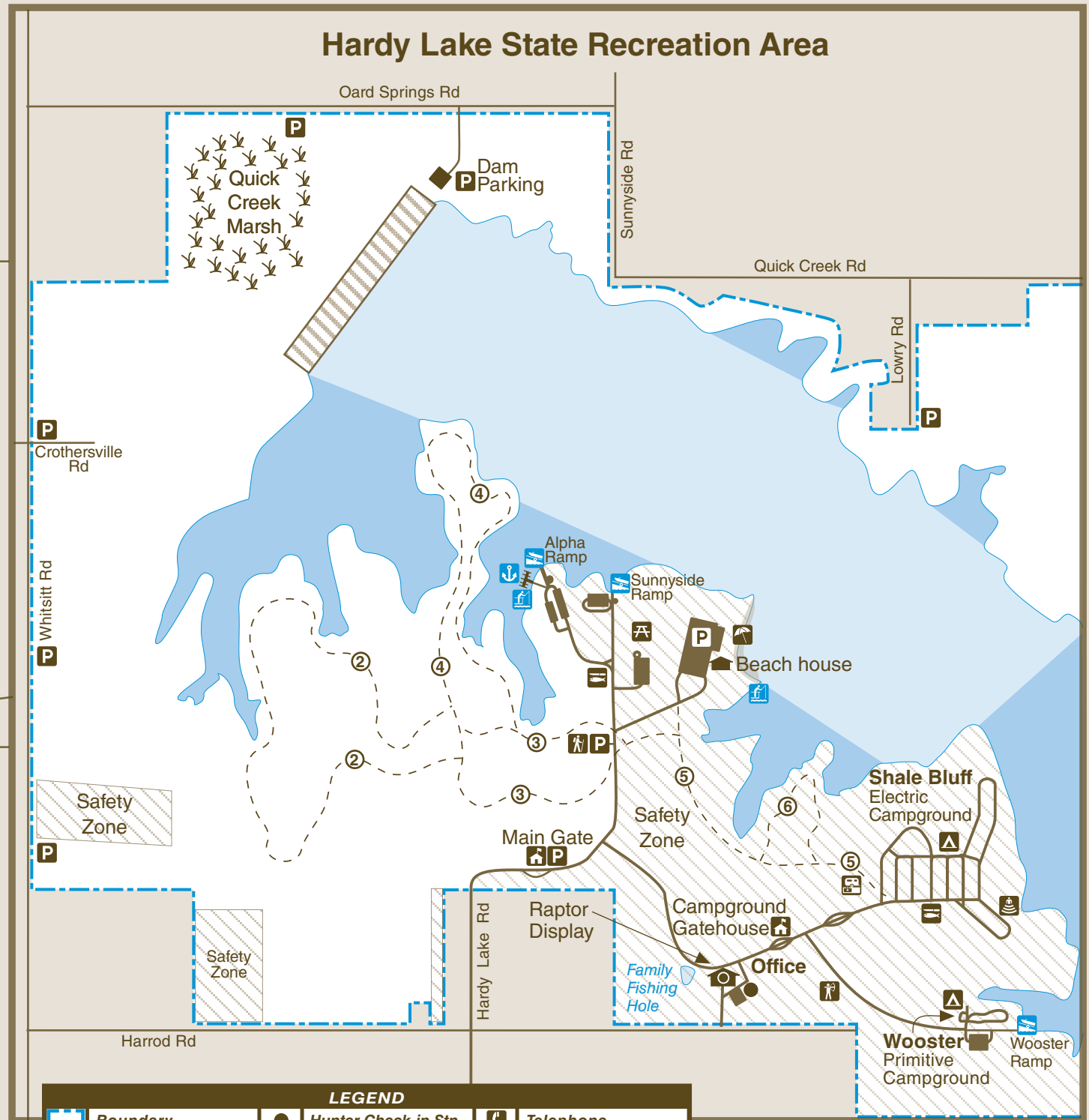
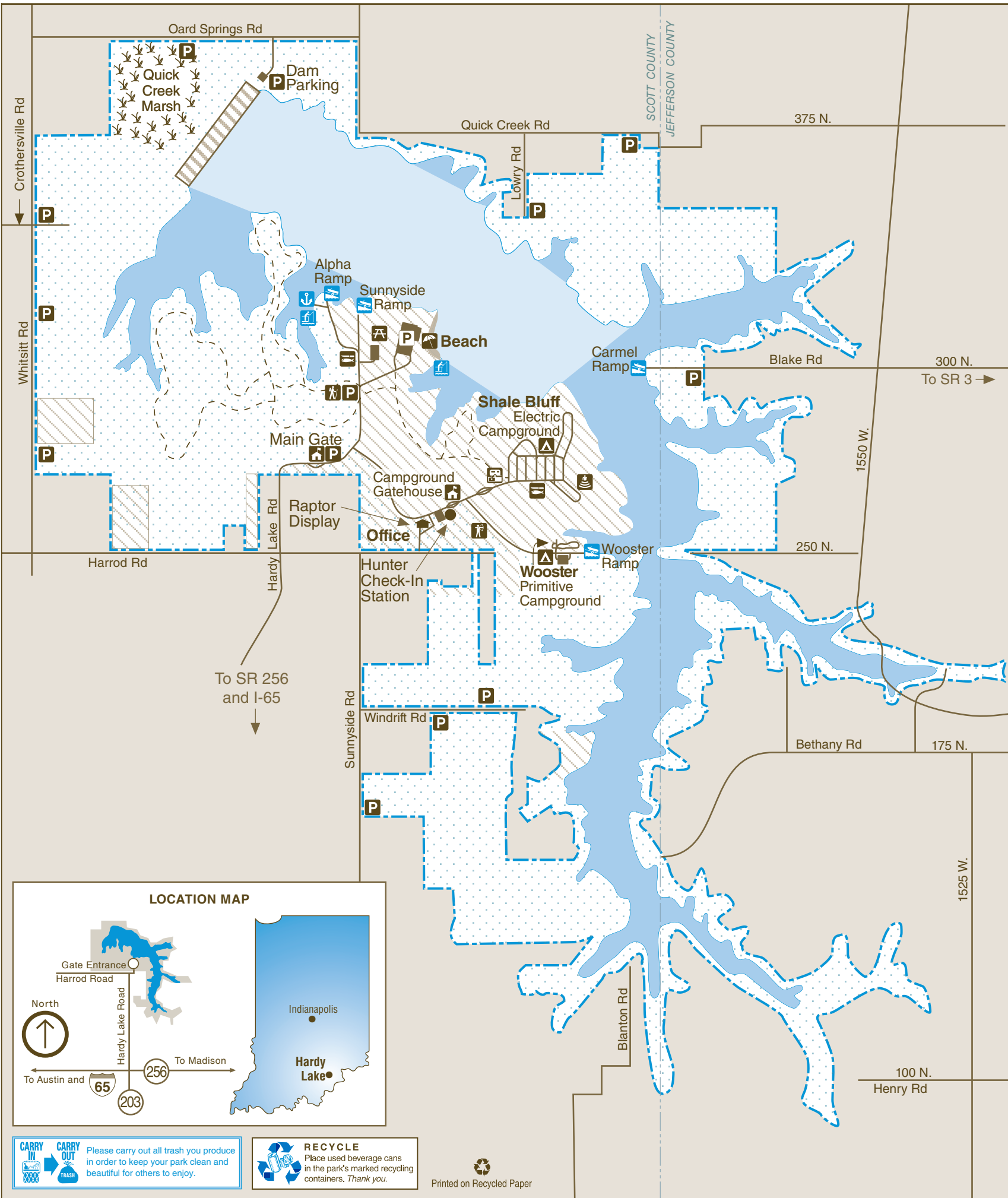


HARDY LAKE

4171 E Harrod Road • Scottsburg, IN 47170-8438 • (812) 794-3800
2,449 acres - 741-acre lake Established 1973
Mapping Address: 5620 North Hardy Lake Road • Scottsburg, IN 47170-8438



LEGEND

	Boundary		Hunter Check-in Stn.		Telephone
	Road		Parking		Archery Range
	Hiking Trail		Campground		Beach
	State Rec Area		Boat Launch		Marina
	Marsh		Fishing Pier		Picnic Area
	Safety Zone		Fish Cleaning Stn.		Trailhead
	Water		Dumping Station		
	Idle Zone		Amphitheater		

TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
2 Outward Bound	2.05	Moderate
3 Cemetery	.77	Easy
4 Island	1.91	Moderate
5 Honeysuckle	.64	Moderate
6 Lakeside	.52	Moderate

CARRY IN CARRY OUT
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.

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Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

This loop presents a beautiful view of Hardy Lake. Several bird nesting structures are located along this trail. This is also a great trail to hike at night to see fireflies and foxfire, and hear an owl hooting.

6. Lakeside Trail .52 miles Easy

This trail connects Shale Bluff campground with the beach. Passing through different stages of succession, you will be able to see a managed pine grove, cedar thickets and tulip poplar trees, as well as a mature forest.

5. Honeysuckle Trail .64 miles Moderate

This trail branches off either the Cemetery Loop or the Outward Bound Loop. Points of interest include beaver cuttings along the shoreline, wildlife food plots, and several areas along the island that overlook the lake.

4. Island Trail 1.91 miles Easy

This trail takes you through an oak-hickory climax forest. The McClain Cemetery is a major point of interest on this trail. This family cemetery has headstones dating to the 1700s.

3. Cemetery Trail .77 mile Easy

This trail takes you into a typical stand of Indiana hardwood trees. You will see both an oak-hickory and a beech-maple climax forest. This trail will also allow you to view some of the beautiful backwaters of Hardy Lake.

2. Outward Bound 2.05 miles Moderate

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DIFFICULTY

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BEACH—Swimming is available at the unguarded beach during posted hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A modern beach house provides showers, dressing benches, restrooms and vending machines.

BOAT RAMPS—Four launch ramps are located at various points around the lake. Two major ramps are located within the recreation area near Alpha marina.

CAMPING—Shale Bluff campground offers 149 Electric sites with asphalt-surfaced roads and gravel pads, electric hookups, water fountains, flush toilets, hot water and showers. A trailer dump station serves the campground. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Wooster campground primarily serves anglers and primitive campers, and offers 12 Primitive sites. Water and one pit toilet are available in the immediate area. A launch ramp is located adjacent to the campground. Campers are permitted to moor their boats overnight in Wooster Bay. Reservations for all types camping are available through the Central Reservation System.

FISHING—Plenty of good fishing available for bluegill, catfish, crappie, largemouth bass and tiger muskie. Fish-cleaning stations are available.

FISHING PIER—There are two fishing piers, one located south of Alpha marina and the other, south of the swimming beach.

HUNTING—Hunting of all wildlife species is permitted within Indiana hunting regulations. Waterfowl, squirrels, turkeys and deer are the most abundant, however, quail, snipe, woodcock, rabbit, fox, and raccoons also are found on the property. All hunters are required to check in at the Hunter check-in station located at the park office before hunting.

INTERPRETIVE & RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS—Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (812) 794-3800.

MARINA—Located at the Alpha launch ramp. Seasonal mooring is available for boats in open dock slips. Additional services include on-water fuel and modern restrooms.

PICNIC AREAS—Most areas contain accessible picnic sites, picnic tables, grills, toilet facilities and shelters. Some areas have horseshoe pits.

For a list of park events, visit interpretiveservices.IN.gov

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

- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Report lost or found articles to the property office.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, water is tested regularly for purity.
- No person shall possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a swimming beach.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas (25 mph maximum).
- Acceptances provided for that purpose.
- 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.
- Campfires must be under adult supervision.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth is prohibited.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the DNR more than 6 feet long.
- A person who possesses a pet must attend it at all times and keep the animal caged or on a leash no more than 6 feet long.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO₂ 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 in accordance with the terms of a one-day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- No person shall launch, dock, or moor a watercraft in the Division of State Parks, except under a license.
- No person shall conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the Division of State Parks, except under a license.
- No person shall leave watercraft unattended in a courtesy dock.
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM

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.

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

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Call: 812-794-3800
Online: on.IN.gov/hardylake
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SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the lake office.

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DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources



Situated in scenic southeastern Indiana, Hardy Lake is the smallest state-operated reservoir but has Indiana's largest state-owned dam. Located in Scott and Jefferson counties, the lake is accessible from State Roads 256 and 3. The dam was constructed on Quick's Creek in 1970 for water supply and outdoor recreation. Hardy Lake was constructed in accordance with a long-range program developed by the Stucker Fork Conservancy District of Scott County to provide water for the surrounding community.

The property's total acreage is 2,449, including water surface area of 741 acres. Unlike most reservoirs, a stable pool elevation is maintained throughout the year. Hardy Lake is owned and operated by the Indiana DNR.

Surrounding areas also offer plenty of outdoor activities. Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge is located to the north, Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area to the northeast and Clifty Falls State Park to the east.

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Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

Starve Hollow SRA—hike, bike, picnic area, playground, interpretive center, fishing, swimming, boating, boat/kayak rentals, camping, rent-a-camp cabins, campstore

Whitewater Canal State Historic Site—Discover how this 1840s feat of engineering changed Indiana from a pioneer outpost to the "Crossroads of America."

Jackson-Washington State Forest—Archery, boating, boat ramps, bridge trails, camping, fishing, fishing pier, hiking trails, historic features, seasonal interpretive service, hunting, mountain biking, picnic/play/sport area

DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

Visitors shall observe the rules, which are designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to manage these areas for the enhancement of wildlife and for the public's use and enjoyment.

THIS IS YOUR LAKE

Normal Pool: 600
Flood Pool: 605
(Feet mean sea level)
Elevation Area (Acres) 741
741
876

OPERATING LEVELS

Drainage area above dam: 12 square miles
Base width: 340 feet maximum
Length: 376 feet
Maximum height: 52 feet
Type: Earth fill

DAM

Heading in the other directions, you'll find Starve Hollow SRA and Jackson-Washington State Forest to the west, and Clark State Forest to the southwest.