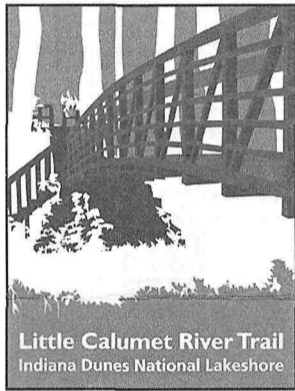
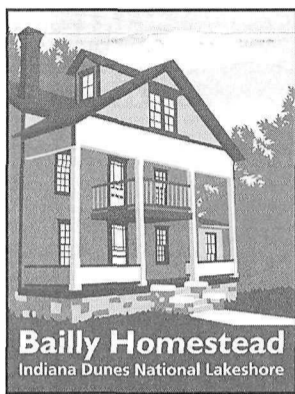


National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

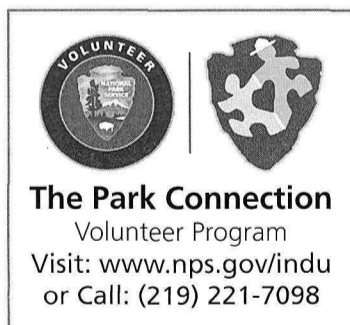


Trail Map

Experience your
America™



Hike over forty miles
of trails at
Indiana Dunes
National Lakeshore



Bailly Homestead, Chellberg Farm, and Little Calumet River Trails

Trail Synopsis

The Bailly/Chellberg and Little Calumet River Trails can be hiked as three loops or one continuous trail, traversing roughly four miles of history and nature. Each section of the trail tells a different story, all connecting you back to the rich cultural and natural history that has drawn people to this area for over 10,000 years.

Chellberg Farm: From the main parking lot on Mineral Springs Road, turn right to start your journey at the Chellberg Farm for glimpses of how early Swedish farmers grew vegetables, similar to our current volunteer-run garden. Behind the Chellberg house, the trail delves into the rich ravines carved by glacial meltwater. The soils here are different than elsewhere in the dunes. You won't find sand beneath your feet but clay and silt instead. This area is a remnant of the Lake Border Moraine, the later glacial advancement and retreat about 12,000-14,000 years ago.

Bailly Homestead: If you turn left from the parking lot, you will visit the Bailly Homestead. French-Canadian fur trader and entrepreneur Joseph Bailly built his home here in the 1820s with his wife Marie and their children. Marie and her daughters lived on this homestead for nearly another century. The trail north from the homestead follows the former North Branch Sank Trail route for about 2 miles, ending at the Bailly Cemetery, where the family is buried.

Mnoké Prairie: At the Bailly Homestead, follow the driveway to Howe Road and go south to the Mnoké Prairie parking lot to pick up the next leg of the trail. Hikers will be rewarded with an array of prairie plants, open vistas, and excellent birdwatching in this restored habitat. The path continues through the prairie to the Little Calumet River and up through the rich maple and beech hardwood forest. This area boasts excellent fall colors because of the mix of tree species such as elm, black cherry, and hickory.

Little Calumet River: Crossing the river, the trail meanders through the floodplain. At different times of the year, you will see evidence of the rise and fall of this relatively shallow river and how it regularly overflows its banks. This section of the Little Calumet River is the only natural portion in Indiana. Enjoy this roughly 109 mile waterway, the meanders of the river, and look for signs of beaver along the riverbanks.

Once you cross the boardwalk over the floodplain, the trail continues through ravines and forest and circles the Dunes Learning Center's campus. You can see the cabins and lodge of this private camp operating within the park. Please respect the Center's program participants and stay on the trail. The Center is open for scheduled programs only and is not a public use facility.

After passing the Center's campus, the trail crosses Howe Road and the Porter Brickyard Bike Trail. Follow the signs toward Chellberg Farm to make a complete loop, coming up the ravine behind the farmhouse and the sugar shack.


Tips for the Trail

- **Trail Length** – 3.7 miles total
Bailly/Chellberg Loop: 2.1 miles; Little Calumet River Loop: 1.6 miles
- **Average Hiking Time** – 45 minutes to 2 hours
- **Trail Surface** – Packed soil with wood chips in places; boardwalk over the floodplain and stairs.
- **Difficulty** – Easy to moderate;

mostly flat with some steep grades and stairs.

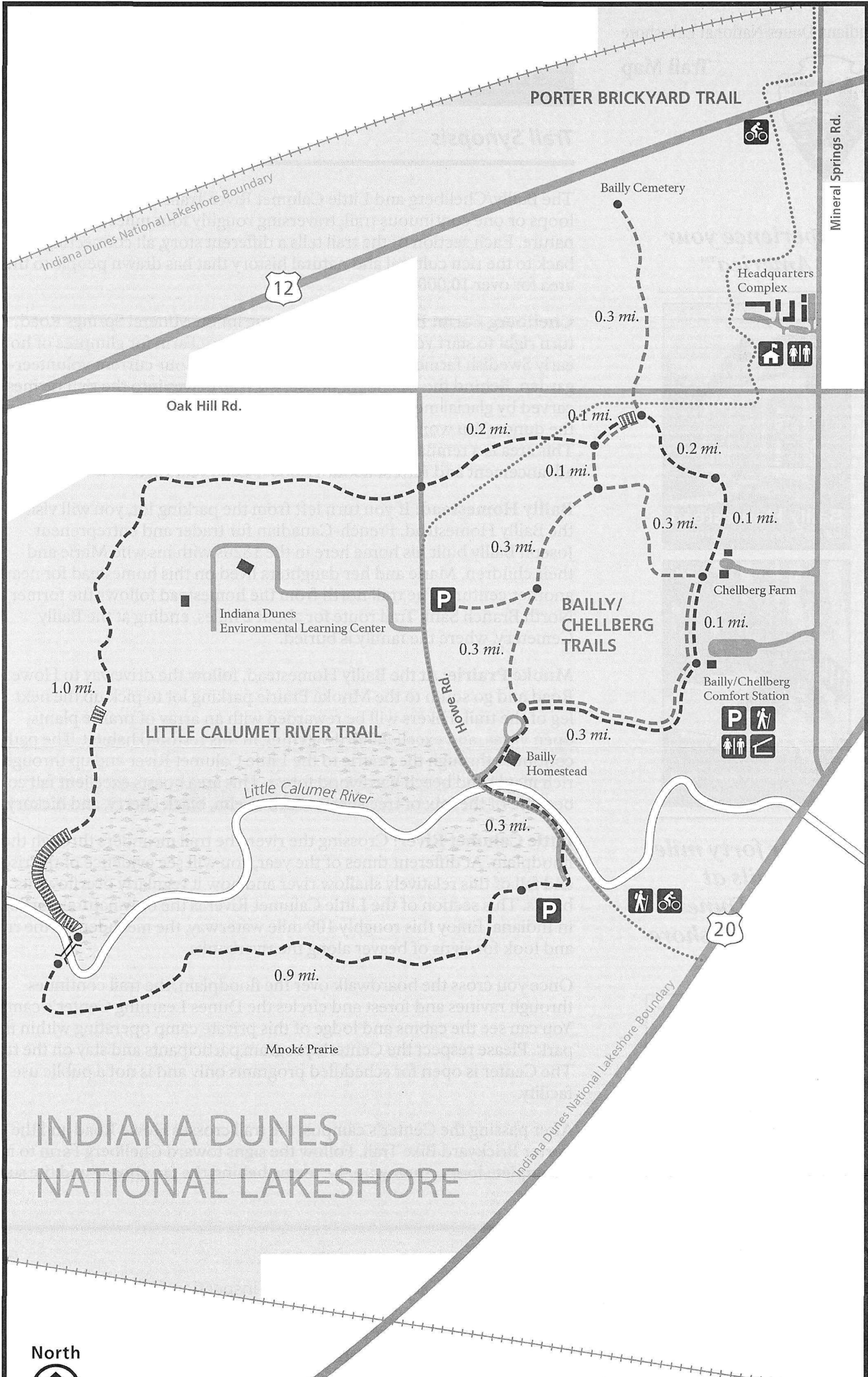
- **Hours** – Open 6 am to 11 pm
- **Pets** – Permitted on a leash (6' or shorter).
- **Respect closed area signs.**
- **No bicycles or motorized vehicles allowed.**
- **Prevent tick bites and related diseases by using insect repellent. Conduct a thorough**

inspection for ticks after your hike.

 **Accessibility** – Partial accessibility by wheelchairs into Chellberg house and from parking lot to restrooms. Hiking trails are not accessible to wheelchairs.

In case of an emergency or to report a crime, call 1-800-PARK-TIP.

Bailly Homestead, Chellberg Farm, and Little Calumet River Trails



Bailly/Chellberg Total Trail Distance = 1.5 miles
Little Calumet River Total Trail Distance = 3.2 miles

- | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| Parking | Trailhead | Biking | Restrooms | Shelter | Ranger Station | Wetlands |
| Trail | Mileage | Bike Trail | Bridge | Boardwalk | Train Tracks | River |

In case of emergency or to report a crime, call 1-800-PARK-TIP. Secure valuables out of sight.