

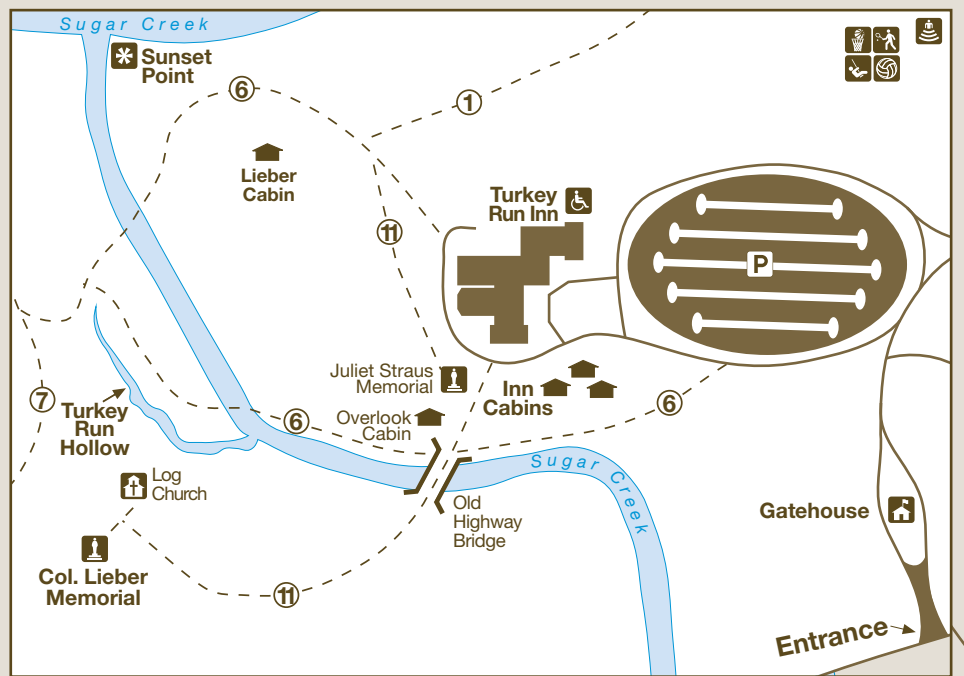
**LOCATION MAP**



# TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

8121 E. Park Road • Marshall, IN 47859 • (765) 597-2635  
 2,382 acres      Established 1916

- Stay on marked trails.
- Trails close at dusk.
- All hikers must be off trails prior to dusk.
- Bicycles prohibited on trails and service roads.
- Swimming and wading in Sugar Creek is prohibited within the park.
- Rock Climbing prohibited.
- Water hydrants are available near shelters, restrooms and parking lots.



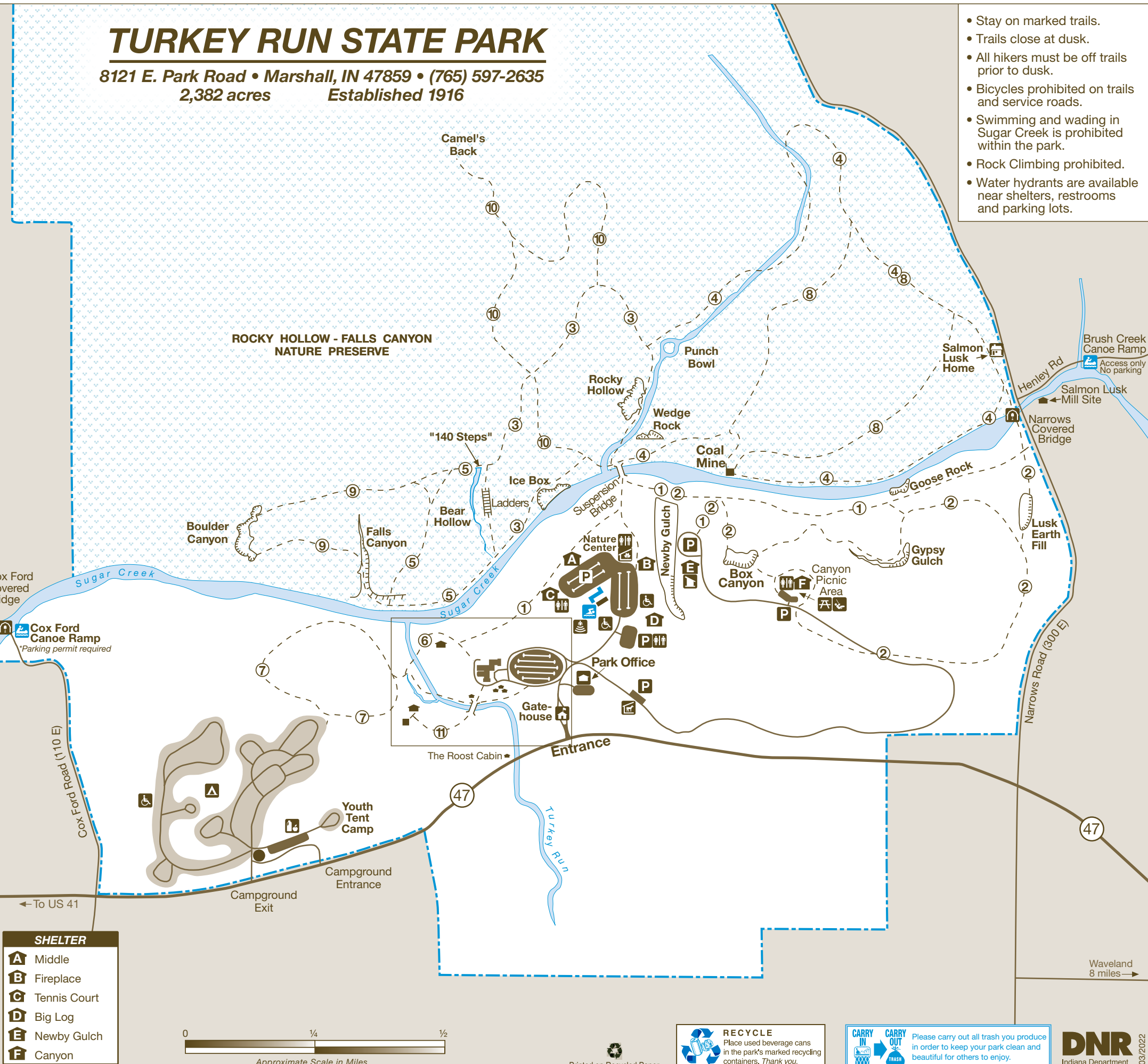
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Ladders are part of Trail 3. Ladders can be hazardous for visitors with some medical conditions or disabilities. Hikers with small children and pets should use alternate trails.

LEGEND			
	<b>Boundary</b>		<b>Accessible</b>
	<b>Road</b>		<b>Campground</b>
	<b>Hiking Trail</b>		<b>Playground</b>
	<b>Nature Preserve</b>		<b>Basketball Courts</b>
	<b>Control Station</b>		<b>Volleyball Sand Pits</b>
	<b>Parking</b>		<b>Tennis Courts</b>
	<b>Restroom</b>		<b>Amphitheater</b>
	<b>Covered Bridge</b>		<b>Historic Home Site</b>
	<b>Saddle Barn</b>		<b>Swimming</b>
	<b>Nature Center</b>		<b>Canoe Ramp</b>
	<b>Camp Store</b>		<b>Church</b>
	<b>Point of Interest</b>		<b>Vault Toilet</b>

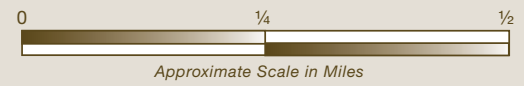
TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	2	Moderate/Rugged
2	2	Rugged
3	1.7	Very Rugged
4	2	Moderate/Rugged
5	.7	Moderate
6	.5	Moderate/Rugged
7	.7	Moderate
8	1.5	Moderate
9	1	Very Rugged
10	1.4	Rugged
11	.5	Easy

SHELTER	
<b>A</b>	Middle
<b>B</b>	Fireplace
<b>C</b>	Tennis Court
<b>D</b>	Big Log
<b>E</b>	Newby Gulch
<b>F</b>	Canyon

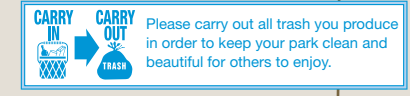


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huddle there to avoid the cold. Pioneer hunters would herd the turkeys through these natural funnels into a central location for an easy harvest.

The exposed bedrock is Mansfield sandstone, named after the town. This deposit was formed during the Carboniferous Period, when the buildup of sand at the mouth of the ancient Michigan River was slowly compacted and cemented into solid rock. The swampy environment of this period produced vast coal deposits. Coal was mined here in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Seams of coal are still visible along many of the trails.

In more recent history, during the Pleistocene Epoch, the sandstone bedrock was carved into today's familiar canyons and formations by the eroding action of glacial meltwaters. The Punchbowl on Trail 3 is an example of a pothole scoured out by glacial erratics caught in swirling backwash. Erratics, or boulders, are pieces of bedrock from Canada carried by the glaciers. Some larger erratics can still be seen in Boulder Canyon on Trail 9. Smaller erratics rest in and along Sugar Creek.

Many historic structures are preserved at Turkey Run. The Lusk Home and mill site serve as a testament to the early enterprise and ambition characteristic of 19th century Hoosiers. Lieber Cabin, constructed of virgin timber in the 1840s, is the oldest of its kind in the state. The Log Church, built in 1871, stands as a reminder of the area's religious heritage. Shelterhouses, a saddle barn and sandstone trail structures are the legacy of the hard-working young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Camp 8, stationed here in 1934-1935.

Turkey Run serves as the final resting place for Col. Richard Lieber, the father of Indiana State Parks. His foresight allowed Indiana to become one of the first states to preserve significant natural areas in a system of state parks. You'll find his memorial atop a peaceful hemlock grove near the end of Trail 11.

## DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

- **Shades State Park**-camping, fishing, hiking trails, seasonal interpretive service, picnicking, shelter house, youth tent areas, wildlife watching
- **Big Walnut Nature Preserve**-hiking trails, nature observation, bird watching, wildflower and tree identification
- **Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon) State Recreation Area**-hiking trails, interpretive center, wildlife viewing, playground, historic features, fishing, ice fishing, hunting, trapping, shelter house, beach, water skiing, boat launch, boat rental, camp store
- **Covered Bridge Retreat**-(Temporarily Closed) Bridle trails, hiking trails, camping, family cabins

## ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**CAMPING**—Flush toilets, hot water, showers and electricity available. No individual water or sewer hookups. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Most sites will accommodate trailers. Reserve through the Central Reservation System.

**FISHING**—Bass, bluegills, etc. State license required.

**HIKING**—With miles of easy to very rugged trails, hiking is one of the most popular activities at Turkey Run. Bicycles not allowed on trails; roads only.

**TURKEY RUN INN**—Rooms and Cabins available. Inn rooms are air-conditioned. Reserve through the Inns Reservation System. Inn Restaurant open to all guests; single meals, Sunday dinners, banquets.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE**—Available all year. Special hikes, planetarium star shows, workshops, park patch programs, live animal talks, campfire programs and history talks. For scheduled activities, check bulletin boards or inquire at Nature Center, park office, or Inn. Call in advance to schedule special group programs. Program schedules at [Interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://Interpretiveservices.IN.gov) or call 765-597-2654.

**LIEBER CABIN**—Exhibit tells the story of Richard Lieber and the creation of the State Park system.

**LUSK HOME**—Built in 1841 by the first European settlers to own this land. The restored house is open for tours seasonally. A period garden, created by volunteers, is on the grounds of the home.

**NATURE CENTER**—Open all year. Hands-on activities, live animals, bird viewing, nature library, planetarium, trail information, naturalist.

**PICNIC AREA**—Tables, grills, toilets, playfields, playground, and tennis and basketball courts. Reserve through the Central Reservation System.

**SADDLE BARN**—Hayrides, guided horseback rides. Fee. Call to reserve, (765) 597-2280.

**SWIMMING**—Olympic-size pool with wading pool and pool house, open approximately Memorial Day to early August. Facility may close due to lifeguard availability or weather conditions. For current information contact the property office.

For a list of park events, visit [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov)

## Please let wild animals remain wild.

Feeding wildlife is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood because they rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. No youth groups are permitted in the family campground.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to places and times designated by the Department of Natural Resources. Swimming in Sugar Creek is prohibited.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Bicycles and all motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Park closes from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. No one is allowed in the park between these hours, except for overnight Inn guest and campers.

For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at park office



## CREEK SWIMMING IS PROHIBITED

Sugar Creek is extremely hazardous. Take no chances. Do not wade or swim.

## THIS IS YOUR PARK

Visitors shall observe property rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the public's use and enjoyment.

## CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM



Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made online or by calling toll-free. Call: **1-866-6campIN** (1-866-622-6746) Online: [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov)

Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by phone. Call: **1-877-lodges1** (1-877-563-4371) Online: [IndianalInns.com](http://IndianalInns.com)

## TURKEY RUN INN OPEN ALL YEAR



Rooms and cabins available. Restaurant open to the public. Information toll-free: 1-877-500-6151 Reservations: 1-877-lodges1 (1-877-563-4371) Online: [IndianalInns.com](http://IndianalInns.com)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: Turkey Run State Park  
P.O. Box 37  
Marshall, IN 47859  
Call: 765-597-2635  
Online: [on.IN.gov/turkeyrunsp](http://on.IN.gov/turkeyrunsp)

## SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the main office.

## BECOME A PARK VOLUNTEER

Join the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades state parks. For Friends Group information: [Interpretiveservices.IN.gov/support/friends\\_group/](http://Interpretiveservices.IN.gov/support/friends_group/)



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

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## DESCRIPTIONS OF TRAILS

All trails have portions that use ravine streambeds as trail surface, so some sections can become slick and trail tread uneven. Parts of these trails may be impassable during high water and should be considered closed during such times and alternate trails used.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
<b>Trail 1</b>	2 miles	Moderate/Rugged

The big-tree trail. Fine sycamores and several huge black walnut trees; covered bridge. Portions may be impassable during high water.

<b>Trail 2</b>	2 miles	Rugged
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On this adventurous hike, visitors will experience riparian areas to upland forested areas. Walk through a fen on your way to the Lusk Earth fill and along cliff edges on this rugged hike.

<b>Trail 3</b>	1.7 miles	Very Rugged
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The ladders trail includes unusual hiking between the steep walls of both Rocky and Bear hollows.

**Be careful.** Portions may be impassable during high water. The ladders can be hazardous for visitors with some medical conditions or disabilities. Hikers with small children and pets should use alternate trails.

<b>Trail 4</b>	2 miles	Moderate/Rugged
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Follows a fine little valley to the Lusk home, past the coal mine. Portions may be impassable during high water.

<b>Trail 5</b>	.7 miles	Moderate
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Fine trees; 140 steps (going down is from the west.)

<b>Trail 6</b>	.5 miles	Moderate/Rugged
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Short hike through Turkey Hollow. Trail meanders across a stream on stepping stones. May be impassable during high water.

<b>Trail 7</b>	.7 miles	Moderate
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Virgin woods, hemlock trees. Portions may be impassable during high water.

<b>Trail 8</b>	1.5 mile	Moderate
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Peaceful trail with moderate hiking that follows a small creek.

<b>Trail 9</b>	1 mile	Very Rugged
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The best trail to see virgin woods is also the most rugged. Be careful.

<b>Trail 10</b>	1.4 miles	Rugged
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To "Camel's Back," fine scenic view. Many unusual formations due to erosion.

<b>Trail 11</b>	.5 miles	Easy
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A short hike high above Turkey Run Hollow to the Lieber Memorial and Log Church.

## PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

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## TURKEY RUN STATE PARK



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Classic examples of natural and human history abound at Turkey Run State Park, from its deep canyons nestled in the shadows of sandstone and peaceful hemlock groves to the Salmon Lusk Home and mill site.

Our second state park invites you to some of Indiana's most ruggedly beautiful hiking trails. From the tiny mosses and ferns to the majestic old-growth walnuts and sycamores, lush plant communities thrive, supporting an abundance of wildlife. Deer tracks, beaver-chewed trees, pileated woodpecker excavations and the rocking flight of the turkey vulture are common sights throughout the year.

The first parcel of Turkey Run's 2,382 acres was purchased during the state's centennial in 1916, when the state park system was established.

Historic accounts suggest that large numbers of turkeys lived in the area, prompting its name. One story adds that wild turkeys, finding it warmer in the canyon bottoms, or "runs," would often