


Indiana Dunes

National Lakeshore
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Places to Visit

Welcome to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, one of nearly 370 National Parks and Monuments run by the National Park Service. It is a unique area, ranking fourth in plant diversity in the National Park System. Traveling through this park, you will uncover a wide variety of places to visit. For more information call (219) 926-7561, extension 225, or write to the park at 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304. Our E-Mail address is <http://www.nps.gov/indu>.



<i>Place</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Location (from eastbound I 94)</i>
<i>Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center</i>	Information desk, bookstore, interpretive displays, and video overview of national lakeshore.	I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. East 3 miles on U.S. 12. Located on the SW corner of Kemil Road and U.S. 12.
<i>Dunewood Campground</i> 	54 drive-in sites and 25 walk-in sites. Restrooms and showers available, no electrical hookups. Open April through October. Fee \$10.00.	I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. East 5 miles on U.S. 12 to Broadway. Turn right at the light and follow signs.
<i>Mt. Baldy</i>	Hike to the top of the largest living sand dune in the national park.	I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. East 8 miles on U.S. 12.
<i>Central Beach</i>	A place to walk, swim or just lie in the sun. No lifeguard available.	I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. East 7 miles on U.S. 12 to Central Ave. North on Central.
<i>Kemil Beach</i>	A spot for sandcastles and swimming.	I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. East 3 miles on U.S. 12. Left onto State Park Road. Follow 1 mile, parking is on the right, before the beach.
<i>Porter Beach</i>	A spot for sun tanning or sandcastles.	I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. West on 12 approximately 1/2 mile to Waverly Road. North on Waverly to beach.

Bailly Homestead

A 1/4 mile walk takes you back in time to the home of one of the first European settlers in this area.

I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. West 1 1/2 miles on U.S. 12. Left on Mineral Springs Road. Park on right.

Chellberg Farm



Wander through an early 20th century farm and enjoy our farm animals, or walk through nearby hardwood forest.

See directions for Bailly Homestead.

Cowles Bog

Explore the interdunal ponds, marshes and wooded dunes of the area. Trail extends to a broad, quiet beach.

I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 12. West 1 1/2 miles on U.S. 12. Right on Mineral Springs Road.

Inland Marsh

Hike old dune ridges formed about 10,000 years ago when Lake Michigan was 25 feet higher.

I 94 to IN 51 north. East on U.S. 20 one mile to County Line Road. Left onto County Line Road to U.S. 12. East 3 miles on U.S. 12. Park on right.

West Beach



West Beach trails take you on a journey through time. Beginning on bare sand beach and ending in an oak forest, they trace a process that took thousands of years to evolve. Bathhouse and picnic area available. It is lifeguarded and a parking fee is charged in summer.

I 94 to IN 51 north. East on U.S. 20 one mile to County Line Road. North on County Line Road about 2 miles. Bear right into West Beach entrance.

Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education

Open weekdays to the public and scheduled programs. Hiking trails behind the center lead through black oak savanna in Miller Woods.

I 94 to IN 51 north. West on 20 about 2 miles to Lake Street. North on Lake Street one mile.

Heron Rookery

Stroll along the Little Calumet River and look for great blue heron nests in the treetops.

I 94 to IN 49 north to U.S. 20 east. From U.S. 20 turn south on 500, then east on 1400 and south on 600. Park on right.

