

Indiana Conservation Timeline

- 1867 John Muir walks from Indiana to Florida and becomes a symbol of the conservation movement and the “father of the National Parks”.
- 1870 For the first time, Congress gives money for the protection of American forest land.
- 1872 Yellowstone becomes the first National Park.
- 1883 Theodore Roosevelt takes a trip west and seeing the disappearing wilderness becomes an advocate for preserving wild places.
- 1886 George Grinnell founds the Audubon Society and promotes the creation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect wildlife from uncontrolled hunting.
- 1889 Indiana Road Supervisors are given the authority to enforce fish and game laws.
- 1898 Only 2 million acres of Indiana’s original 23 million acres of forest remain uncut.
- 1899 Indiana’s first State Forester hired.
- 1901 Indiana begins requiring hunting licenses.
- 1906 President Theodore Roosevelt signs the Antiquities Act protecting historic sites.
- 1908 The Conference of Governors with President Roosevelt launches the conservation movement in Indiana.
- 1909 Indiana author Gene Stratton Porter’s successful books and wildlife photography bring attention to the region’s disappearing natural areas.
- 1910 Colonel Lieber begins promoting the idea of a state park system in Indiana.
- 1916 Indiana’s 100th birthday! McCormick’s Creek becomes Indiana’s first state park and Turkey Run becomes its second.
- 1918 The Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects birds in the United States, Great Britain/Canada, Mexico, Japan and Russia.
- 1919 The Department of Conservation is created with Colonel Lieber as its director.

Who Lieber Knew

Name: _____

What role did each person play in helping get a strong state park system started?
Write two facts about each person.



Stephen Mather, Director
National Park Service



Arthur Newby, Founder,
Indianapolis Motor
Speedway



Theodore Roosevelt, President



Juliet Strauss,
Indiana Journalist



Richard Lieber,
Indiana State Parks



Harry Leslie
Indiana Governor 1929 - 1933



Henry Cowles
Indiana Botanist



Samuel Ralston
Indiana Governor 1913 - 1917

