



FOLLOWING THEIR FOOTSTEPS

The suggestions below are areas to visit in the parks that embrace a particular woman's story. Travel across this rich region and experience some of the same sights and smells these women did as their lives became entwined with the Dunes.

- Hoosier Prairie: **Irene Herlocker-Meyer**
- Miller Woods; Paul H. Douglas Trail: **Drusilla B. Carr**
- West Beach; Dunes Succession Trail: **Alice M. Gray (Diana of the Dunes Dare)**
- Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk: **Dorothy R. Buell (Shifting Sands Audio Tour)**
- Cowles Bog Trail: **Lois F. Howes and Flora S. Richardson**
- Little Calumet River Trail: **Lee C. Botts**
- Bailly Homestead: **Marie Bailly**
- Indiana Dunes State Park: **Bess V. Sheehan**
- Dune Ridge Trail: **Sylvia C. Troy**
- Calumet Dunes Trail: **Charlotte J. Read**
- Glenwood Dunes Horse and Hiking Trail: **Emma "Bickie" Pitcher**
- Great Marsh Trail: **Barbara Wykes-Plampin**
- Mount Baldy: **Harriet A. Colfax**

THE WONDER WOMEN OF THE DUNES

project was funded by the National Park Foundation and is an effort to increase visibility of women's stories and impacts around Duneland. Check out these other publications in the series found in the national park's Douglas or Visitor Centers:

• ACTIVISTS

- Bess V. Sheehan
- Dorothy R. Buell
- Charlotte J. Read
- Sylvia C. Troy

• SURVIVORS

- Marie Bailly
- Harriet A. Colfax
- Drusilla B. Carr
- Alice M. Gray

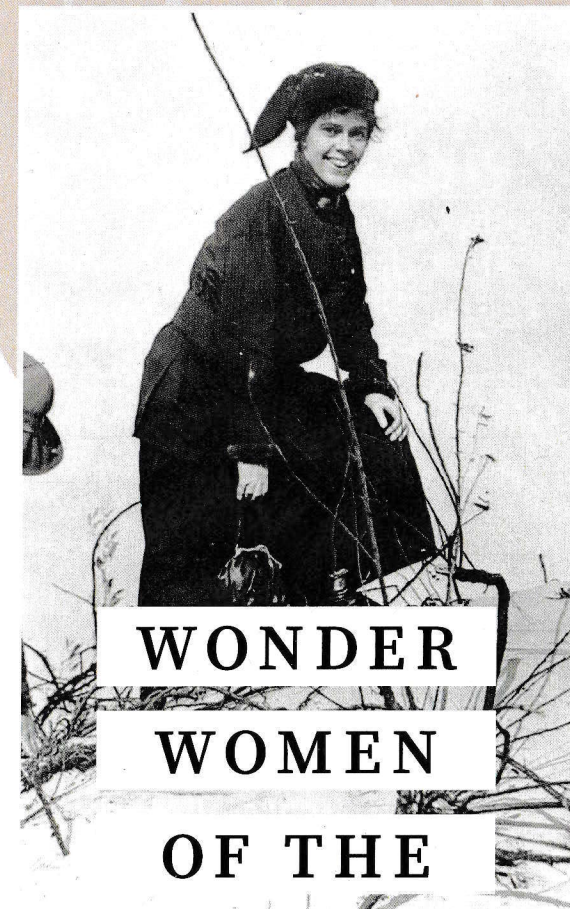
• BOTANISTS

- Lois F. Howes
- Barbara Wykes-Plampin
- Irene Herlocker-Meyer



Indiana Dunes National Park

For more detailed stories and biographies, visit [NPS.gov/indu/learn/historyculture/WonderWomen.htm](https://www.nps.gov/indu/learn/historyculture/WonderWomen.htm)



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NATURALISTS

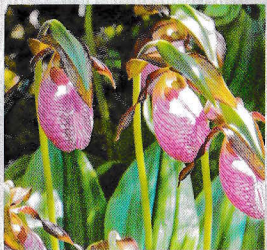
The following stories represent and celebrate the women of Duneland who shared their enthusiasm and expertise to inspire connection to the natural world.

APRIL 20, 1871 - JULY 5, 1960



FLORA S. RICHARDSON
"FLORA OF THE DUNES"

A liberated woman and early dunes preservationist, Flora Richardson settled in the rich coastal hills north of Cowles Bog with her husband William in 1910. For 50 years she cultivated her passion for natural history which she passed on through her last will which created the Flora Richardson Foundation, saving her and her husband's Duneland treasure trove of books and photographs and protecting over 100 acres of flatwoods in LaPorte County.

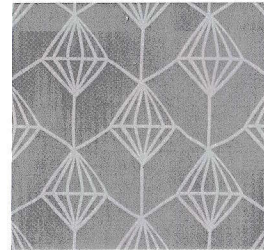
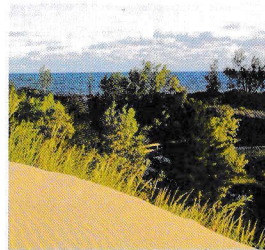


SEPTEMBER 20, 1915 - APRIL 15, 2020



EMMA "BICKIE" PITCHER
"TEACHER OF THE DUNES"

While living in the Dunes near Tremont, Emma Pitcher became renowned as a skilled educator who excelled at bridging the information gap between the national park's science division and an eager public. She was a highly respected amateur naturalist who carefully studied the subtle intricacies of local habitats and enthusiastically relayed them through informative lectures, guided walks, and wonderfully engaging nature-writing.



FEBRUARY 25, 1928 - OCTOBER 5, 2019



LEILA "LEE" BOTTS
"LADY OF THE LAKE"

Visionary Lee Botts grew up in the Dust Bowl of Oklahoma, destined to be a chief defender of clean water and inspiring environmentalist. After moving to Chicago in 1949, she marveled at the region's freshwater resources and the Indiana Dunes quickly became a favorite family haunt. She joined efforts to save the unprotected dunes in 1959, seeing creation of a park in 1966 and launching her lifelong career into environmental policy and education.



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