



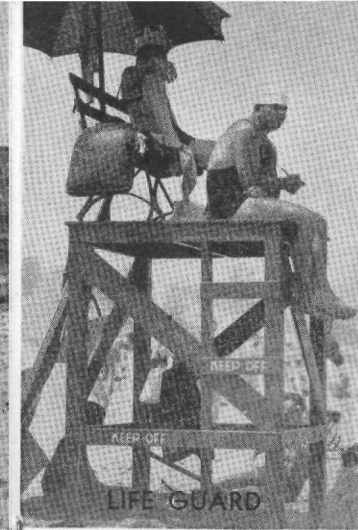
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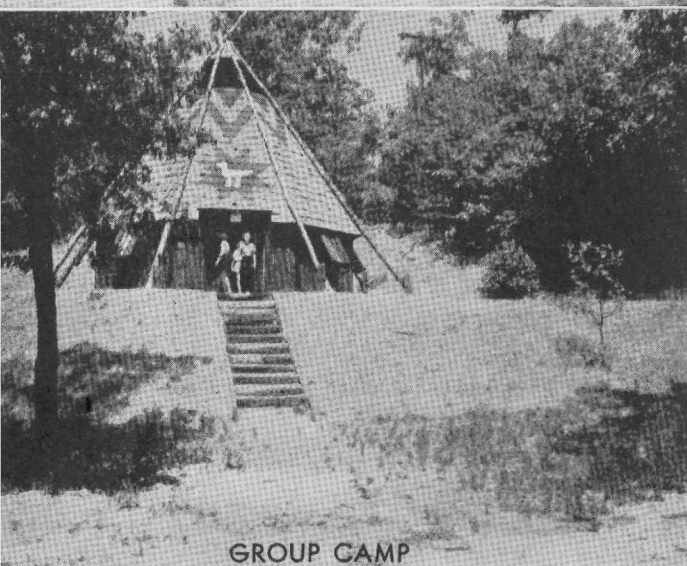
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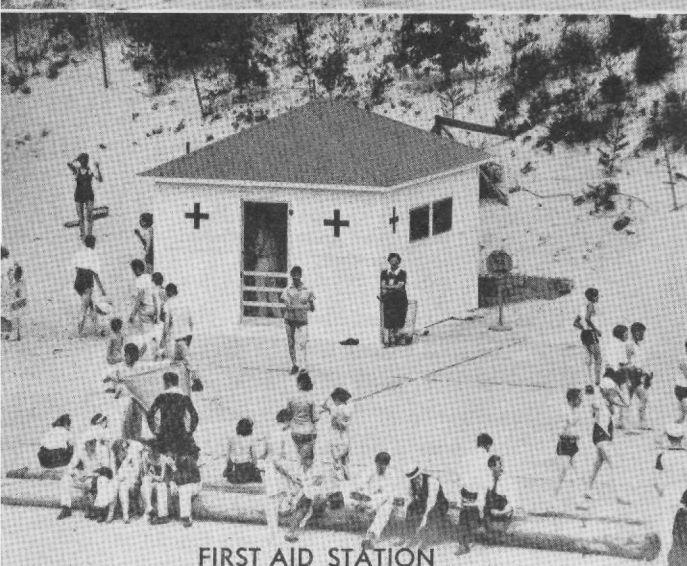
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Dunes State Park, on Lake Michigan, A Summer Playground for Thousands

*Three-Mile Beach, Sand Dunes and Forest Share Visitors' Interest;
Hotels, Cottages, Camping Areas Accommodate Hundreds*

INDIANA Dunes State Park, stretching for three miles along Lake Michigan and possessing one of the finest beaches on the lake, is a summer playground for thousands of vacationists as well as an all-year laboratory for the botanist and nature student.

The bathing beach, supervised by trained and experienced lifeguards, has all the color and action of a seashore resort with a broad expanse of dazzling white sand gently sloping into the restless waves of the lake. Gay-colored beach umbrellas, bathing and beach costumes in all hues of the rainbow, the white sand and the blue water under an equally blue sky make it a scene never to be forgotten.

That is one side of this twenty-two hundred acre playground. Away from the bathing beach, paralleling the lake, march the sand dunes from which the park takes its name. Miniature mountains of sand, formed by the elements and still subject to the whims of wind and water, the dunes are constantly moving. They advance to smother growing trees and plants and retreating leave exposed gaunt skeletons of withered trunk and limbs.

Behind the dunes, not yet engulfed, lies the forest where botanists and nature students find countless specimens of flower and plantlife. Deep in this forest the inquisitive visitor discovers the swamp, almost tropical in a setting of luxuriant vegetation. This section of the park, unknown to those visitors seeking the relaxation and recreation of the bathing beach, is known far and wide among botanists, nature students and bird lovers and they come from many states to tramp the sandy trails and study the plant and bird life of the area.

The distinctive nature of Indiana Dunes State Park is apparent to the most casual visitor. Those arriving by motor enter the park over a four-lane entrance drive which leads to two immense paved parking areas. Conveniently located at the edge of the parking area is the pavilion with its dining rooms, sandwich and refreshment counters. On the second floor of this

imposing stone building is the dressing rooms, showers and check rooms for the bathers. A short distance away is the Arcade hotel with rooms which look out over the lake or the dunes.

At the edge of the beach across from the pavilion is the first-aid station, established last year to give relief for sunburn and other minor ailments which are likely to develop in a throng of several thousand persons. One of the most novel services rendered at the first-aid station during the past season was repairing a rubber bathing suit which had split to the embarrassment of the wearer.

Most of the visitors know this part of the park, a smaller number know the "Tremont" entrance used generally by those who arrive by train from Chicago, South Bend or one of the cities along the railroad between the two. These groups hike from the station to the park entrance and then march on to the beach or select the trails which will lead them to the many points of interest.

This section of the park also has its accommodations for the visitor, at Duneside Inn where cottages are available with meals served at the inn. Between the inn and the lake are the dunes with trails leading to the beach and other places of interest, making the inn a natural headquarters for the botanist and nature student.

Dunes, like the other Indiana State Parks, has ample facilities for the visitor seeking a camping site or an attractive place for a picnic. Located in wooded sections of the park, yet convenient to the beach, are extensive picnic areas equipped with tables and benches, drinking water, comfort stations, and shelter houses. In an equally attractive area is the camp grounds, populated throughout the summer months by scores of camping groups. The camp area also has its shelter houses, outlets for drinking water, comfort stations, garbage collection, and supervision by park officials.

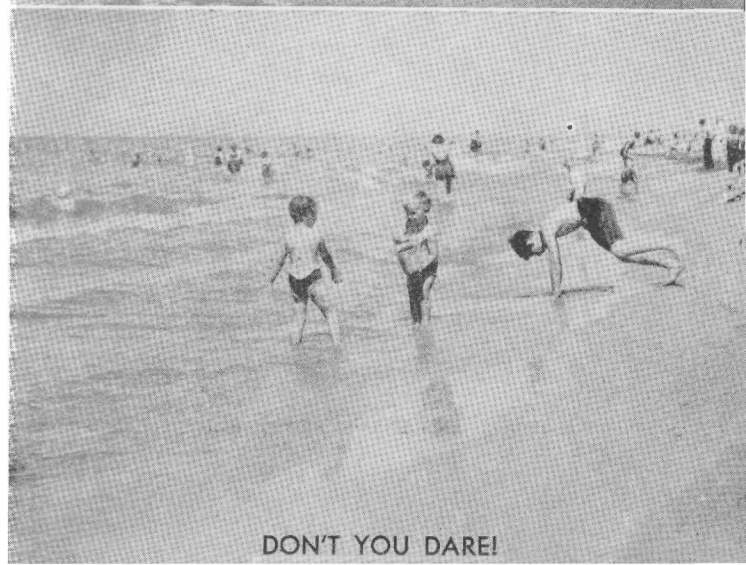
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NATURE STUDENTS



DON'T YOU DARE!

DUNES STATE PARK

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One of the newer developments is the establishment of a special parking area for the visitor traveling with a trailer. Spurs from one of the park drives are long enough to park a trailer and car and there is sufficient space between to assure a measure of privacy to the occupants of each trailer. At a central point is located a shelter house with cooking ovens, a comfort station with showers and laundry facilities, and other conveniences.

A group camp, opened approximately a year ago, is growing in popularity and making possible low-cost vacation outings for a number of groups of boys and girls. Several of the groups having reservations for the camp this year are from Chicago, others coming from various parts of northern Indiana. The group camp is attractively located and includes bunkhouse, mess hall, kitchen, comfort station and shower building and an administration building.

In the design of the buildings and their decoration, tribute was paid to the Indian tribes which once roamed over this area.

A new attraction for weekend visitors at the park this year is the sailboat races staged off the beach by members of the Dunes Yacht Club. A number of special events are being planned by the members of this organization, with the park as a center of activities for yachtsmen from Chicago and other lake cities.

The visitor interested in seeing as much of the park as possible but limited in time should not stop with the beach. A road leading from the parking area, past the camp grounds will take him to one of the new shelter houses where he will find ample parking space. Starting from this point he follows a trail past the foot of the swamp through heavy timber, skirting the dunes on one side and the densely-grown lowland on the other. About a half-mile past the swamp he arrives at the "pinery", so named for the groups of pine trees growing here. In this same vicinity are a number of tulip poplars, the Indiana state tree.

Continuing along the trail he approaches a "live" dune that is slowly encroaching upon the swamp and climbs the sandy trail to the top where he overlooks the Big Blowout, largest and most spectacular of these craters formed by the wind. This crater is approximately a thousand feet across and appears as desolate and lifeless as a desert. From this vantage point he looks over the sloping beach and far out over the lake. On the slopes of the blowout stand the sentinel trunks of trees, withered and scoured by the sand which once covered them. This point has been named the graveyard.

From this dune the hiker turns westward and follows another trail through the Furnessville Blowout back to the shelter where the car was parked. No one can claim an intimate acquaintance with Indiana or with the park who has not visited these places of unusual interest.
