



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

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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.

SPECIAL NOTE

Inside the Donaldson Cave ecosystem are Northern blind cave fish, an endangered species. Prairie plants may be found in several locations throughout the park. Controlled burns each spring help renew these ecosystems so that they may bloom again in late summer. Wildlife in the park includes white-tailed deer, coyotes, red and gray foxes, raccoons, skunks, wild turkeys, great blue herons, kingfishers and wood ducks. Another attraction at Spring Mill State Park is a memorial to Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, located adjacent to the park gate. The museum houses the Gemini III capsule and spacesuit, plus many other items related to Grissom and NASA.

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SPRING MILL STATE PARK



Spring Mill State Park offers visitors many historic and natural wonders. The Pioneer Village, with its massive water-powered grist mill, and representation of pioneer tradecrafts and occupations, is a unique chance to step back in time. The existing grist mill was originally constructed in 1817. The majority of village restoration work was completed in the late 1920s and 1930s. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) played an integral part in the repairs and reconstruction of the village along with other projects within the park, including Spring Mill Lake, various shelters, roads and trails.

Natural areas are featured at Spring Mill in three nature preserves: Donaldson Cave, Donaldson Woods and Mitchell Karst Plain. George Donaldson came from Scotland and purchased a tract of forest in 1865. He did not allow cutting of timber or hunting. Thanks to his efforts we now have native trees more than 300 years old in Donaldson Woods.

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 within the Park. 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-nocked 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. Pets are not allowed in the Pioneer Village.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- 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 park office.
- All motorized vehicles shall remain on paved road-way. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

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

- 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.
- 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.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

A two-mile mountain bike trail is now available for use. The trailhead is located near the campstore. Mountain bikes can be rented at the bike rental. Bicycles permitted only on paved roadways. Skateboarding and inline skating prohibited.

1. MODERATE (.375 mile)—Short loop from inn to foot of hill, along Donaldson branch and lake, and returns up the hill to the inn.
2. MODERATE (.5 mile)—Connects village parking area to picnic area and Nature Center.
3. RUGGED (2.5 miles)—Long loop trail. Enter near the Donaldson parking lot. Passes Donaldson Cave overlook, then through dense woods, past sinkholes, then Bronson Cave, on to Twin Caves, through virgin timber of Donaldson Woods Nature Preserve. Returns to Donaldson picnic area.
4. RUGGED (2 miles)—Loop trail may be entered from Trail 4 at picnic area or junction of 1 and 4 near inn. Goes by Donaldson Cave and Hamer Cemetery to village.
5. MODERATE (1 mile)—Loops around lake. Follows lower section of lake from bridge, then around to boat docks, near Trail 2, which leads to the picnic area and parking area.
6. ACCESSIBLE (.25 mile)—Paved trail. Loops around Virgil I. Grissom Memorial.
7. EASY (1.75 miles)—Loops through and around Oak Ridge picnic area. Ties into Trail 4 between Hamer Cemetery and village.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BIKE RENTAL—Rent a mountain bike to use on the designated mountain bike trail or on the hike/bike lane around the park.

BOATS—Privately owned boats may be launched on lake. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt batteries, are allowed. DNR Lake Permit required.

CAMPING—Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Electricity, modern restrooms, hot showers, and dumping station available. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

CAMP STORE—Located near campground entrance. Film and camp supplies for sale.

TWIN CAVES BOAT TOURS—Boat rides are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The ride goes approximately 500 feet into the cave, then turns around. Several interesting features may be seen on this tour. During heavy rain periods, the caves may be too flooded to offer tours. Tour times are set each morning. Plan to arrive half an hour before caves open.

FISHING—Bass, bluegill, trout and other small game fish. State license required.

GRISSOM MEMORIAL—The park's Virgil I. Grissom Memorial is a tribute to America's second man in space. "Gus" Grissom was a native of nearby Mitchell. His space suit and Gemini III space capsule are on display. Open daily all year. No admission fee.

HIKING—Hiking is one of the most popular activities at Spring Mill because of its miles of moderate to rugged trails.

INN—Open all year. All rooms have a private bath, telephone, color TV, and air conditioning. Dining room is open to all park visitors, serving a complete menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Indoor/outdoor pool and full conference facilities available. No pets allowed. Reservations available through the Inns Reservation System.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—Inquire at inn, park office or Nature Center. Scheduled programs include hikes, cave tours, history talks and evening programs. Available all year. Groups seeking group-specific programs should call in advance. Program schedules available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or by calling (812) 849-3534.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES (continued)

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

PIONEER VILLAGE—Features grist mill and 20 log cabins staffed with various interpreters. Also includes pioneer log houses, Mercantile, apothecary shop, shoemakers, tavern, distillery, weavers, meeting house, pioneer garden, carpenter and blacksmith. **No pets permitted in village.**

SWIMMING—Olympic-size pool with bathhouse and wading pool. Swimming prohibited in other areas of the park.

The operating season for the activities and facilities of Spring Mill State Park can vary; please contact the park office for specific questions concerning availability.

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.

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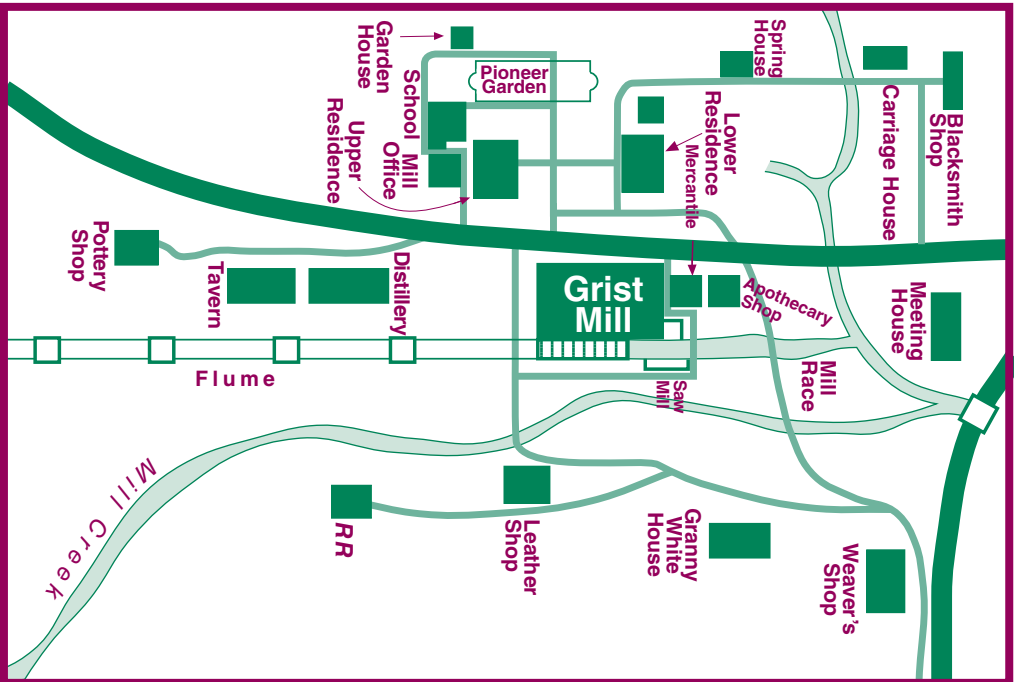


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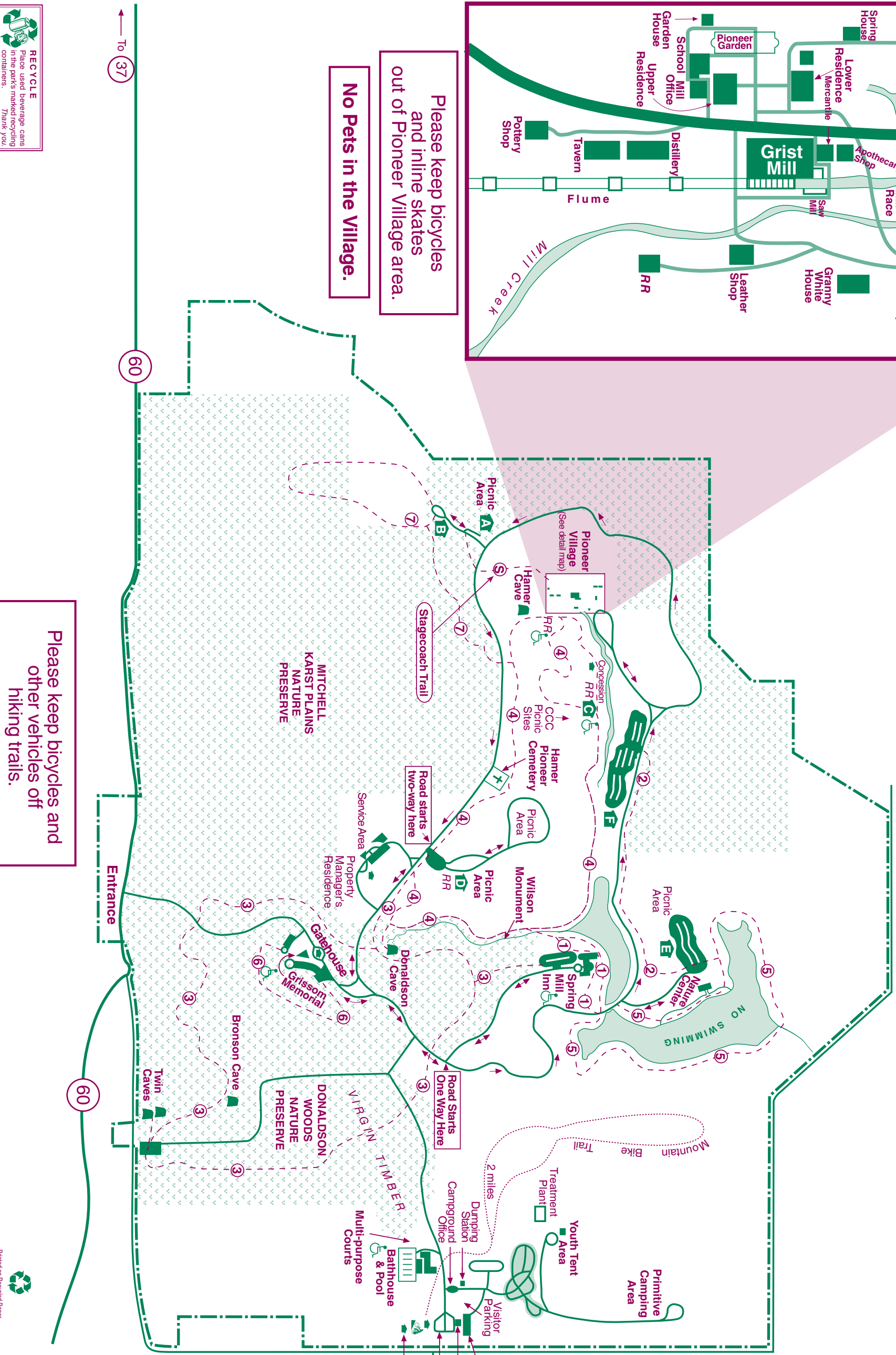
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PIONEER VILLAGE



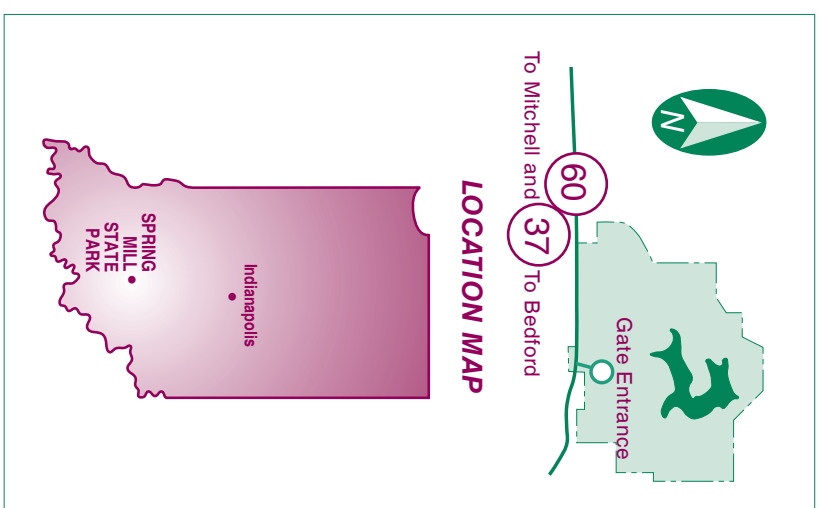
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1,358 acres Established 1927



Please keep bicycles and inline skates out of Pioneer Village area.
No Pets in the Village.

Please keep bicycles and other vehicles off hiking trails.



SHELTERS

A	Oak Ridge
B	Tulip Poplar
C	Buttercup Grove
D	Donaldson
E	Pine Hill
F	Sycamore



LEGEND

	Road		Dirt Jump Park
	Hiking Trail		Restroom
	Mtn. Bike Trail		Accessible
	Boundary		Parking
	Nature Preserve		

TRAIL TABLE

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1	.375	Moderate
2	.5	Moderate
3	2.5	Rugged
4	2	Rugged
5	1	Moderate
6	.25	Accessible
7	1.75	Easy
Stagecoach	.5	Moderate