A unique aspect of the Calumet Trail is that it has been developed on land leased from the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. The trail lies within the company's utility corridor.

The area through which the trail passes is especially noted for its unusual topography, varying from the dry exposed foredunes to the interior blowouts caused by strong winds from Lake Michigan. This special area is located where northern and southern plants meet or reach their limits of natural ranges. Geologically, the area dates back thousands of years, near the close of the ice age.

The Calumet Trail was developed with cooperation and assistance of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company and the National Park Service.

ATTENTION

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding raccoons can result in harm to both the animals and humans. Animals who depend on handouts have become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.

Please don't feed the raccoons.



DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- 1. For hikers with very little time. Good crossview of dune formation.
- 2. Excellent for early spring flowers and ferns. Climax forest used for cross-country skiing during the winter season.
- 3. Provides an opportunity to view succession in dunes area. Excellent for late spring wildflowers, including Pear Cactus.
- 4. Through dunes covered with black oak.
- 7. Similar to trail 4. Good for late spring wildflowers.
- 8. Over the tops of the three highest dunes of the dune country.
- 9. Connecting trail to Furnessville Blowout, back along ridges of secondary dune. Good view of lake.
- 10. 'Hikers reward' by stands of white pine and Tree Graveyard in Big Blowout. A good morning hike.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING - Campground equipped with modern facilities, electricity and dumping station available. Occupancy limited to two weeks. Some reservations available Memorial Day to Labor Day. Phone or write park office for information, rates and reservations.

YOUTH TENT CAMPING - For organized youth groups under adult supervision in designated areas. Advance reservations required. Phone or write park office for information, rates and reservations.

HIKING - With miles of easy to rugged trails, hiking is a popular activity at Indiana Dunes.

CONCESSION AND CAMPGROUND GROCERY - Open summer months. Wood, ice picnic supplies, and groceries available.

SMELTING- April, May - Contact the park office for details

REFRESHMENT FACILITIES - Fast food service and souvenirs available on second floor pavilion. Snack service available on east side of first floor of pavilion.

NATURALIST SERVICE - Free hikes, Junior Naturalist and Hoosier Ecologist Programs, plus evening activities. Ask for a schedule at the gatehouse, park office, or nature center.

PICNIC AREAS - Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, playfields and shelters. Shelter reservations are available.

SWIMMING - Bathing permitted in designated area when lifeguard on duty. Free beach. Bathhouse and beach open Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. Swimming permitted only when lifeguards are on duty. Clothing is required.

SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the aprk (See No. 2). Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either alive or dead) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- 2. Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO_2 gun, bow and arrow, 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 participating in an activity authorized by written permit.

- 3. Dogs and cats must be kept on leash while in the park and attended to at all times. Dogs not allowed on beach.
- 4. There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- 5. Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision. No youth groups in family campground. Campers must be 21 or be accompanied by a responsible adult age 21 or older.
- 6. Fires shall be built only in places provided. Visitors must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- 7. Motorists will observe speed limits as posted and park in designated areas.
- 8. Swimming is limited to such places and times as designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- 9. Drinking water shall be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water supply is tested regularly for purity.
- 10. Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- 11.All terrain vehicles not allowed in the park.
- 12.Metal detectors allowed on beach from September to May with written permit from property manager.

The programs, services, facilities and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone without regard to sex, creed, color or national origin.

All alcoholic beverages are prohibited within the boundaries of the Indiana Dunes State Park.

THE INTELLIGENT USE OF LEISURE TIME

This trail map is given to you with the compliments of the State of Indiana through its Department of Natural Resources in the hope that it will direct your attention to the primary purpose for which the state park system has been established.

These recreational areas are parts of 'original America' preserving for posterity typical primitive landscapes of scenic grandeur and rugged beauty.

Along the quiet trails through these reservations, it is to be expected that the average citizens will find release from the tension of their overcrowded daily existence; that the contact with nature will refocus with a clearer lens their perspective on life's values and that they may here take counsel with themselves to the end that their strength and confidence are renewed. 1-90

INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK

1600 N. 25E Chesterton, Indiana 46304

TRAIL MAP

Established 1925 2,182 Acres Two miles north of I-94 on Indiana 49 (219) 926-1952



The park consists of 2,182 acres of primitive, beautiful, historical, and amazingly unique Hoosier landscape. It lies in Porter County and includes more than three miles of Lake Michigan's south shore, all of which provides a magnificent beach capable of accommodating many thousands of bathers.

Eighteen hundred acres are wooded and contain the most diversified flora and fauna of the midwest. Other areas made up of drifting sand hills, peculiar to the dunes region.

A pavilion on the beach provides shelter, bathhouses and a complete snack bar. During the summer season.

CALUMET TRAIL

The Calumet Trail is Indiana's first long distance trail built exclusively for bicycling, jogging and hiking. The 9.2 mile trail is also open for crosscountry skiing during the winter season. It is Indiana's first trail designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a segment of the National Recreational Trail System.

The trail is located adjacent to the 2,182 acre Indiana Dunes State Park and passes through the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, serving as a primary connecting link to several points of interest in the park and lakeshore.

