

Welcome to Clark Forest

Clark State Forest, established in 1903, is the oldest state forest in Indiana. Your state forests are managed under the multiple use policy in order to obtain maximum benefits from recreation, timber production and watershed protection. They are actively being managed to increase the fish and wildlife population. In addition, hiking, biking and horse trails are also being developed along with other recreation projects. These recreational programs are planned to be compatible with the protection of watershed that forests naturally provide.

Welcome to Deam Lake Complex

Deam Lake is a forest property designed for recreational activities. Under the multiple use concept, a variety of compatible activities are available. These include fishing, boating, swimming, camping, picnicking, hiking, hunting and biking in designated areas. The 194-acre lake was constructed in 1965 and was named in honor of Charles Deam, Indiana's first state forester. Deam is best known for his book, *Trees of Indiana*; a comprehensive study of trees throughout the state. He was also instrumental in getting land reserved for what is now the Department of Natural Resources.

State Management Policy

State forests are managed under a policy of multiple use in order to obtain benefits of recreation, forest products, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics. The growth and harvest of timber is planned to be compatible with ecosystem management, and to retain the many benefits that forests naturally provide.

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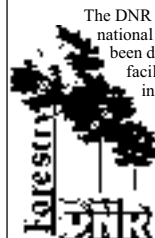
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OUR MISSION

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DEAM LAKE COMPLEX

Mountain Bike Map



MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS



Mountain Bike Trail at Clark State Forest / Deam Lake Complex

Welcome to the mountain bike trail at Clark State Forest and the Dam Lake Complex. The bike trails at Clark-Deam consists of 3.5 miles of fire lanes on the east side of the trail and 1.75 miles of wooded trail on the west side. The east side of the trail is entirely gravel and is mostly flat. The west side is gravel and dirt and has more hills than the east side. There is also a spur on the northwest side of the trail that leads to the northern part of Deam Lake and a single track that winds through the woods and comes out near parking lot # 3. The trail has several moderate hills on the west side and there are no jumps or obstacles on the trail.

We want you to have a great time. For enjoyment of all our visitors, please keep a few things in mind.

- Mountain bikes are only permitted on the bike trails.
- Bikers share the trail with horseback riders. Right-of-way should be yielded to people on horseback.
- The trail is marked with blue bike decals on Carsonite posts. The markers are located on the right side of the trail.

All three parking lots have accessible trail heads. Parking lot #1 is located through the entrance gate on Deam Lake, and this is a spill over lot for the campground and holds 20 cars. The second lot is located on Wilson Switch Rd. on the east side of the dam and holds 5 cars. The third lot is located east of Deam Lake and is accessible by taking Wilson Switch Rd. east 1 mile to Flower Gap, turn left and go one mile until the road turns into a fire lane. The lot will be on the right.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES

Wearing helmets and safety equipment is highly recommended.

Stay on designated bike trails only.

Only non-motorized bicycles are permitted.

These are shared trails. Ride carefully!
(Bike riders should yield right of way to others)

Please try to avoid skidding on downslopes and wheel spinning on upslopes.

Avoid riding trails after saturating rains or snowmelt.

Overnight camping along bike trails is not permitted.

Maximum speed is 15 M.P.H.

We recommend wearing orange during hunting season.

In case of emergency contact the
Sherriff's Department at 911

Enjoy your ride!



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