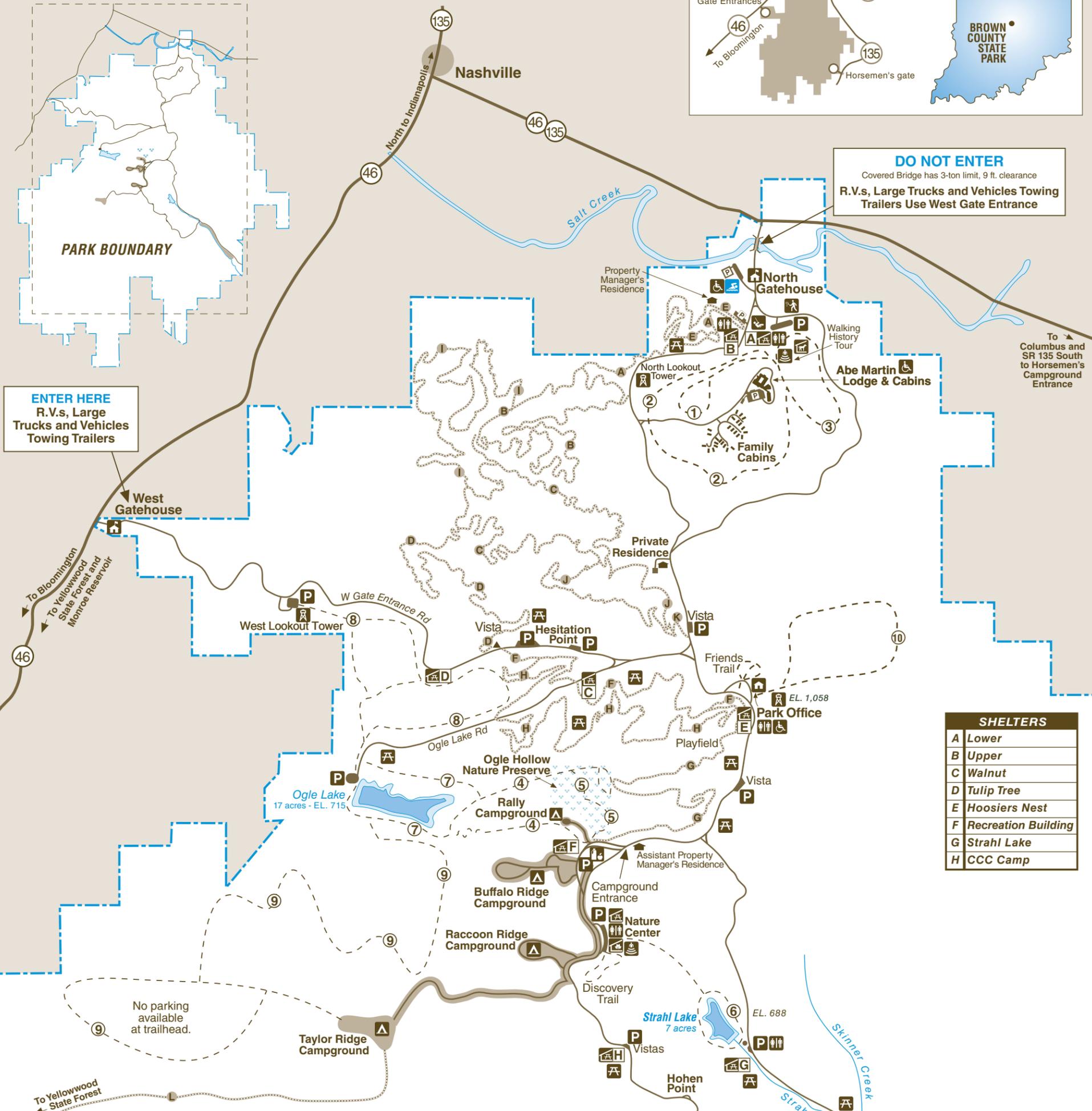


# BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK

1405 State Road 46 West • Nashville, Indiana 47448 • (812) 988-6406  
15,815 Acres Established 1929



**DO NOT ENTER**  
Covered Bridge has 3-ton limit, 9 ft. clearance  
**R.V.s, Large Trucks and Vehicles Towing Trailers Use West Gate Entrance**



SHELTERS	
A	Lower
B	Upper
C	Walnut
D	Tulip Tree
E	Hoosiers Nest
F	Recreation Building
G	Strahl Lake
H	CCC Camp

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To Columbus and SR 135 South to Horsemen's Campground Entrance

To Bloomington  
To Yellowwood State Forest and Monroe Reservoir

To Yellowwood State Forest

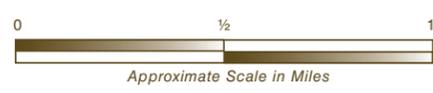
No parking available at trailhead.

Horsemen's campers only. No through traffic.

LEGEND			
	Boundary		Accessible
	Road		Campground
	Hiking Trail		Nature Center
	Bike Trail		Camp Store
	Nature Preserve		Playground
	Parking		Picnic Shelter
	Swimming Pool		Amphitheater
	Restrooms		Tennis Courts
	Fire/Lookout Tower		Gatehouse
	Horse Stable		Picnic Area

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL TABLE			
TRAIL	MILEAGE	RATING	
A North Gate Trail	1.2	Beginner	
B North Tower Loop	3.5	Beginner	
C Aynes Loop	3.4	Intermediate	
D Hesitation Point Trail	2.1	Advanced	
E Pine Loop	1.2	Beginner	
F Walnut Trail	2.1	Advanced	
G Limekiln Trail	2.4	Beginner	
H Schooner Trace	4.1	Expert	
I Green Valley Trail	5.0	Intermediate	
J Bobcat Loop	2	Expert	
K Weedpatch	.15	Beginner	
L Ten O'Clock Line	2	Advanced	

HIKING TRAIL TABLE			
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE	
1	.9	Moderate	
2	2	Moderate	
3	1.25	Moderate	
4	1.25	Moderate	
5	.75	Rugged	
6	1.5	Easy/Rugged	
7	1.5	Moderate	
8	3.5	Moderate	
9	3.0/2.75	Rugged	
10	2.2	Rugged	
Friends	short	Easy	
Discovery	.5	Moderate	



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

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

**PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.**

1. **Discovery MODERATE** (.5 mile)—Self-guided nature trail. Brochure available at the trailhead at the south end of the Nature Center parking lot.
2. **Friends EASY** (Short)—Paved trail, with benches and vista on flat terrain. Constructed by the Friends of Brown County State Park.
3. **Fire Tower RUGGED** (2.2 miles)—Follows ridge behind fire tower before looping northward crossing deep ravines and hilltops. Passes CCC shelter.
4. **Taylor Ridge RUGGED** (3.0/2.75 miles)—Starts near site 324 in campground. No parking at trailhead. Travels ridge top beyond campground, dropping into adjacent valley to follow stream before looping back to ridge top. A 2.75-mile (5.5-mile, out and back) extension connects to Trail 7 near Ogle Lake. Must return the same way you enter on the trail. 9 extension if you start at Ogle Lake.
5. **HHC MODERATE** (3.5 miles)—Extends east from west lookout, continues to near Hesitation Point, and then southwest to parking area at Ogle Lake and Trail 7. This trail was improved by volunteers from the Hoosier Hikers Council 2002-2007.
6. **Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve RUGGED** (.75 mile)—Self-guided trail starts near the parking lot for Rally Campground and follows a slope wooded with yellowwood trees, loops through the nature preserve and intersects with Trail 4 from Ogle Lake.
7. **Strahl Lake EASY/RUGGED** (1.5 mile)—Easy walk around Strahl Lake but challenging .7 mile spur to the Nature Center.
8. **Saddle Barn Loop MODERATE** (1.25 miles)—Traverses a variety of topography. Passes saddle barn near Lower Shelter and North Lookout Tower.
9. **CCC MODERATE** (2 miles)—CCC-built trail with impressive stone bridges, stairways and retaining walls. Starts and ends behind the lodge. Passes land wooded with oak, hickory, sassafras, beech and maple.
10. **Lodge MODERATE** (.9 mile)—Joins with Trail 2 for a short distance to return near lodge. Walk through a short distance to return near lodge. Passes saddle barn near Lower Shelter and North Lookout Tower.

**DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS**

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

- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Swimming is permitted only in the pools.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas. 30 mph is maximum speed.
- The Carry In/Carry Out trash policy applies to all day-use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be supervised by adults.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and be attended at all times.
- 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.
- 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.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES**

**CAMPING**—Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. A separate horsemen’s campground is available. Rally campground available. Camping reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

**CAMP STORE**—Sells camping and picnic supplies, firewood and souvenirs. Open April through October.

**FAMILY CABINS**—Two bedrooms (sleeps eight), living rooms, complete kitchen, bathroom, linens, dishware and cooking utensils provided, easy walking distance to the lodge. Reservations through the Inns Reservation System.

**FISHING**—Bass, bluegill, etc. Canoes, kayaks, rowboats permitted. Non-motorized or electric trolling motors only. State fishing license and/or DNR Lake permits required. Both available for purchase at park office. Ogle Lake-17 acres; Strahl Lake-7 acres.

**HIKING**—More than 18 miles of easy-to-rugged trails.

**HORSE TRAILS**—Facilities for those who bring their own horses.

**INN**—Lodge and cabin guest rooms, restaurant, banquet and meeting facilities and indoor aquatics center. Open year-round. Reservations available through the Inns Reservation System.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—Inquire at Nature Center, park office or lodge. Program schedules are available at [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov) or (812) 988-5240.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS**—For bikers and hikers. 27 miles, easy to extremely difficult, 400 ft. of change in elevation. Trails wind around hills, ravines and across streams. Main trailhead at parking lot south of the pool; also access points near the North Lookout Tower, Hesitation Point, Hoosiers Nest Shelter and Rally Campground. Built and maintained by volunteers from the Hoosier Mountain Bike Association. Visit [HMBA.org](http://HMBA.org) for up-to-date trail conditions and information.

**PICNIC AREAS**—Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields. Wood available from camp store during summer months.

**SHELTERS**—Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

**SADDLE BARN**—Seasonal. Bridle trails, pony rides, hayrides. Inquire at saddle barn or (812) 988-8166.

**SWIMMING**—Olympic-size pool, open Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day. Pool may close toward end of summer when there are no lifeguards available. Swimming prohibited in Ogle and Strahl lakes.

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

**ABE MARTIN LODGE**

**OPEN ALL YEAR**  
Lodge rooms and cabins available. Restaurant open to the public. Information toll-free: 1-877-265-6343 Reservations: **1-877-lodges1** (1-877-563-4371) Online: [IndianalInns.com](http://IndianalInns.com)

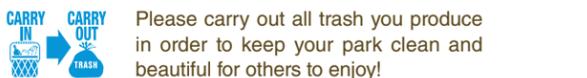
**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Write: Brown County State Park P.O. Box 608 1405 State Road 46 West Nashville, IN 47448 Call: (812) 988-6406 Online: [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov) Saddle Barn: [stateparks.IN.gov/3055.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/3055.htm)

**SPECIAL NOTE**

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

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.



**Please let wild animals remain wild.** Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can be harmful to both animals and people. Animals that depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Lock all food and coolers inside vehicles or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

**THIS IS YOUR PARK**  
Visitors shall follow our 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.

Brown County State Park makes for an enjoyable outdoor experience for those with a wide range of tastes and preferences. Other park amenities include a swimming pool, shelter houses, playground equipment, two fishing lakes, guided horse riding, and a country store selling picnic supplies and souvenirs. The park also has a horsemen’s campground. Those who prefer the comforts of home may prefer the Abe Martin Lodge, which has 84 lodge rooms (each with two beds and bathroom), meeting and conference rooms, a dining room, and an indoor water park. In addition, sleeping cabins, with a total of 56 bedrooms, are offered for rent, as are 20 completely furnished, year-round family cabins. Campsites are available year-round. The campgrounds have electrical hookups, modern comfort stations and showers. The park also has a horsemen’s campground. Campsites are available year-round. The campgrounds and wild turkeys, abundant. The Nature Center includes a snake exhibit, bird watching room and other displays. Naturalist services are available year-round, with reduced winter hours. The wildlife includes a variety of species adapted to life in the forest and its edges. White-tailed deer, raccoons, gray squirrels, and various birds, including robins, white-breasted nuthatches, blue jays, cardinals, juncos, crows and wild turkeys, abound. The Nature Center includes a snake exhibit, bird watching room and other displays. Naturalist services are available year-round, with reduced winter hours. The wildlife includes a variety of species adapted to life in the forest and its edges. White-tailed deer, raccoons, gray squirrels, and various birds, including robins, white-breasted nuthatches, blue jays, cardinals, juncos, crows and wild turkeys, abound. Several picnic areas, some of which have shelters equipped with fireplaces, are offered. Several comfort stations located nearby.

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Brown County State Park is the largest Indiana State park. This nationally known, 15,815-acre facility opened in 1929. In the first few years, as the park grew in popularity, several facilities were developed, including Abe Martin Lodge, several cabins and Ogle Lake. The roads, entrances, and many trails were added or improved. On June 1, 1934, the Veterans Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1557 began its work in the park. Its planting of black locust, black walnut, various pines and spruces gave nature a helping hand in healing extreme erosion on previously cleared slopes. The CCC workers also built many of the existing buildings, shelters, ovens, roads, vistas, trails, and the west lookout tower. The many miles of marked trails are ideal for those who prefer seeing the park on foot, on horseback, or by bicycle. About 70 miles of bridle trails, 20 miles of hiking trails, and 27 miles of mountain biking/hiking trails