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Swimming pool admis-

sion: \$3/day

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Permit: \$25

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Permit: \$5

Annual Horse Tag: \$20 Daily Horse Permit: \$5 Shelter rental: \$30-50

Hunting and fishing

licenses: varies

Online: inhuntfish.com Phone: 877-463-6367

Camping: See page 6

Contact Versailles State Park

812-689-6424

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Versailles, IN 47042

Office hours*

Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Camp store hours*

Sun. - Thur., 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fri. - Sat., 9:00 a.m. - 9:00

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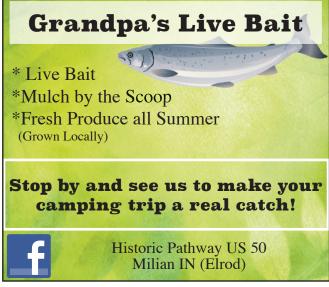
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Bradt Natural Area

Just east of the Versailles State Park entrance sign off of US 50 there is another area of the park that is just being opened to the public. The Bradt Natural Area takes the wilderness to farmland to managed parkland, the property has always provided resources for people and wildlife. This is the newest portion of the Versailles State Park now open to the public. The beauty along the trails bring a whole new side of the park to view.





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Versailles State Park Horseman's Camp

The Versailles Horsemen's Overnight Campground project started in the Spring of 2008 with a meeting of Indiana Trail Riders Association Director Larry Sidell and Ron McCoy had with the new property manager at Versailles, Paul Sipples. The ITRA is an equine trail advocacy group founded 41 years ago to keep horse trails open in Brown County State Park the biggest park in Indi-

The subject came up about what to do with the old concessionaire's

saddle barn. We quickly suggested developing an overnight campground at that location.

The then Department of Natural Resources Director, Rob Carter, visited the site a few days later and accepted the idea in principle.

The ITRA representatives met with the DNR during the summer of 2008 in Indianapolis and the planning process began. John Bergman, assistant Director of State Parks pointed out that there were no funds available for the project.

This was clearly understood by all parties.

A general site layout was subsequently made by the DNR engineering department.

A workday was held on October 8, 2008, to begin clearing the site with over 60 volunteers from the equestrian community attending. On October 26, 2009 the ITRA met with the DNR engineering department and revised the site plan. January 4, 2009 the outer perimeter was flagged using a GPS system.

During this time frame,

the DNR initiated studies for the historical, environmental, archeological, etc. clearances, which were eventually approved.

The ITRA applied for two grants. The City of Lawrenceburg did award \$17,200 and the Rising Sun Regional Foundation awarded on September 26, 2012 the amount of \$45,000. Both grants had some restrictions as to how the funds could be spent. Since October 8, 2008, the first work day, there were seven more work days with a turn-

out of 9-38 volunteers coming to these events. There had been five formal meetings with the DNR and numerous other dealings with specific items.

In two years we cleared about half of the site, gathered up brush and logs of which were disposed. We recognized that a great deal of behind the scenes work needed to be done.

Now we needed to regroup - Monday, September 16, 2013 I contacted Mike Summers of the REMC

(electrical service company) to set up a meeting about the electrical service. Director Larry Sidell set this meeting up. Hopefully, by using a different route, and at the time not providing service for all 50 expected sites in the campground we can save enough money to route electric to the first 15 sites. The ITRA was paying for this with the Rising Sun grant of \$45,000.

A corridor from the current campground gatehouse to the saddle barn

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When you make reservations you will need the following information:

- 1. Arrival and departure date.
- 2. Name, address and phone number.
- 3. Type of camping equipment you will be using (tent, pop-up, RV, etc.). With an RV you will need to know the total length of the rig from the front to the back, including the tow rig.
 - 4. Number in your party.

- 5. Method of payment (Visa or Master Card). Money orders are accepted if you are making a reservation 15 days or more before the date of arrival.
- 6. Class A Campsites are \$23 per night (Sun.-Wed.) and \$30 (Thu.-Sat.). Holidays are \$33 a night with required three night minimum. Tax is added to those prices.

There is a \$6 fee for making a reservation. You can reserve as many campsites as you like; all names are needed for the people reserving the campsites. The entire rental fee must be paid at the time of the reservation.

If you cancel your reservation

Reservations are able to be canceled. If you cancel 8 or more days before arrival a flat \$10 fee will be charged (per reservation that is canceled). If you cancel between 1 and 7 days before arrival then the first night's rental fee plus tax will be charged as a cancellation fee. If you cancel on or after the day of

arrival then you will have to pay the entire rental fee. No refunds will be given due to inclement weather.

A maximum of six people may occupy one campsite. Each site may have two tents or one camper and one small tent. Each campsite may have only one mode of transportation. The campground office is open daily from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. beginning Memorial Day until Labor Day. All visitors must park in the visitor parking lot. You cannot set up for camping after 11:00 p.m. even if you have reservations.

Class A campgrounds

Versailles State Park has 226 campsites with an electrical outlet, 30 amp service, fire ring, picnic table, and camper pad. There is a dump station and water hydrant in the immediate area for water, but NO water hookup. One camping unit per campsite; you may have one small additional tent and a dining fly per site. Occupancy is lim-

ited to 14 consecutive nights. Pets must be caged or kept on a leash no longer than six (6) feet and must be attended at all times. Please clean up after your pets! Generators and other similar noise-producing equipment may only be used from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Youth tent area

This is for youth group campers under 21 years of age. It is for tent camping only. Youth must have a minimum of 10 campers plus a sponsor. The cost is \$2.00 per person, per night. The area has picnic tables and a pit toilet. You can make telephone reservations with credit card only by calling 866-6CAMPIN (866-622-6746). No alcohol is allowed in the youth tent area.

Equestrian campgrounds

Each equestrian campsite at Versailles State Park has a tie-up available for up to six horses. A daily or annual Horse Tag is required for each horse.

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Bridle trails are open from dawn to dusk. Electric campsites are \$20.33 per night Sun.-Wed., \$23.54 per night Thu.-Sat., and \$26.75 per night on holidays, tax in-

Check out time

Check out time is 2:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday and holidays. If you plan to renew your registration, please do so by 10:00 a.m.

Fires and firewood

Fires may be built only in the fire rings provided. Collecting firewood in state parks is prohibited. Firewood from Indiana may be used if all bark has been removed. All other firewood must bear the USDA and/or state compliance stamp.

Trash

The Versailles State Park has a "carry in/carry out" trash program. Trash bags are available at the main gate.



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Nature Center - Camp Store

Our Nature Center and Camp Store have been incorporated into one building. This will allow the Nature Center to be open daily with the same operating hours as camp store.

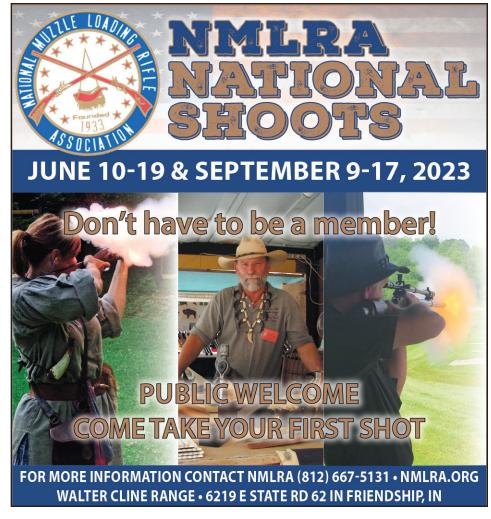
New members welcome

The Friends of Versailles State Park regularly welcomes new members who enjoy supporting and recreating at the park. In addition to fundraising and recreational activities like monthly hikes, the group holds an annual membership meeting.

Annual memberships are open to individuals (\$15), families (\$25), and sponsors (\$100). Lifetime memberships are also open to individuals (\$150) and families (\$250). Registration brochures are available at the park office and nature center during open hours.

Volunteerism

"A Year to Volunteer" revisited us in August of 2021 to help complete 1400' of ADA trail, build a ramp to the observation deck (built in August of 2020) and helped on numerous other projects.







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There is something for everyone to do at the Versailles State Park. If you don't like playing in the water, just check out the beautiful playground equipment for the little ones.



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2023

June 8-10 Thu. - Sat. County Plein Air Paint Out July 1 Firework Show Saturday July 22 Sat. & Sun. Christmas in July Sept. 22-24 Fri. & Sun. 10th Annual Hassmerfest. Oct. 21 Saturday Halloween Spooktacular I Saturday Oct. 28 Halloween Spooktacular II



Enjoy your stay at Versailles State Park!

Be sure to come back for these special events:

June 8-10 Ripley County Plein Air Paint Out - Versailles State Park
June 10-18 & Sept. 9-17 NMLRA National Shoot &
Friendship Flea Markets - Friendship
June 22-24 F.A.R.M. Antique Machinery Show - Osgood
June 29 ISO Star Spangled Symphony - Batesville
July 1-3 Vogt Farm Blueberry Festival - Batesville
July 23-29 Ripley County 4-H Fair - Osgood
July 29 American Legion "Taste of Versailles," - Versailles
August 5-6 XTERRA & DINO Mountain Bike Series at VSP
September 22-24 Hassmer Fest - Mountain Bike Festival at VSP
September 27-October 1 Versailles Pumpkin Show - Versailles
October 6-7 Ertel Cellars Wine Festival - Batesville

Main Street Versailles Farmers Market - Courthouse Square Saturdays 9-noon, June 3-Sept. 23
Ripley County Farmers Market - Buckeye St., Osgood Saturdays 8-noon, June-Oct.; Wednesday 2:30-5:30 pm July-Sept.

Don't miss the Milan '54 Hoosiers Basketball Museum, Indiana Wine Trail, Southeast Indiana Coffee Trail, Southeast Indiana Bike Trails, Underground Railroad Trails, and more!



Stop by the Welcome Center in Versailles For more information on these and other events:

Ripley County Tourism Bureau 220 East U.S. 50, Versailles

ripleycountytourism.com • Facebook.com/RipleyCountyTourism/

Firewood on DNR Properties

There are 140 known pests and pathogens that can be moved in firewood. To conserve Hoosier forests and campground shade trees, please adhere to a few rules. You can bring firewood from any tree species into a state park, reservoir, state forest, or state fish and wildlife area if:

- It is from your home in Indiana and all bark has been removed. Remove a half-inch of sapwood beneath the bark, too, if possible.
- It is bundled and bears a USDA compliance stamp.
- It is purchased from a local firewood vendor outside the property and has the state compliance stamp.
- It is purchased from the property camp store or onsite firewood vendor and has the state compliance stamp.
- The firewood is kiln-dried scrap lumber with no bark.

Visit firewood.dnr.in.gov for more information





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needed to be established for the electric and waterline service. Restrictions due to the Indiana Brown Bat endangered species act came into play.

This question came up. Could the ITRA install the water line? The ITRA applied for a grant to cover the \$6,000 material cost.

The next physical step was stump removal. We had expected the excavator around the first week of September. Then it became the first week of October and finally it became the end of October. Then we were also told that a rule 5 permit was needed as we were disturbing more than one acre of ground in the rough grading process.

Then we found the entire campground sloped in the wrong direction. It would have to be regraded, so that it would drain properly. This meant all the trees would have to be cut down and this work began September

25, 2012 and the regrad-

ing of the site was done

by the DNR. The next big disappointment was when we found out we needed a health certificate to open the fifteen sites included in Phase I. The DNR couldn't furnish the engineering drawings as we were not a fully funded project. They could, however, open nine sites, which is what we ultimately did. By the time we actually obtained a

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health certificate, we had already committed to the nine sites, rather than the fifteen. It was the most expedient way to get any sites open.

Larry then applied for a grant to build four concrete manure bins and 9 -16' hitch rails, one at each site. This work was done by the ITRA

On October 8, 2016 the grand opening was held. Notables attending were Terry Coleman, DNR, Jeff French, Rising Sun Foundation, Greg Hersberger, Ron McCoy, Larry Sidell, ITRA Representatives, Paul Sipples, Park Manager, and Brad Walker, Assistant Park Manager, along with Randy Frye, Congressman

The campground now has large spacious sites, with water and electric on each site. The new trails established nearby connect to the more numerous day-use trails. There is trail mileage of 28 miles total. There was extensive on-going work being done improving these existing trails.

Both the day-use and camping areas have the new, updated concrete toilets installed. It is a premier location for riding and just sitting and enjoying the natural beauty of our great state. Now a little bit about why we did all this work. I remember as a small boy coming with my family to V.S.P. we would swim in the lake I'm talking 50+ years ago, then for supper, Dad would grill us some hamburgers and hotdogs in the picnic area while we hiked the trails. All seven of us would do this on a Sunday afternoon/ evening back in the mid 60's. At the time I was too young to realize Mom and Dad were creating memories, wonderful memories. So 25 years later I find myself married with children doing the very same thing, creating wonderful memories at Versailles State Park.

Then we got a horse for the kids Christmas of 1996, and as most horse people will tell you, it was no turning back. In 2003, my wife and I became members of the fore mentioned ITRA. We know that it's very important to give back and help maintain the things you enjoy. Then in the spring of 2008 Ron and I started the work of the Horse camp. Because we love to ride, we would jump in the truck and trailer and go to the park and ride. Then grill some more, you got it hamburgers and hotdogs in the picnic area of the Day Use Area. Now, our daughter, her husband and two daughters love to ride. And so we are now creating beautiful memories riding in the horse camp that Pa Paw helped get started and build in the park I grew up in 50 + years ago.

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Sincerely, Larry Sidell





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- 1. Plan ahead and prepare;
- 2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces;
- 3. Dispose of waste properly;
- 4. Leave what you find;
- 5. Minimize campfire impacts;
- 6. Respect wildlife; and
- 7. Be considerate of other visitors

For more information, visit LNT.org.

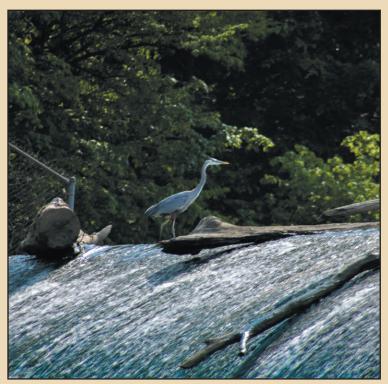


How can I spot more wildlife?

Versailles State Park is home to numerous wildlife. The Wilderness Society offers the following advice for increasing your chances to spot more species:

- Many animals feed at dawn and dusk. The two hours after sunrise and before sunset are prime viewing times.
- Many bird species migrate in spring and fall, offering a window to see them as they pass through.
- Move slowly and quietly; better yet, pick a comfortable spot to sit still. Listen closely to your surroundings.
- Bring along a good pair of binoculars.
- Blend in by wearing earth tones rather than bright colors.

It is also of the utmost importance to let wildlife stay wild. Refrain from offering food, keep a safe distance, and practice "Leave No Trace" principles while visiting parks and other natural areas. Good luck out there!



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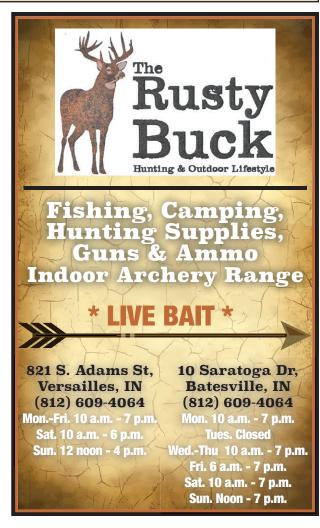
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Pool Hours

12pm - 6pm May 27 - Aug 6 12pm - 6pm Weekends in August - pending lifeguard availability.

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