

Building a Legacy of Support

Our parks and preserves are not mere picnicking places. They are rich storehouses of memories and reveries. They are guides and counsels to the weary and faltering in spirit. They are bearers of wonderful tales to him who will listen; a solace to the aged and an inspiration to the young. - Richard Lieber

Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs' future depends on you. In 2016, we will mark the 100th year for our state park system. From the very beginning, Colonel Richard Lieber, Indiana's first state park director, encouraged Hoosiers to show their personal support for these special places. In fact, gifts from local residents allowed for the purchase of land to create our first state park at McCormick's Creek.

Today, the majority of our operating dollars come from user fees. General Fund tax dollars are only a small part of our operating budget. Our goal is to establish a financial foundation that will sustain the land and our services for future generations. Your gift can help fund interpretation and education, family recreation facilities, historic preservation, art and music events, technology that improves our customer service, and conservation and habitat management projects.

Join us in preparing for our 100th anniversary by building a legacy of support for the future of Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs.

How You Can Participate

Time: We welcome volunteers for one-time projects or regular service. Several properties have friends groups. To learn more about participating in a friends group or organizing a group for your favorite property, contact the Assistant Director for Stewardship.

Materials: Each full time interpretive naturalist maintains a "wish list" of supplies. Check when you visit!

Dollars: Contribute to our donation boxes on site, or mail your gift to the address on the cover of this brochure. Designate your favorite property or program if you choose. Gifts are tax deductible.

Major Gifts

If you are interested in supporting one of the projects below, contact the Assistant Director for Stewardship or the property manager at your favorite state park or reservoir.

Education and Interpretation

- Exhibit fabrication for McCormick's Creek, Gus Grissom Memorial at Spring Mill or Mansfield Mill
- Exhibit design and fabrication for Spring Mill's Pioneer Village Mill exhibits, Lieber Cabin at Turkey Run or Pokagon State Park
- Family patch program redesign/production
- Development of elementary classroom curriculum for exploring DNR/natural resources careers
- Interpretive center construction at Brookville/Whitewater, Monroe, Prophetstown, Chain O'Lakes
- Sponsor translation and production of brochures/maps in Spanish or in other languages
- New planetarium equipment at Turkey Run
- Establish endowments in local Community Foundations to support interpretive centers/programs
- Establish an endowment to support field trips for underprivileged students
- Sponsor production of a video highlighting our state parks & reservoirs history and natural features
- Purchase of Woodsy Owl/Smoky Bear materials for distribution at events

What Your Gift Can Do in State Parks and Reservoirs

\$100 and under

Birdseed	Hand tools
Birdfeeders	Office supplies
Nature books/videos	Binoculars
Animal skulls	Aquariums

\$250 and up

Digital camera	GPS unit
Slide Scanner	Computer software

\$500 and up

Picnic table	Inkjet Printer
Video camera	Snowblower
Bulletin board	Raptor care for a year
Speaker/artist fee	Themed interpretive kit
Nomax clothing	Herp care for a year

\$1000 and up

Laptop computer	Interpretive brochure
Portable PA system	Taxidermy mount
Native wildflower seed	

\$1500 and up

Wayside interpretive sign	Event sponsorship
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\$2000 and up

LCD projector	Flat screen televisions
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\$5000 and up

New playground	Mower
Trail bridge	Observation tower

\$10,000 and up

Interpretive exhibit	All terrain vehicle
Shelter house	All terrain wheelchair

\$15,000 and up

Truck or car	Habitat restoration work
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Major Gifts(continued)

Family Recreation

- Bicycle/ADA accessible paths
- Hiking trail renovations and structures
- New horse camp at O'Bannon Woods

General Support

- Fund the organization of a statewide friends group for parks and reservoirs
- Purchase awards, clothing or other materials for our volunteer program
- Fund program to hire teachers as summer education specialists at sites
- Fund research on visitor demographics or site usage patterns
- Fund purchase of a tire shredder
- Fund purchase of bulldozers, snowplows and other heavy equipment
- Fund a minority recruiting program
- Fund purchase of defibrilators
- Support training opportunities for staff

Historic Preservation

- Restoration of the Bronnberg Home at Mounds State Park
- Interpretation of historic Camp Glenn at Fort Harrison
- Restoration of the kitchen in the Lusk Home at Turkey Run
- Restoration of the CCC gatehouse at Pokagon State Park
- Fund archaeology research at Mounds State Park (Adena-Hopewell), CCC camp sites, and other locations.
- Fund archiving and protection for historic documents and images

Music and the Arts

- Restoration of our performing arts series
- Artist-in-residence program for Spring Mill or McCormick's Creek
- Sponsor a grantwriter/development officer for Division of State Parks & Reservoirs

Technology

- Interactive web kiosks at sites
- Fund design of an interactive kid's web page
- Developing/reproducing virtual property tours for website and classroom use
- New radio technology for division

Wildlife and Resource Management

- Sponsor plant and wildlife inventories
- Support invasive species eradication
- Support purchase of farm equipment for our wildlife management program at reservoirs
- Purchase of native wildflower/grass seed

Water-Based Recreation

- Family swimming areas/water parks for Charlestown, Prophetstown, O'Bannon Woods, Tippecanoe River, Ft. Harrison
- River access for the Ohio River at Charlestown and the Wabash River at Prophetstown

Planned Giving

The Natural Resources Foundation provides the perfect opportunity for memorials or planned giving to a specific property. Contact the Executive Director at 317/232-1002.

Recognition

We gratefully recognize donors in many ways. We post thank you lists in bulletin boards and interpretive centers. We host annual volunteer picnics and meetings. We provide plaques or other appropriate recognition for major gifts. Please contact the Assistant Director for Stewardship about recognition options for your contribution.

Opportunities for Giving in State Parks and Reservoirs

Building a Legacy for Tomorrow



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