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BECOME A PARK VOLUNTEER.

One story of the area attributes the illusion of deep shadows beneath the nearly unbroken canopy of these forests and the eerie feeling projected by the "black forest" as the reason for the early name, "The Shades of Death." Other people, however, say the name resulted due to the warlike Native Americans who occupied this natural stronghold along Sugar Creek and the legend of an early settler being killed. Another story that contributed to the gloomy name claimed that a young settler's wife buried an axe in her wicked husband's head. Finally the "Shades of Death" name, considered unsavory, was dropped to simply "The Shades." These examples of the legends and folklore of the area are often topics for campfires at naturalist activities.

The results of a government survey of 1815 noted as landmarks a series of natural springs in a ravine area that played an important part in the history of Shades. In 1886, the Garland Dells Mineral Springs Association was organized and land was purchased and rented to develop a health resort and recreation area named "The Shades." In 1887 a 40-room inn was built on the location of the shelter house near Devil's Punchbowl (this inn has since been razed because of fire damage and maintenance costs).

The person who had been named the "Father of Shades," Joseph W. Frisz, purchased stock in the Dells Mineral Springs Association in 1909 and gained complete control in 1916 of this Association. Frisz safeguarded the natural areas and dense forests, while purchasing additional tracts of land, until the late 1930s. Shades scenic park comprised 2,200 acres. The park boasted the scenic inn set in a grove of mature oak trees, hiking trails, swimming, fishing and natural spring water.

In early 1947, the park was purchased from Frisz's heirs by a holding company until a public subscription campaign ("Save the Shades") raised the purchase money. Shades became the 15th state park and was hence saved from the timber cutters, who would have used the majority of the oak timber for whiskey barrels.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

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.

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 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-loaded and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when the 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.
- 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 front gate.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved roadways. Snowmobiles and off-road vehicles 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 campers using their sites.

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

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

1. MODERATE/RUGGED (.75 mile)—Begins at Devil's Punchbowl, lower portion travels through ravine creckbed to Silver Cascade waterfalls. This portion involves steep and hiking in the creckbed. Upper trail portion begins at steps from ravine and goes to inspiration and Prospect points.
2. RUGGED/VERY RUGGED (1.25 miles)—Begins at trail to Lover's Leap with views of Sugar Creek, upland woods and ravines. The lower portion goes down Steamboat Rock stairs and continues up Pearl Ravine streambed. This portion may be impassable during high water.
4. MODERATE/RUGGED (.625 mile)—Begins at west end of large parking lot with steep climbs through Frisz Ravine with tall beech, oak and tulip trees. This section uses streambed with steps and ladders and is rated rugged. Portions may be impassable during high water.
5. MODERATE/RUGGED (.75 mile)—Begins at west end of large parking lot. Upper portion of trail overlooks Frisz and Kintz Ravines and involves many steps. Lower portion uses streambed of Kintz Ravine with steps and ladder. Portions of trail may be impassable during high water.
6. EASY (.5 mile)—Begins at pond and travels along Red Fox Ravine.
7. RUGGED (.875 mile)—Begins at west end of large parking lot, travels through stand of mature trees and Kickapoo Ravine. Trail is a loop and has steep climbs. One section uses streambed as trail. Portions may be impassable.
8. RUGGED (.75 mile)—Begins off of Trail 7 and goes through narrow floodplain (may be impassable during high water) and through upland forest. Travels through Shawnee Canyon streambed and along Sugar Creek. Hikers must return by Trail 7.
9. EASY (.5 mile)—Begins at pond, through wooded, open areas to youth tent and campground roads.
10. MODERATE (1.5 miles)—Begins at Dell Shelter, leads through successional vegetation and second-growth timber to S.R. 234 and Pine Hill Nature Preserve.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

BACK-PACK TRAIL (2.5 miles)—MODERATE—Trail begins at west end of parking lot and extends 2 1/2 miles through relatively flat terrain and wooded area to the backpack camp. Note that the backpack camp is closed from late October through early April.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

CAMPING—Non-electric campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers; no modern hookups; occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

• Backpack and canoe camping is seasonal. No reservations are required, first-come first-served. Inquire at gatehouse or park office.

FISHING—Bass, bluegill, etc. State license required.

HIKING—Approximately 12 miles of easy to rugged trails. *Hiking trails that have ladders (see "Description of Trails") are difficult to negotiate with small children and pets.*

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Seasonal. Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or (765) 597-2654.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, playfields and shelters. Reservations for shelters available through the Central Reservation System.

Deer's Mill Covered Bridge area located on S.R. 234 is maintained as a public access to Sugar Creek for canoeists. Due to limited parking and congestion, vehicles parked in unauthorized spaces or left after 11 p.m. are subject to tow at owner's expense.

SWIMMING PROHIBITED

Sugar Creek is extremely hazardous.

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.

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.

camp.IN.gov
1-866-6campIN
(1-866-622-6746)



Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by calling toll-free.

IndianalInns.com
1-877-lodges1
(1-877-563-4371)



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: Shades State Park
7751 S. CR 890 West
Waveland, IN 47989
Call: (765) 435-2810

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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.

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INDIANA

SHADES STATE PARK



Long before the first settlers came to the area of Shades State Park, Native Americans lived among the virgin forest, steep ravines and cliff areas along Sugar Creek.

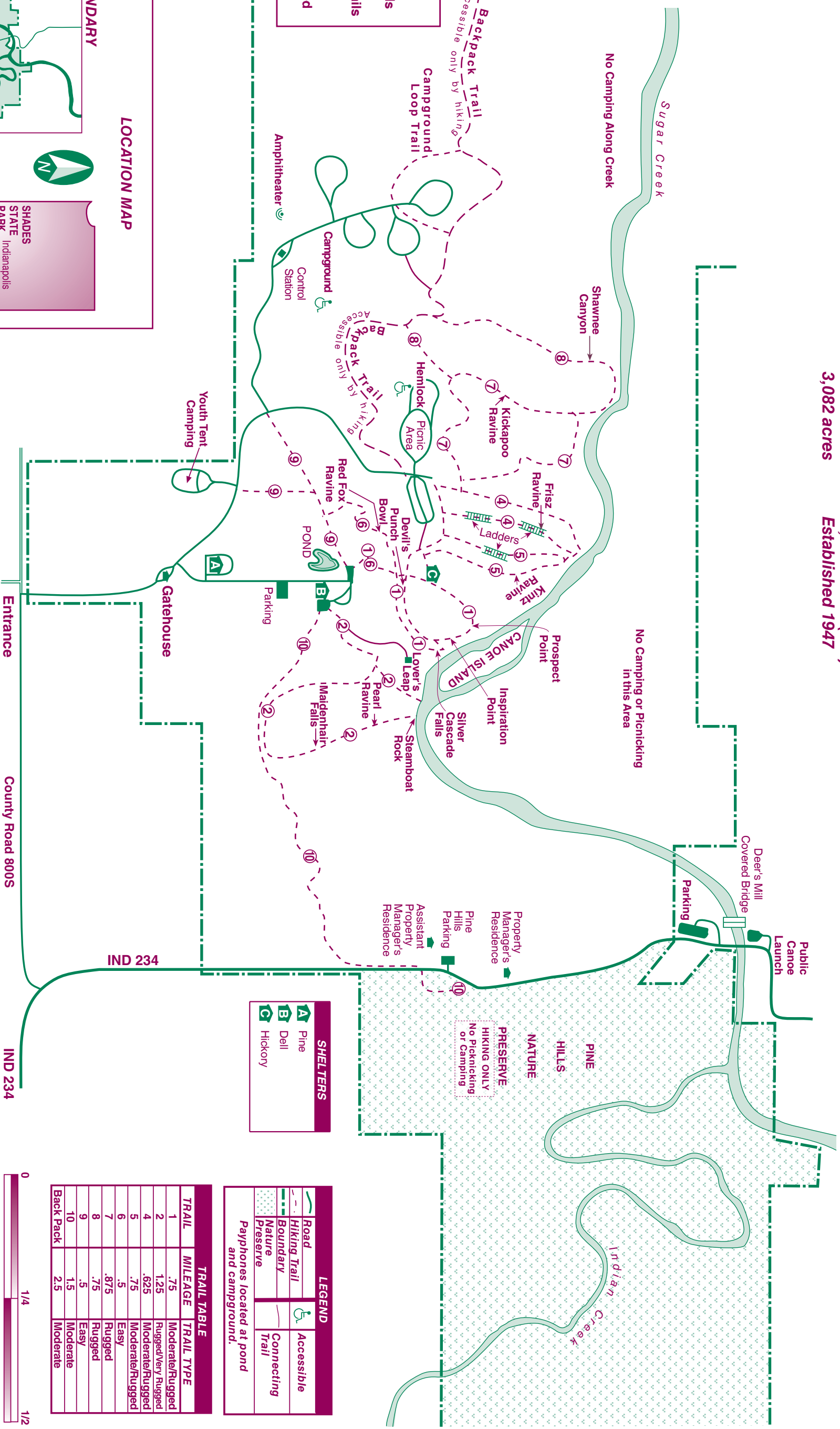
Legends claim that a large Piankeshaw village, a component of the diversified Miami tribe, lived on what is now park land. Legend also implies that a decisive Native American battle was fought by 600 warriors, the losing tribe having only 5 of the 12 survivors.

Although this battle is only legend, one may be assured that these Native Americans and French voyagers played an important role in the rich history leading to the settlement of Indiana.

The first settlers came to this area around the late 1820s after the Miami tribe ceded the land to the federal government in 1818. The shallow soils and broken topography of the lands that border Sugar Creek provided little enticement to farmers, thus the majority of the forest escaped destruction.

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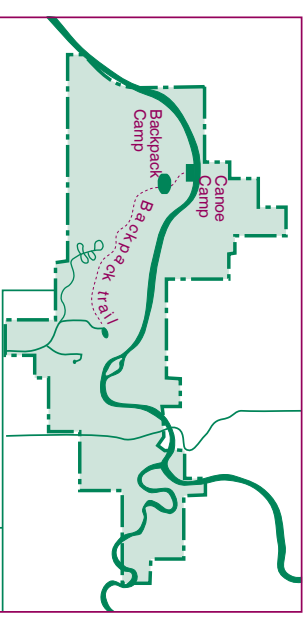
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3,082 acres Established 1947



- 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 are prohibited within the park.

PARK BOUNDARY

LOCATION MAP



Note: Backpack and Canoe camps are not accessible by vehicle. Backpack and Canoe campers see special information on reverse side of map.

SHELTERS

A	Pine
B	Dell
C	Hickory

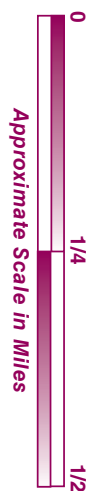
LEGEND

	Road		Accessible
	Hiking Trail		Connecting Trail
	Boundary		
	Nature Preserve		

Payphones located at pond and campground.

TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	.75	Moderate/Rugged
2	1.25	Rugged/Very Rugged
4	.625	Moderate/Rugged
5	.75	Moderate/Rugged
6	.5	Easy
7	.875	Rugged
8	.75	Rugged
9	.5	Easy
10	1.5	Moderate
Back Pack	2.5	Moderate



WARNING: All trails, except 9, 10 and Backpack, have portions that use ravine streambeds as trail surface and sections of trail can become slick and trail tread uneven. Parts of these trails may be impassible during high water and should be considered closed during these times. Use alternate trails during times of high water.

Ladders are used on trails 4 and 5. These can be hazardous for visitors with some medical conditions or disabilities. Hikers with small children and pets should use alternate trails.

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