Mission of the National Park Service
The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Mission of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
The mission of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is to preserve for the educational, inspirational, and recreational use of the public certain portions of the Indiana Dunes and other areas of scenic, scientific, and historic interest and recreational value in the state of Indiana.

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Working with the National Park Service
by Costa Dillon, Superintendent

Unlike the national parks that are in remote areas, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is situated among an urban/suburban area. In fact, the national lakeshore has properties in fifteen cities and towns and in three counties.

Because this national park is in and among the homes and businesses of so many people, it follows that a lot of people have personal interests in the management of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. As with any government agency, the workings of the National Park Service can seem confusing or obscure from the outside. We want to break down some of this mystery and help the public better understand their “neighborhood national park.”

A first point of information is the park website at www.nps.gov/indu. There is a lot of information on this website, and we post more all the time. Recent additions are information on the park’s land acquisition history and in the planning for the new Chellberg Farm operations. This information can be found under the Management heading. We welcome suggestions and requests for additional information you wish to see posted.

Another website of interest is http://parkplanning.nps.gov. This is the Planning, Environment and Public Comment site (PEP). This site provides access to current plans, environmental impact analyses, and related documents on public review. Users of the site can submit comments for documents available for public review. Just search for Indiana Dunes to see plans you can comment on.

Starting this past July we are also hosting a series of public workshops related to the park’s operations. These are designed to help members of the public better understand the laws, regulations, and policies that guide units of the National Park System. We started with sessions on planning. Upcoming are presentations on the NPS budget system, donations and fundraising, volunteerism, and special park uses (like wedding permits). See the park website or watch local newspapers for the dates of these sessions. All are at the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center. One other method of learning more about Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is to simply invite us to your meeting. We would be happy to have someone address your organization or governmental body. Just give us a call; we’re free.

National lakeshores should be a place of wonder and mystery, but the National Park Service should not be!

Cowles Bog Wetland Restoration Project
If you have ever enjoyed hiking the national lakeshore’s Cowles Bog, now is your chance to help park staff rehabilitate this heavily impacted habitat.

The Cowles Bog of today is quite different from the botanically rich wetlands that existed in 1965 when it was classified as a National Natural Landmark. Dr. Henry Cowles, a professor at the University of Chicago a hundred years ago, studied this very ground with his students recording its incredible biological diversity. Naturalists and visitors started noticing a dramatic shift in the dominant plants of this wetland some 20 years ago. Why was such a diverse ecosystem changing so rapidly, and more importantly, should the park try to stop the change or let it continue? In 1966, when Congress set aside land in northwest (continued on page 5)
Where may I climb a dune?

Mount Baldy is the only dune where climbing is allowed in the national lakeshore. You may scale the dune from the lakeside (north side) to the summit. Climbing is prohibited on the side adjacent to the parking lot because it accelerates the movement of the dune. Please follow the trail from the parking lot, which leads around the side of the dune to a juncture that offers a choice between the summit or beach trails.

West Beach offers a spectacular overlook on the one-mile West Beach Succession Trail. Please stay on designated trails to protect sensitive dune species.

Do you close the beach when high waves are present or e-coli levels are high?

No. The national lakeshore does not close its beach regardless of water conditions. Risks are inherent in all natural areas. During summer months, lifeguards are stationed at West Beach. Lifeguards are not present at other locations of the beach.

Call 219-926-7561 followed by prompt #2 for information regarding e-coli levels.

How do I find out about beach regulations?

Just look for this sign on the beach.

Do you have a campground?

Yes. The Dunewood Campground is open April 1 through October 31 and is located at the intersection of U.S. 12 and Broadway. Its 79 campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The restrooms are centrally located and have showers. Electrical hookups are not available; however, the campground has a dump station. Please self-register by depositing the exact camping fee of $15.00 per night. Use firewood from local suppliers to help prevent the spread of invasive insects. Alcohol is strictly prohibited.

May I take my pet with me for a stroll or hike?

Yes. The national lakeshore has over 40 miles of hiking trails. Pets restrained by a leash are permitted on beaches east of the Kemil access point and on most park trails. However, pets are not permitted on the beach west of the state park. The Ly-co-ki-we trail (intersection of Hwy. 20 and School House Road) is open for horseback riding March 16 through December 14.

Please hike with others and stay on designated trails for your protection and that of park resources. Trail maps are available at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, which is located near the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 20 and Indiana Hwy. 49 in Porter, IN.

May I launch my boat and fish?

The park does not have a boat launch. Personal motorized watercraft (Jet Skis and WaveRunners) are prohibited. However, you may launch your kayak (or other non-motorized watercraft) at locations other than West Beach. An Indiana state fishing license is required to fish.

How do I reserve an environmental education program?

Teachers and youth group leaders should call Christy Gerlach at 219-938-8221 to arrange for a free ranger-led program. These programs are conducted at the park’s Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education located in Gary/Miller, Indiana, and focus on the park’s resource issues.

Do you have a Junior Ranger Program?

Yes! Stop by the park’s visitor center and ask a ranger to help you select the junior ranger program that best fits your visit. A Beachcombers program is popular with families spending just a few hours on the beach. A more comprehensive program is a favorite among those camping in the park. Other junior ranger programs are offered during special events. All programs are free. Children completing the junior ranger program earn a Junior Ranger patch. Program materials are available at the visitor center and are downloadable at www.nps.gov/indu/forkids. If you encounter a roving ranger on the beach, ask him or her about the program. Rangers often carry junior ranger booklets and patches with them for your convenience.

What is Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, and how do I get there?

This site is part of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and has a riverwalk, a fishing pier, parking lots, and an environmentally-friendly pavilion. The City of Portage operates and maintains this site through a partnership with the National Park Service. Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk can be accessed by following Hwy. 249 north from Hwy. 20. Follow the park signs.

How can I volunteer at the national lakeshore?

Start by contacting Lynda Lancaster, the Volunteers-In-Park program manager at lynda_lancaster@nps.gov or 219-395-1682. We are looking for volunteers to help maintain trails, clean foredunes, and do some landscaping around buildings. We also have volunteer openings at the visitor center in Porter and at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education in Gary/Miller.
## Ranger-Guided Programs

### Daily

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<td>(Ongoing)</td>
<td>Child of the Northwest Wind</td>
<td>Watch this 11-minute park orientation video to learn about the places to see and activities to do at the national lakeshore (on request).</td>
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<td>8:30 a.m. — 4:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Become a Junior Ranger</td>
<td>Earn a free Junior Ranger patch and certificate after completing the free Junior Ranger activity booklet when exploring the diverse resources of the Indiana Dunes. When completed, stop back at the center to take the Junior Ranger pledge and receive your patch.</td>
<td>Park-wide; pick up a booklet at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Music Heritage Series</td>
<td>Local musicians help sustain the culture of the Duneland region by sharing historic tunes and unusual musical instruments like the hurdy gurdy, dulcimers, and bagpipes.</td>
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<td>Sept. 5, 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Picnic at Miller Woods</td>
<td>Bring your own picnic and join a ranger for lunch and a hike through Miller Woods.</td>
<td>Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education</td>
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<td>Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Discovering Your Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>Join a ranger around the campfire and learn about the huge diversity of resources at the national lakeshore.</td>
<td>Dunewood Campground Amphitheater</td>
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<td>Sept. 26, 10 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Explore Pinhook Bog (Open House)</td>
<td>Follow the trail from the parking lot on your self-guided hike into Indiana's only &quot;true&quot; quaking bog. Rangers stationed along the trail will point out unique features including carnivorous plants while you walk on water.</td>
<td>Meet at Pinhook Bog Parking Lot on Wozniak Road</td>
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<td>Oct. 31, 10 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Fall Fare</td>
<td>Meet a ranger at the visitor center and carpool to the best trail for fall colors.</td>
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<td>Oct. 31, 9 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Stewardship Days</td>
<td>Join a ranger and lend a hand to improve &quot;Your Neighborhood National Park&quot; during this unique opportunity to make a difference. More details available at <a href="http://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/events.htm">www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/events.htm</a></td>
<td>Meet at the visitor center and carpool to the varying sites</td>
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<td>Nov. 7, 10 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Threatened Lake Michigan</td>
<td>Join a ranger and discover some of the greatest threats facing Lake Michigan. The spriny water flea, round goby, and zebra mussel are just a few of the invasive species investigated.</td>
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<td>Jan. 9, 10 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Snowshoe Walk</td>
<td>Meet a ranger at the visitor center and carpool to the trail where you will explore the winter terrain on snowshoes. A limited number of snowshoes are available. If there is not enough snow, a hike will be offered.</td>
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<td>Apr. 17, 11 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Spring Blooms Hike</td>
<td>Meet a ranger at the visitor center and carpool to the week’s best trail where you will explore the forest for wildflowers and other signs of spring.</td>
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<td>1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Kids’ Fun at the Visitor Center</td>
<td>Join a ranger in the Visitor Center’s activity room for an afternoon of kid’s activities and stories.</td>
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### Special Events

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<td>Sept. 19, 11 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Duneland Harvest Festival</td>
<td>Have fun at this free 31st annual festival that showcases traditional farming activities, crafts, games, music, and food at the historic Chellberg Farm.</td>
<td>Chellberg Farm</td>
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<td>Sept. 26, 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Untold Stories of Indiana Dunes</td>
<td>Enjoy a preview of the Ken Burns upcoming PBS documentary on the National Parks. Also, previewing is the “Untold Stories of Indiana Dunes” video that was developed by the year’s national lakeshore’s ParkKids.</td>
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<td>Oct. 10, 11 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Historic Architecture Tour – Century of Progress Homes</td>
<td>Interior tours of these unique, historic 1933 homes are offered by reservation only. The tour is free, however there is a $15.00 transportation fee. Make online reservations only at <a href="http://www.historiclandmarks.org/tours/pages/calendar?details.aspx?EventID=148">http://www.historiclandmarks.org/tours/pages/calendar?details.aspx?EventID=148</a> For more information contact Jennifer Gregar from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana at (574) 232-4534</td>
<td>Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center</td>
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<td>Nov. 22, 1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>What’s Thanksgiving without the Turkey?</td>
<td>Kids of all ages will enjoy this program, puppet show, and activities designed to help you learn about the wild turkeys living in the dunes.</td>
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<td>Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Groundhog Day Celebration</td>
<td>A puppet groundhog will answer “when is spring coming” while presenting many fun facts and myths about groundhogs.</td>
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<td>Mar. 6, 10 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Maple Sugar Time</td>
<td>Enjoy a taste of spring and learn about maple sugaring from the American Indian methods to the way the Chellbergs made maple syrup in their sugar shack during the 1930s to sell.</td>
<td>Chellberg Farm</td>
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<td>Apr. 24, 11 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>National Park Week – Green Gary</td>
<td>In celebration of National Park Week and Earth Day, join in the family fun while learning about the natural resources of the national lakeshore and the City of Gary. Kids can earn a special Junior Ranger button, too.</td>
<td>Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education</td>
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Now that summer swimsuits have gone into hibernation, don’t think the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is taking place! Autumn is nature’s busy season at the dunes. Now is the time to watch the marvels as the dunes and forests begin to transform into its most colorful and entertaining time of the year. It is time to enjoy the scenes as leaves change color and witness nature’s autumn labor as it prepares for winter.

The best way to begin the autumn experience at the national lakeshore is to pick up a map at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center. The map will guide those not familiar with the area. And for those who know the national park, the map is a good reminder not to forget favorite views and locations. There are also trail guides available for those who plan on getting an even closer view of autumn at the Indiana Dunes. Except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day, the park access areas open daily at 7 a.m. The Visitor Center opens slightly later at 8:30 a.m.

For those who visited the trails throughout the Indiana Dunes earlier this year, there are new things to see because all those summer plants and animals now have matured. The tender green leaves and fresh blades of grass will have a whole new appearance for the true nature lover. This change in the plant life is one of nature’s autumn labors.

The location of the festival, Chellberg Farm, is a relic of the historic past of Indiana’s history. The Chellberg family farmed at this location for generations, and creates a wonderful atmosphere for the harvest festival. Demonstrations at the festival revile traditional labors of Indiana farmers. During the summer months, everyone on the farm worked outside, either in the barnyard, field or garden. If the work could be done inside, it became an autumn chore as the days grew shorter and the nights grew cooler. Duneland Harvest Festival demonstrations include sheep herding and sheep shearing and then spinning the wool from the sheep. Other hands-on activities include brick and soap making. Watch or even get a dancing lesson from the local Goodtime Cloggers.

Since the plants along the lakefront have now matured, so have the plants that were sewn during spring planting at the Chellberg Farm. The Duneland Harvest Festival provides an opportunity to experience the harvest labors Indiana farmers knew so well. Old fashioned harvest farm machinery will be in action to demonstrate to visitors how crops were processed during the autumn season long ago.

Farmers were not the only population living in this scenic area of Indiana. On October 10 and 11, tours of the historic World’s Fair homes will be offered to park visitors. Some of these structures were showcased at the 1933 World’s Fair that was held in Chicago. After the close of the fair, the homes were shipped across the lake on barges to their current location. Visitors need to preregister for the tour by consulting the national lakeshore website at www.nps.gov/indu for more information and a link to the Historic Landmarks website.

Finally, with all of nature’s autumn labors and the harvest chores complete, the dunes have now prepared for the winter. This change in season only creates more opportunities at the dunes. Again, nature has continued to labor away. With winter thermometers dipping into the low degrees, visitors will need to dress warm, but can still witness nature’s arctic changes.

Autumn colors have given way to the white snows and the clear ice that forms from the sprays of the lake. Now is the time to give the snowshoes a workout; a winter labor! Six miles of trails have been designated for cross-country skiing on the Ly-co-ki-we trail. Cross-country skiing and snowshoe hiking provide park visitors a close look at winter wildlife and a quiet peek at the dormant plant life waiting for the spring to return. Again, this is a wonderful opportunity for the true nature lover.

However, the winter does create concerns that visitors need to understand. Park rangers advise caution whenever near the lake. This caution is important during the winter visits at the park. Avoid walking on the changeable, unstable ice at all times. Visitors need to inform family members of their planned winter visits and provide a time frame of when they plan on returning from the dunes. It is advisable to view the winter beach safety video at www.nps.gov/indu prior to your winter visit.

As the winter months come to a close, nature has continued to labor onward. Sugar Maple trees provided a sweet treat for Indiana farmers like the Chellberg family. Nights below freezing with days above freezing bring on the sugar season. Visitors can see how sap was drawn from the Maple tree to be used as an ingredient for many traditional foods in the diets and lifestyles of American Indians, settlers, and farmers like the Chellbergs. Maple Sugar Time will be held on the first two “full” weekends in March. The sugar season makes the Maple tree to be used as an ingredient for many traditional foods in the diets and lifestyles of American Indians, settlers, and farmers like the Chellbergs. Maple Sugar Time will be held on the first two “full” weekends in March. This year that means March 6 and 7 and again on March 13 and 14. Maple Sugar Time will be held at the Chellberg Farm grounds and will run from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day.

Finally, as the months of March and April continue, visitors can start the new cycle of nature’s labors all over again. All that needs to be remembered is that the best place to witness these labors is at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Hope to see everyone there.
Indiana as the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, it mandated that we preserve and protect these lands. So, in a manner of speaking, the decision had already been made to restore this landmark.

Individuals visiting the 8,000 year old Cowles Bog today see not a bog, but, more correctly, a fen. It is unknown if it ever was a “true” bog or whether that was the term people used for wetlands of all types long ago. This fen is a much more alkaline environment than a “true” acidic bog, like the park’s Pinhook Bog. While some typical bog plants are found here, Cowles Bog is increasingly being choked with cattails.

Using aerial photographs and historic records, the national lakeshore’s resource management staff developed a series of maps showing a dramatic shift from the biologically diverse sedge meadow to a near monoculture of hybrid cattails. To discover why this change has been occurring, the national lakeshore sought and obtained grant monies needed to cover research costs.

The research project provided several very detailed maps showing changes in seasonal water levels, water chemistry, plant density and diversity, and composition of both soil and seed banks. These research results supported the theory that the recent invasion of the hybrid cattail was not as much a natural part of succession, but more the result of human induced changes to the area. These changes included the development of modern transportation systems and drainage ditches.

Last year, the park received a 3-year grant allowing the labor-intensive process of restoring the Cowles Bog wetland to begin. While this grant is an important start, the total restoration will take between 10 and 15 years of continuous effort. Any break in the restoration work will lead to additional years of work in the future.

Your help is needed in this important work. Join a ranger on September 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to help with a National Public Lands Day project to remove invasive plants at Cowles Bog. Meet at the Cowles Bog parking lot, located west of Mineral Springs Road and north of U.S. Highway 12 near the South Shore railroad tracks. Work gloves and supplies will be provided. More details will be posted on the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore’s website at www.nps.gov/indu.

An abundance of hybridized cattails dominate over a former sedge meadow/ habitat. Scientists work to restore the native grasses and sedges.

The diversity of native grasses and sedges reappear once the forceful cattails are curtailed and the hydrology is restored.
Poison Ivy – Leaves of three, let it be! While not all plants with a compound leaf of three are poison ivy, abide by this scouting pledge until you are sure of the identification. All parts of poison ivy and poison sumac give an itchy rash to most people who touch it. The fall berries produced by these plants feed 60 different species of birds in the national lakeshore.

Insects - Be aware of your surroundings, especially if you are allergic. A paper wasp nest may be overhead, underground or visiting your beverage while you are at the beach. If you find yourself close to a nest, remain calm and quietly move away from the area. Stinging and biting insects usually attack when they are defending their nest. If you are attacked, run away! Pull your shirt over your head and keep running until you are in a safe area (such as a vehicle or building) or the insects stop chasing you. If you seek medical treatment, it is helpful to bring an insect with you for identification.

Shelf Ice - Though beautiful to view, is neither solid nor stable and should never be ventured upon. The Lakeview access area is a safe place to observe the spectacular ice formations. Shelf ice formation begins with a frozen beach. Next, a small ridge or ice foot forms over the water’s edge. Ice floating in Lake Michigan gets blown against the shoreline pushing against the ice foot and creating piles of ice. Piles can freeze together looking like a sculpture extending several hundred feet into the lake even to the horizon. Shelf ice can contain unfrozen sections and is full of air pockets and cracks. A top layer of snow can seem deceptively solid. Remember NEVER WALK ON SHELF ICE.

Remember sledding is not permitted anywhere in the national lakeshore. To stay safe, avoid having exposed skin and dress in removable layers. Signs of hypothermia include intense shivering and confusion with most cases occurring in temperatures from 30 – 50 degrees.

Volunteers Needed

If you have a love for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, perhaps it is time to take that love to a new level? Many volunteer opportunities exist for a rewarding venture in assisting park rangers in almost any field. Working outdoors or indoors, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore needs your help and expertise. Volunteer activities include greeting visitors at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center or Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, leading tours for school groups, restoring natural habitats, helping at festivals and more. Any amount of time you can give on a regular basis does make a difference. For more information on the volunteer program, first consult www.volunteer.gov/gov or serve.gov to learn about the specific help needed. You can also contact the national lakeshore’s Volunteer Coordinator Lynda Lancaster at 219-395-1682 or Lynda_Lancaster@nps.gov.

Education Programs

Who do we serve? Any organized group such as schools (K-12), scouts, university classes, preschools, and organizations.

What do we provide? Park rangers and docents conduct a variety of free, curriculum-based programs ranging from one to three hours. Organized groups can choose from activities such as service learning projects, hiking on marked trails, and learning about local history at the Chellberg Farm or Bailly Homestead. Hands-on programs allow students to explore and learn in their national park.

How do you reserve a ranger-led program? Call (219) 938-8221 or 1-800-959-9174. Programs are offered year round.

Where can you go for more information? Check www.nps.gov/indu/forteachers. This national lakeshore website has interactive games for students and activities to download for teachers along with a complete list of the programs offered.
Kampinos National Park

This Polish National Park mimics the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in habitats, plants and soils. Both are botanically rich in plant diversity and animal life and share preservation ideals along with resource management methods and techniques. Kampinos has been a park partner since 1988. You can access more information about Kampinos National Park on the national lakeshore web site at www.nps.gov/indu/parkmgmt/sisterparks.htm.

Both are located near the major urban centers of Warsaw and Chicago and face similar threats of air and water pollution, hydrology issues, and habitat fragmentation along with high visitation. Kampinos hopes to mimic the environmental education camp like the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center residential camp. Each park shares its technical and resource management methods with the other.

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana

Our mission is to lead and assist individuals, organizations and communities in preserving and revitalizing endangered landmarks through education, advocacy, and financial support to enrich contemporary life and leave a legacy of landmarks.

The Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI), a not-for-profit preservation organization, placed the national lakeshore’s Century of Progress houses on the “Ten Most Endangered Sites in Indiana” list in 1993. The national lakeshore and HLFI entered into an agreement in 1996 to protect and maintain the houses through a residential leasing program. The leasing program, that has grown to include two Lustron houses and two sites within the proposed Swedish Heritage District, is the primary catalyst for the long-term preservation of these resources.

HLFI has always respected and upheld the mission of the national lakeshore and National Park Service. Their staff works closely with the national lakeshore’s cultural resource staff on planning, coordinating, and overseeing the rehabilitation of the park’s cultural resources that are in the residential leasing program. For more information contact:

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340 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
1-800-450-4534
www.historiclandmarks.org

Indiana Dunes State Park

Our mission is to manage and interpret Indiana Dunes State Park’s wildlife and natural and cultural resources, provide for compatible recreational opportunities, and sustain the integrity of these resources for future generations.

Established in 1925, Indiana Dunes State Park is one of 24 Indiana state parks administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Indiana Division of State Parks and Reserves. The state park contains some of the most diverse flora and fauna of the Midwest. It is also renowned throughout the Midwest for its birding.

The state park offers:
• a new park entrance,
• a year-round campground,
• swimming beach with lifeguards,
• nature center,
• more than 16 miles of hiking/skiing trails, and
• picnic shelters and areas.

During the summer, a beach pavilion provides:
• a shelter,
• snack bar,
• gift shop, and
• restrooms with outside showers.

The nature center has a library, bird observation room, children’s activity corner, information desk, and exhibits about natural and cultural history. Private, public, and school programs are held year-round. Camping reservations can be made by calling 1-866-622-6746. There is a park entrance fee. For more information, contact:

Indiana Dunes State Park
1600 North 25 East
Chesterton, IN 46304
219-926-1952
www.IN.gov/dnr

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of State Parks and Reserves

INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK
Park Hours: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Entrance Fees
Daily:
$10.00 with out-of-state plates
$4.00 with IN plates, Mon.–Thurs.
$5.00 with IN plates, Fri.–Sun., holidays
$2.00 per day for walk-ins and bicyclists

Annual entrance permits are available.
$36.00 resident, $46.00 non-resident

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