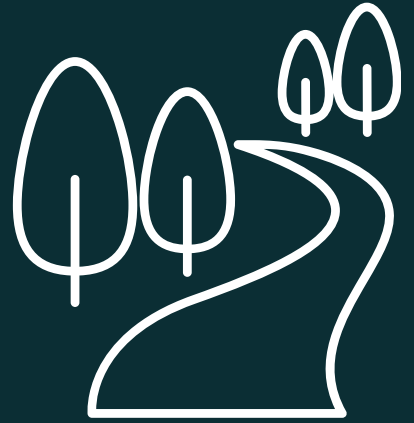


Discover Indiana County's Parks and Trails



Indiana County, Pennsylvania, is a hidden gem for nature enthusiasts and history buffs alike. With an array of parks and trails, each offering unique activities and historical significance, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Let's embark on a journey through some of the county's most captivating outdoor destinations.

Blue Spruce Park

Location:

1128 Blue Spruce Rd, Indiana, PA 15701

Spanning over 650 acres, Blue Spruce Park is a haven for outdoor activities. Established in 1966, the park features the historic Cummings Dam and honors Bernice Gera, the first female professional baseball umpire. Visitors can enjoy hunting, fishing, and exploring the Master Gardener's Trial Garden.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking & Skiing Trails:**
- Getty Run Dusky, Aspen Trail, Trillium Vista Ridge
- **Facilities:**
- Pavilions, Lodge

Pine Ridge Park

Location:

998 Pine Ridge Rd, Blairsville, PA 15717

Pine Ridge Park, another gem, was purchased with federal grants in the late 1960s. Known for its picturesque Pine Lodge and disc golf course, the park offers two main hiking trails: Tom's Run and Lodge Trail.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking & Skiing Trails:**
- Tom's Run, Lodge Trail
- **Facilities:**
- Pavilions, Lodge, Disc Golf

Hemlock Lake Park

Location:

2145 Hemlock Lake Rd, Glen Campbell, PA 15742

Named after the surrounding hemlock trees, Hemlock Lake Park features a 60-acre lake perfect for fishing and boating. The dam, completed in 1970, ensures a serene environment for nature lovers.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking Trail:**
- Wood Duck
- **Facilities:**
- Pavilions, Lodge

Memorial Park

Location:

630 Washington St, Indiana, PA 15701

Despite its small size, Memorial Park is rich in history. Once a church cemetery and a Civil War hideout for the Underground Railroad, it now serves as a peaceful retreat with summer concerts and historical markers.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Events:**
- Summer concerts

Blacklick Valley Natural Area

Location:

800 McFeaters Rd, Seward, PA 15954

The Blacklick Valley Natural Area preserves unique plant and animal communities. With minimal development, it offers a truly natural experience with trails like Parkers Lane Wetlands and Blacklick Creek Candlestick.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking Trails:**
- Parkers Lane Wetlands, Blacklick Creek Candlestick
- **Experience:**
- A more natural park experience

Buttermilk Falls

Location:

570 Valley Brook Rd, New Florence, PA 15944

Home to a stunning 45-foot waterfall, Buttermilk Falls is a natural area that requires visitors to stay within designated areas to protect the habitat. The site includes a trail named after Fred Rogers, who visited the falls as a child.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking Trail:**
- McFeely, Fred Rogers Trail
- **Facilities:**
- Restroom, Picnic Pavilion, Falls Overlook

Waterworks Conservation Area

Location:

768 Waterworks Rd, Indiana, PA 15701

This 10-acre site combines recreation with environmental remediation. It features an acid mine drainage treatment facility and an artificial wetland, providing educational opportunities alongside fishing and boating.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking Trail:**
- Wetlands
- **Facilities:**
- Pavilion

Old Smicksburg Park

Location:

Smicksburg, PA 16256

Managed by the Smicksburg Area Heritage Society, this 33-acre park preserves the history of Smicksburg and offers a boat launch and specialty shops.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking Trail:**
- Village Streets
- **Facilities:**
- Boat Launch, Specialty Shops

Tunnelview Historic Site

Location:

Conemaugh Township, PA 15681

Adjacent to the Conemaugh Dam, this site features remnants of the Pennsylvania Mainline Canal and offers access to the West Penn Rail Trail.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Facilities:**
- Pavilion, West Penn Rail Trail

Buena Vista Furnace

Location:

Armagh, PA 15920

This historic iron furnace, built in 1847, produced up to 600 tons of iron a year. Though no facilities are available, visitors can view the well-preserved furnace remains.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Experience:**
- Historical site viewing

Eliza Furnace

Location:

1069 Main St, Vintondale, PA 15961

Eliza Furnace is one of Pennsylvania's best-preserved iron furnaces. Located on the Ghost Town Trail, it retains its original heat exchanger piping and offers nearby amenities like a picnic area.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Facilities:**
- Eliza Station (Restroom, Picnic Area, Water Fountain)

Yellow Creek State Park

Location:

170 PA-259, Penn Run, PA 15765

This 2,981-acre park along the historic Kittanning Path features a 720-acre lake, a sand beach, and numerous hiking trails, making it a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

Activities & Accommodations

- **Hiking Trails:**
- Billy Goat, Blackhawk, Damsite, Laurel Run, Ridgetop, Simpson
- **Facilities:**
- Beach, Picnic Areas

Additional Parks

- **Getty Heights:**
 - Playground, Disc Golf, Dog Park
- **Kennedy-King Park:**
 - Pickle Ball Courts, Basketball Courts
- **White's Woods Park:**
 - Scenic trails and wildlife
- **White Township Recreation Complex:**
 - Baseball Fields, Soccer Fields, Tennis Courts
- **Mack Park:**
 - Playground, Skate Park

Indiana County's parks and trails offer a rich blend of recreational activities, historical landmarks, and natural beauty. Whether you're hiking through scenic trails, learning about the area's history, or simply enjoying a picnic by the lake, there's an adventure waiting for you in Indiana County.

