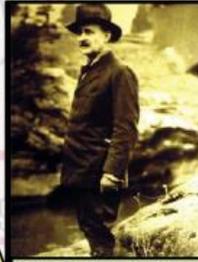


Colonel Richard Lieber, an Indianapolis businessman and German immigrant, recommended that a state park system be created as part of Indiana's celebration of its centennial as a birthday gift to Hoosiers.



Colonel Richard Lieber became the first Director of the Indiana Department of Conservation when it was established in 1919, serving until 1933. A key Lieber philosophy was that users of the parks should be charged a user fee and that money from all fees should be dedicated and used to defray the operational costs.

With the help of people like Juliet Strauss; (a writer who advocated for Turkey Run to become our first state park, although, it actually became our second state park after a timber company outbid the State for the land and further negotiation was required), other members of the State Park Committee and donors, McCormick's Creek in Owen County was purchased and opened as our first state park in the summer of 1916 with a July 4th picnic and local dedication. Both McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run were presented to the state as a centennial gift on December 16, 1916.



Today, user fees cover approximately 70% of our day-to-day operational costs.



Modern day use brings horseback riders, hikers, bicyclists, and geocachers out to explore our diverse state park system.



Geocachers celebrate a milestone find at Indiana's 3rd oldest active Geocache; Turkey Run State Park.



A "Flash Mob" Geocaching Event at Mounds State Park

Today, geocachers make up a growing group of park users whose hobby allows them to explore the parks from a new angle.

YOU HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE OUR GREAT STATE PARK SYSTEM IN 2016 AND WIN PRIZES AT THE SAME TIME!



Indiana Dunes	Shakamak	O'Bannon Woods	Lincoln	Mounds Summit Lake
Ouabache	Hardy Lake	Potato Creek	Lieber Raccoon	Harmonie
Clifty Falls Versailles	Brown County		Prophetstown	Chain 'O' Lakes
Spring Mill	Pokagon Trine	Fort Harrison	Monroe Lake McCormick's Creek	Turkey Run Shades
Charlestown Falls of the Ohio	Salamonie Lake Mississinewa Lake	Patoka Lake	Brookville Lake Whitewater	Tippecanoe River

1. Find the Centennial Geocaching Challenge Cache at each Indiana State Park through November 6, 2016
 2. When you find the cache, stamp the card above on the appropriate square. Squares with two names may be covered with either stamp
 3. One entry into the contest will be given for each five in a row completed.
 4. 12 total entries are possible per gamecard submitted
- *The middle square is a free space*
- Find Centennial Geocaching Challenge caches at <http://www.geocaching.com>

In 2016, we celebrate not only the bicentennial of Indiana's statehood, but also the centennial for the Indiana State Parks. The state parks of Indiana were started as a gift to Indiana as it celebrated its own centennial in 1916. In the 100 years since, our park system has grown in not only size, but the diversity of users, recreation types, and total visitorship.

**all passports must be mailed,
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**Centennial Geocaching
Challenge
Indiana Dunes State Park
1600 N 25 E
Chesterton, IN 46304
dunesnc@ dnr.IN.gov**

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\$50 DNR Inns Gift Card-

(3) \$25 Gift Cards to Cabela's Outfitters

(25) Indiana State Parks Centennial Coin

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