

way that leads out of the canyon.

Quarry, and proceeds upstream to the Trail 3 stair-
McCormick's Creek, from the Old State House
10. MODERATE (0.7 mile)—Trail 10 begins across
twice before ending in the Deer Run area.

Deer Run parking area and loops through hardwood
forest, old farm fields and crosses the bridge trail
9. EASY (1.2 miles)—Trail 9 loop trail begins in the
concession stand.

the Pine Bluff picnic area, ending at the pool and
14 and 15, and proceeds through woodlands and
that begins in the campground, between campsites
8. ACCESSIBLE (0.7 mile)—Trail 8 is a paved trail
river.

counter a boardwalk. Fishing is permitted on the
toward the White River. Along the way hikers en-
travels along the canyon rim before descending
begins across from the Wolf Cave parking lot, and
7. MODERATE (1.8 miles)—Trail 7 is a loop trail that
sites 19 and 20.

ends in the Class A campground between camp-
Grove Shelter, travels through dense forest and
6. EASY (0.6 mile)—Trail 6 begins beside Beech
Cave parking lot.

Maple forest, crosses Litten Branch, and offers
Cave Nature Preserve, loops through a Beech-
begins at the Wolf Cave Parking Area, enters Wolf
5. MODERATE (2.0 miles)—Trail 5 is a loop trail that
Canyon Inn.

Field, McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve and
Canyon Inn pool and travels toward the Recreation
4. MODERATE (1.4 miles)—Trail 4 begins behind the
seasonably inaccessible.

Fluctuating creek levels may make areas of the trail
restroom. There are no bridges crossing the creek.
to the falls and canyon before ending at Stoney
2. MODERATE (1.0 mile)—Trail 2 begins behind the
CCC Recreation Hall, ventures into McCormick's
Cove Nature Preserve and ends between family
cabins 11 and 12. Trail 2 also offers access to the
3. RUGGED (0.8 mile)—Trail 3 is a loop trail that
House Quarry.

Quarry Loop Trail for observation of the Old State
cabins 11 and 12. Trail 2 also offers access to the
Cove Nature Preserve and ends between family
2. MODERATE (1.0 mile)—Trail 2 begins behind the
Family Cabin Area.

Nature Preserve and ends at the entrance to the
through large native timber in McCormick's Cove
1. MODERATE (0.5 miles)—Trail 1 is a loop trail that
begins between family cabins 6 and 14, loops

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING—Campground equipped with modern rest-
rooms, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14
consecutive nights. Both Electric and Primitive sites are
available. Reservations available through the Central
Reservation System.

PRIMITIVE and YOUTH TENT CAMPING—No showers
or modern restrooms available. Reservations are available
through the Central Reservation System.

FAMILY CABINS—Each cabin accommodates a maximum
of six people and has a living area, bedroom, bathroom,
screened-in porch and kitchen. Cabin 7 is accessible. Pets
are not permitted in the cabin area. Open April - October.
Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reservations
available through the Central Reservation System.

GROUP CAMPS—McCormick's Creek State Park features
two group camps, Camp McCormick and Camp NaWaKwa.
Each camp contains four sleeping barracks, capacity 25
people each; a large capacity dining hall/kitchen accom-
modating 100 people in each camp; and modern shower
house located in the center of both camps. Reservations
are available through the Central Reservation System.

HIKING—10.7 miles of easy to rugged trails.

INN—Guest rooms feature private bath, telephone, coffee
pot, hair dryer, TV and air conditioning. The restaurant is
open to the public and serves three meals, seven days a
week, year-round. The inn's outdoor pool is open to inn
guests only. No pets allowed. Guest and meeting rooms
are equipped with wireless Internet service. Reservations
are available through the Inns Reservation System.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Open all year,
and designed on a "Please Touch—Gently" theme, it in-
cludes natural history exhibits, nature games and quizzes,
and a full range of naturalist-led activities available free of
charge to park visitors. A self-guiding nature trail lies behind
the center. Program schedules are available at the Nature
Center, at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (812) 829-4344.

PICNIC AREAS—Include tables, grills, toilet facilities, play-
ground equipment and playfields. In addition, McCormick's
Creek has 7 open shelters and 4 recreation buildings.
Reservations for shelters are available through the Central
Reservation System.

RECREATION CENTER—Offers a unique outlet for leisure
activity within the park. Complete facilities include rac-
quetball, handball, basketball, volleyball and shuffleboard
courts, and a game room.

SADDLE BARN—Trail rides and Hayrides offered. For res-
ervation information, contact McCormick's Creek Stables at
(812) 829-8848

SWIMMING—Park pool open the Saturday before Memorial
Day to no later than Labor Day. For swimming availability,
contact the park office.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

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

- Bicycles must be used only on roadways and are not allowed on hiking trails.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved road-way. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose.
- Swimming is limited to places and times set by the DNR.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits, and park only in designated areas.
- 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.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the DNR is prohibited.
- Dogs and cats must be attended at all times and kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Any firearm (except validly licensed handguns) BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, 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 the owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- 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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Visitors shall observe the following 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.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

TENNIS COURTS—Lighted for night playing. Located behind Canyon Inn.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forest can be made online or by calling, toll-free.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION



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250 McCormick's Creek Park Road
Spencer, IN 47460
Call: (812) 829-2235
Nature Center information
Call: (812) 829-4344
Saddle Barn information
Call: (812) 829-8848

DNR

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
dnr.IN.gov

SPECIAL NOTE

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

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

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McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK



Imagine an area filled with canyons and ravines far too rugged for even Native American settlement. McCormick's Creek State park is such an area. Long before pioneers entered the land now known as McCormick's Creek, the Miami roamed, camping along the banks of the White River to the north and south. The eventual park land became a hunting ground, offering deer, squirrel, grouse, and fish from its deep woods and clear streams.

In 1816, the area's first settler, John McCormick, homesteaded nearly 100 acres along the canyon by the waterfalls. Since it was then common practice to name physical landmarks after the people who owned them, the area became McCormick's Creek.

Early residents in the area cut timber, grazed livestock on the steep slopes and farmed small patches of flat upland ground. They also tried building sawmills on the creek, but the water level and force

were never great enough to make them profitable. Other enterprising businessmen opened limestone quarries near the mouth of the creek, but soon ran into problems getting the cut rock across the river to the railroad line.

The turning point in McCormick's Creek history came in 1888, when part of the area was purchased by Frederick Denckwetter, a physician interested in the site's scenic and restful qualities. Dr. Denckwetter saw the tranquil peace of the canyon and its surrounding cliffs as the perfect location for a sanitarium, a place for the wealthy and weary to "get away from it all" and recuperate.

The original sanitarium, built on the present-day Canyon Inn site, was a white-sided structure with long porches on every side. It offered guests plenty of access to the loveliness of the well-landscaped grounds, where Denckwetter planted a variety of trees and shrubs. Meanwhile, local residents continued to picnic and hike along the canyon, making the spot a favorite of everyone for rest and relaxation.

With the death of Dr. Denckwetter in 1914, his estate went up for sale at a land auction. Both Owen County and the State of Indiana were interested in maintaining McCormick's Creek in its park-like setting, so the land was purchased. McCormick's Creek State Park was dedicated as Indiana's first state park on July 4, 1916, as part of the state's centennial celebration.

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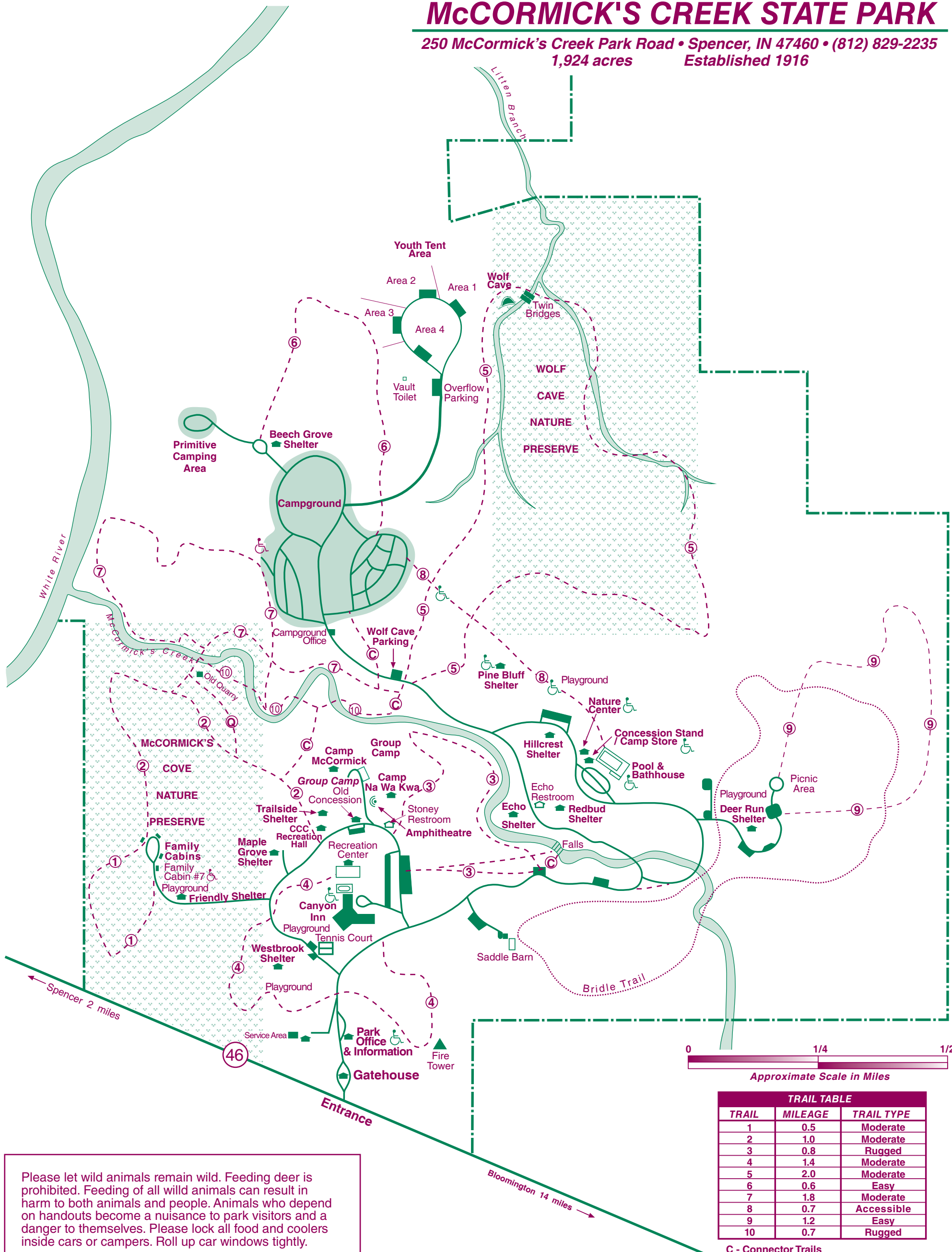
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McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK

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1,924 acres Established 1916



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

| TRAIL TABLE | | |
|-------------|---------|------------|
| TRAIL | MILEAGE | TRAIL TYPE |
| 1 | 0.5 | Moderate |
| 2 | 1.0 | Moderate |
| 3 | 0.8 | Rugged |
| 4 | 1.4 | Moderate |
| 5 | 2.0 | Moderate |
| 6 | 0.6 | Easy |
| 7 | 1.8 | Moderate |
| 8 | 0.7 | Accessible |
| 9 | 1.2 | Easy |
| 10 | 0.7 | Rugged |

C - Connector Trails
Q - Quarry Loop

| LEGEND | |
|--------|-----------------|
| | Road |
| | Hiking Trail |
| | Horse Trail |
| | Nature Preserve |
| | Boundary |
| | Accessible |

CARRY IN CARRY OUT
Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy.

RECYCLE
Place used beverage cans in the park's marked recycling containers. Thank you.

