



## Harrison-Crawford State Forest

# Adventure Hiking Trail

The Adventure Hiking Trail runs through O'Bannon Woods State Park and Harrison-Crawford State Forest. This 25-mile trail is a *National Recreation Trail*, it is one of Indiana's longest and most interesting backpacking experiences. It is also part of the *American Discovery Trail*. Natural escarpments overlook Indian Creek, Blue River, and the Ohio River. In addition, the karst landscape, including caves and sinkholes, and a diverse array of native vegetation and wildlife all contribute to the hiker's enjoyment.

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The State Forest was established in 1932 with a purchase of approximately 3,600 acres the first year. The State Forest grew as the state purchased additional acreage and now encompasses 24,000 acres in Harrison and Crawford counties. The forest is managed through a multiple-use approach. This management technique includes timber harvesting, wildlife, karst, watershed, and recreation management. You may occasionally observe permanent wildlife openings which are created to diversify and enhance habitat. Through multiple-use the State Forest is able to conserve and protect Indiana's natural resources.

### What You Need to Know

The Adventure Hiking Trail (AHT) route is marked at intervals with green and white blazes on trees, 4x4 posts, or Carsonite posts. Hiking the entire 25-mile trail generally takes 2 ½ to 3 days and should be attempted only by hikers in good physical condition with the necessary knowledge and equipment. Due to the karst landscape of the area, water is frequently scarce. Plan to carry water or pick locations along the trail where water can be obtained and stored while hiking. Water is available at the O'Bannon Woods State Park campground turnoff.

### Overnight Trips

Hikers planning overnight trips on the AHT should register at either the State Park gatehouse or at the **State Park property office**

which is located at 7234 Old Forest Rd Corydon, IN 47112. Additional camping and trail information may also be obtained at these locations.

Primitive camping along the AHT is allowed as long as the campsite is at least one mile from any main road and out of sight of the trail (but close enough to be considered along the trail).

### Roadway Access

**SR-462** north of Feller Rd (Rock Creek Trail Head Parking Lot)

**SR-462** just north of the intersection of SR-462 and Old Forest Rd

**Old Forest Rd** halfway between Kintner Rd and Feller Rd

**Cold Friday Rd** roughly 4.5 miles south of Old Forest Rd

**Main State Park Rd** (Pioneer Picnic Shelter)

### Potential Closures

Because Harrison-Crawford State Forest is a multiple-use property the AHT could be temporarily rerouted due to trail improvement or forest management activities. As a result this map and the trail may differ. Generally, closures are posted at the location and reroutes are flagged with pink and black striped flagging. The trail will be returned to its original location when activities are completed. **For information regarding potential closures please call the State Forest office at (812) 738-7694.**

## Overnight Shelters

Five overnight shelters are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Shelters were scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most improved.

**Old Barn Shelter** – 1 (roof, three walls, dirt floor) This shelter is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the Rock Creek Trail Head Parking Lot on the AHT.



**Pioneer Picnic Shelter** – 2 (open air with roof, easily accessed from the main O'Bannon Woods State Park Road)



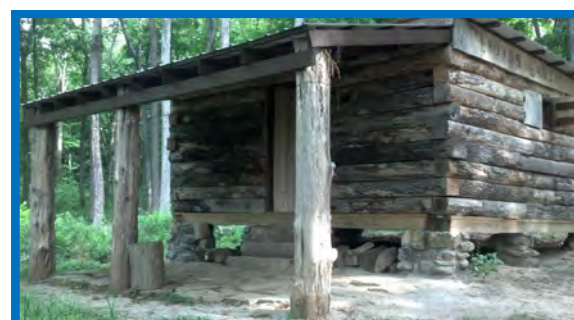
**Homestead Overnight Shelter** – 4 (wooden floor, three walls, and a roof)



**Indian Creek Shelter** – 4 (wooden floor, three walls, and a roof) This shelter, located on the bluffs above Indian Creek boasts a spectacular view.



**Ohio River Shelter** – 5 (totally enclosed with wooden floor, windows, door, and a roof)



**“The Deschamp Homesite on French Hill”** (pictured below) This homestead was built some time after 1855 and was owned by the Deschamp family into the early 1900s. Over 100 years later the homestead's chimney is still standing at what is now the Homestead Overnight Shelter.



### For More Information

**Harrison-Crawford State Forest**  
7311 Old Forest Rd SW  
Corydon, IN 47112  
Office: (812) 738-7694

**O'Bannon Woods State Park**  
7234 Old Forest Rd SW  
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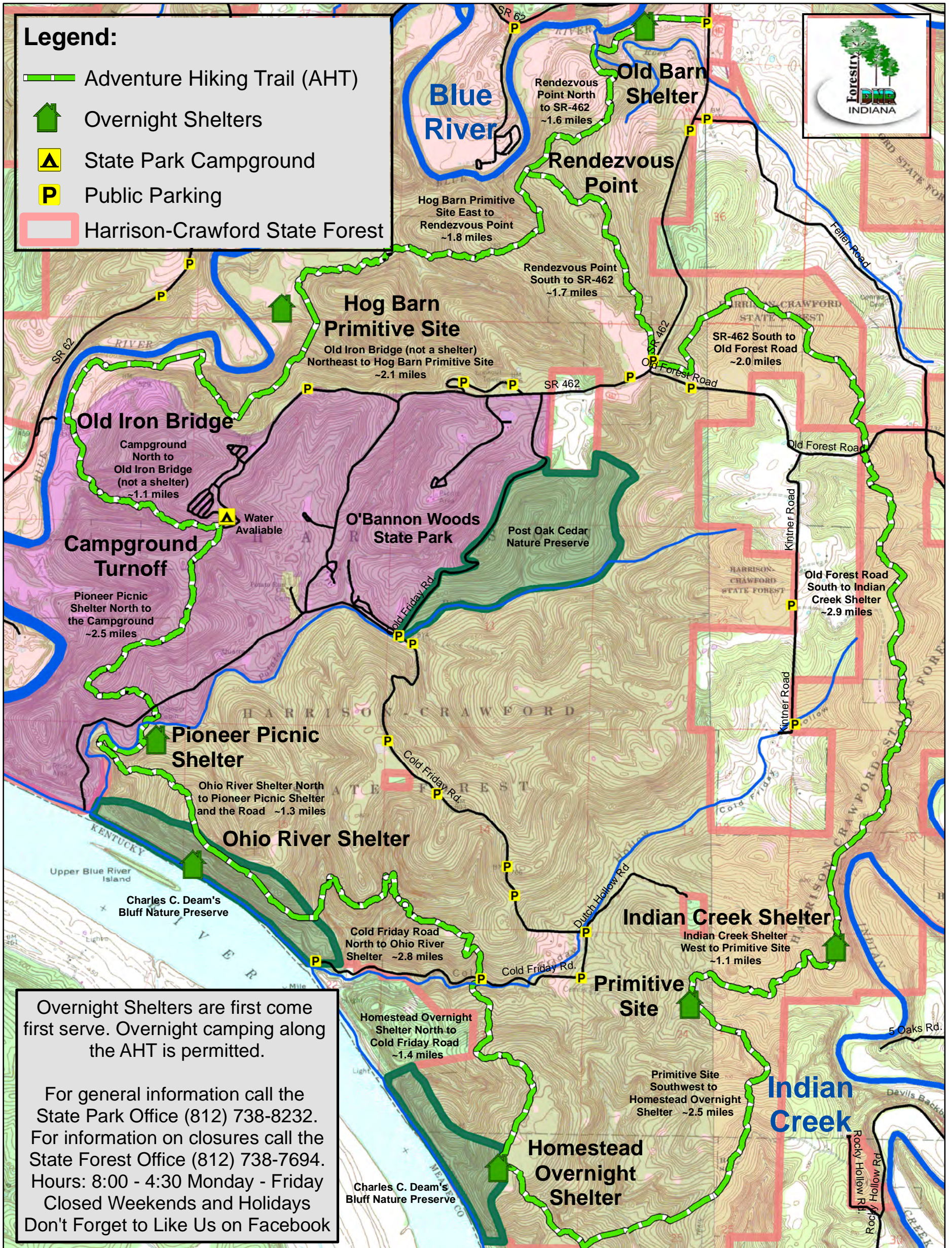


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## Adventure Hiking Trail Map



Overnight Shelters are first come first serve. Overnight camping along the AHT is permitted.

For general information call the State Park Office (812) 738-8232. For information on closures call the State Forest Office (812) 738-7694. Hours: 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday Closed Weekends and Holidays Don't Forget to Like Us on Facebook

