

The unique efforts of two communal living experiments can be seen in the nearby town of New Harmony, which retains some of its colorful history for public interest. The two experiments originated in New Harmony in the 1800s—the Harmonists of the Rappite Community (1814-1824) and the Owen Community (1824-1826).

Immigrants from Württemberg, Germany, led by Father George Rapp, settled here to escape religious oppression. Expecting the imminent second coming of Christ, this group lived simply, working the land. In 1824 Father Rapp sold the town to Robert Owen, who was an industrialist and reformer from New Lanark, Scotland.

Owen's dream was to establish a new moral world through education by developing the sense of reason rather than education or factual knowledge. From this community emerged the first free public school, equal education for boys and girls, the first free public library, and the first kindergarten in the United States.

The combination of a small interesting town, beautiful scenery, a friendly atmosphere and exciting recreation areas make this an ideal place for a Sunday drive, weekend outing or long vacation. You are always welcome!

#### THIS IS YOUR PARK

Visitors shall observe the 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.

### **DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY**

- Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area-wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, trapping, dog training area, boating, boat launch
- Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area-fishing, ice fishing, boating, boat ramp, hunting, trapping, dog training area, picniking, wildlife viewing
- Twin Swamps Nature Preserve-Hiking trails, boardwalk, parking

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

## 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.

BIKE TRAILS—Approximately 3 miles of trail

connect the campground and swimming pool. One

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS—Trailheads for 8 miles of mountain bike trails are located at Sycamore

CAMPING-200 electric sites; 20 sites have 50-

amp service; the remaining have 30-amp. Five

mile runs through woodland. The remaining 2 miles run

Ridge. Do not ride in soft or muddy conditions. Children

under 12 should ride with an adult. Helmets are required.

modern comfort stations available; one is heated during winter months. Occupancy is limited to two weeks. Most

sites will accommodate trailer or tents. Six ADA sites are available. No individual water or sewer hookups at sites.

Dump station located near entrance. Water available

throughout campground. Pay phone. Youth tent camping

available only where designated. Reservations through

weeks. No pets. Cabins are open all year. Reservations

available through the Central Reservation System.

Minimum rental age is 21. Reserve with a credit card. Two

**FISHING**—Two wildlife ponds along Trail 5. Wabash River picnic area also offers excellent fishing. State

HIKING-Eight miles of easy to moderate hiking trails. Vehicles are prohibited on hiking trails.

HORSE TRAIL-7.5 miles of horse trails for

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—

Available from mid-May through October. Hikes,

PICNIC AREAS—An ideal environment for a family

gathering or company celebration. Six picnic areas,

programs, talks, crafts plus evening activities, school,

scout and other groups should be scheduled at least one

month in advance. Program schedules are available at

InterpretiveServices.IN.gov, gatehouse and park office.

five shelter houses, picnic tables, grills, modern restrooms,

and playground equipment. Seasonal restrooms. Reserve

FAMILY CABIN—11 modern cabins, air conditioning and electric heat. Wood stove available, October to April. Outdoor charcoal grill. Occupancy limited to two

**ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES** 

the Central Reservation System.

ADA cabins available.

day use ONLY.

license required.

adjacent to roadway.

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 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.
- 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.
- Pets must be attended at all times and kept on a leash of 6 feet or less. Owners are required to clean up any fecal matter left by their pets in the park. Pets are not allowed in the restrooms, shower houses or nature
- · Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- 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.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas.
- Swimming in the Wabash River is prohibited. Take no risks!
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- · Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- · Bicycles prohibited on hiking trails, except where specifically designated. Please remain on paved surfaces and use bike trail lane, as well as paved bike trail from pool parking lot to Rush Creek.
- Park closes from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. No one is allowed in the park, except guests using overnight facilities, between these hours.

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

# **DESCRIPTIONS OF HIKING TRAILS**

**TRAIL & DESCRIPTION** DISTANCE DIFFICULTY

Trail 1 1 mile Moderate

A relatively short trail leading from the youth tent campground into a ravine and gradually ascending into wooded areas and grassy plateaus. This trail returns to the youth tent area. Trail 2 1.5 miles Moderate

# Leads from the modern campground between wooded

hills, descending to a small steam. Meanders on an old country road next to a fast flowing brook, with some steep hills in certain places. Returns to the modern campground entrance.

#### Trail 3 1 mile Moderate

Begins at the Poplar Grove picnic area and continues past the water tower. Overlooks a small stream. Returns to picnic area after ascending a steep hill.

#### Trail 4 2.5 miles Moderate

A fairly long trail with steep hills, winds through natural forests descending into ravines across two streams. The trail joins three picnic areas, any of which may be used as a starting point. Follows a short section of Trail 1.

Trail 5 .75 miles Easy

Beginning near the campground gatehouse, crosses the dam on a small wildlife pond and ends at the cabins. This is a good trail for observing pond life and white-tailed deer. Additional loop returns back to where you started.

Three-fourths of a mile, easy trail. Begins and ends at

.75 miles Easy

Cherry Hill picnic area. 1 mile

A short walk to a pioneer cemetery where two wives of Henry Edmonds are buried.

**River Walk** .25 miles Easy

This walk follows the Wabash River from picnic area to boat ramp.

## **DESCRIPTIONS OF MOUNTAIN BIKETRAILS**

**TRAIL & DESCRIPTION** DISTANCE DIFFICULTY Trail 1 4 miles Beginner

This is a loop trail designed for riders of all skill levels. It can be ridden in either direction. This trail is also available for hiking.

6 miles More Difficult This is a more difficult trail to ride, designed for an

intermediate skill level. It is also available for hiking. Currently under construction; look for more miles in the future.

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PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

# **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: 1-866-6camplN (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: Indianalnns.com

# FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: Harmonie State Park 3451 Harmonie State Park Rd New Harmony, IN 47631

Call: 812-682-4821

Online: on.IN.gov/harmoniesp

# **SPECIAL NOTE**

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the



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



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# With its outstanding facilities and varied topography, Harmonie State Park brings to mind the utopia sought by some of the area's early settlers. From the flat floodplains along the Wabash River to the rolling hills in the camping areas, this is a perfect place for outdoor activities. The state park is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Evansville, and 4 miles south of New Harmony, in Posey County. Eight picnic areas, some of which have

shelter houses, playground equipment, and running water, are located in scenic areas throughout the park. The Wabash River picnic area offers views of the river at its finest. The facilities include a 200-site family campground with electrical hookups and modern restrooms, as well as a youth-group area in a more primitive setting. The Olympicsize swimming pool is the most popular spot for the young at heart, while nature enthusiasts enjoy the summer naturalist programs, hiking the trails or riding their

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# shelters through the Central Reservation System. SWIMMING—Olympic-size pool open Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day. (Conditions may require closing pool prior to Labor Day.) 110-foot long waterslide, pay phone. Swimming prohibited in Wabash River. Alcohol not permitted in swimming area.

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