

Pounds Hollow Recreation Area

Pounds Hollow campground and lake are tucked away among the Shawnee Hills. Here, you can relax and get away from it all. Pounds Hollow Lake provides opportunities to picnic, fish, swim, camp, nature watch and hike.

At 25 acres, Pounds Hollow Lake is large enough to provide visitors seclusion during their visit. This day-use area offers swimming, picnicking, fishing, boating and hiking. There are several lakeside picnic sites, plus a fishing pier and a large picnic shelter overlooking the beach. The skilled craftsmanship of Civilian the Conservation Corps can still be seen in the handcut sandstone foundation of the picnic shelter.

Only small boats and electric motors are allowed on the lake, which contains largemouth bass, channel catfish and sunfish.

Camping

Pine Ridge Campground, located on the ridgetop above the lake, has 13 electric campsites and 22 non-electric. It does not accommodate large trailers; tent, car-campers and pop-up campers recommended. Each campsite has a table, fire ring and lantern pole. Vault toilets are centrally located and potable water is available from a spigot located at the campground entrance.

Other Attractions

Rim Rock National Recreation Trail, Ohio River National Scenic Byway, High Knob scenic point, Garden of the Gods Recreation Area, River to River Trail. Garden of Gods Wilderness, Illinois Iron Furnace Historic Site and Cave-in-Rock State Park.









Directions:

From Harrisburg: Take Highway 34/145 south 6 miles, then continue on Highway 34 south for 9 miles. Turn east onto Karbers Ridge Road and go 9 miles to the recreation area entrance road. From Evansville, Indiana: Take Highway 62 west and continue on IL. State Route 141 to Highway 1. Go south on Highway 1 about 24 miles to Pounds Hollow Road, then west 2 miles to the recreation area entrance.

Facilities: 13 Electric Sites, 22 Non-electric Sites, drinking water, vault toilets, swimming area, lakeshore picnic area with shelter and grills, flush toilets at shelter only, fishing pier, boating (no boat ramp; electric motors only), interpretive signs and hiking trails.

Season of Operation:

Campground: March 15th – Dec. 15th Beach: Open May to September

No Lifeguard on duty and no fee to swim. Picnic & Lake Access: March 1st – Nov. 1st

Camping Fee: \$10/Campsite

Safety: For your safety, the area is patrolled by forest employees and law enforcement officers. Swim at your own risk. No lifeguard on duty.

In the event of an emergency, call 911.

Regulations:

- 1. Beach and picnic areas are open from dawn to dusk. No overnight parking.
- 2. Swimming allowed at the beach only.
- 3. Pets must be leashed and are not allowed on the beach or in the designated swimming area.
- 4. Use trash receptacles in developed areas. No glass or metal containers allowed on the beach.
- 5. Camp only at designated campsites.
- 6. Quiet hours 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- 7. No reservations. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a maximum of 2 tents, 8 people and 2 vehicles allowed per campsite.



