Mountain Bike Trails at Martin State Forest

Welcome to the mountain bike trails at Martin State Forest. The bike trails all follow existing fire trails and are a mix of fairly level ridgetops and slopes that range from mild to difficult in grade. The main bike loop is five miles in length and there are three connecting trails that allow riders to select shorter loops. Loop A is 1.9 miles in length, loop B is 2.3 miles in length, and loop C is 4.2 miles in length. Loop A includes a segment, approximately one-half mile, that runs alongside and crosses a creek at several different locations. All trails are grass and are mowed at least twice per year to a minimum width of five feet. The trails are marked with blue bike logos stuck to Carsonite-brand posts. All the trails are designed for two-way travel so stay to your right and give the right of way to all hikers and hunters. There are no fees to use the trail.

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

- Mountain bikes are only permitted on the areas marked by blue bike decals on posts. The markers are located both sides of the trail.
- Bikers share the trail with hikers and hunters so the rightof-way should be yielded to pedestrians.
- The trails are all grass except at the trailhead where it's gravel. Be sure to ride only during favorable conditions to help preserve the quality of the trails.

The trailhead parking lot is located off of Forest Road. To get to the lot, take the forest's main entrance, on the north side of U.S. 50, to Forest Road. Shortly after you enter the forest, the road forks; Forest Road is on the left. The parking lot is the second lane on the left-hand side of the road directly across from the arboretum.

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!

Welcome to Martin State Forest

Quiet, peaceful recreation is the norm at Martin State Forest. From the shady ridgetop campground among the Oak and Hickory trees, to the deep woods hiking trails and firelanes that traverse the hills and valleys, the beauty and serenity of the native hardwood forest refresh and relax as only nature can.

All your Indiana 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.

Martin State Forest began in 1931 with the purchase of 1,205 acres, and has since grown to 7,829 acres. Most of the land was eroded, abandoned farmland or heavily cut over woodland at the time it was acquired. With years of intensive management, including thousands of trees planted, countless hours fighting wildfires and hundreds of acres of selective improvement harvests, the forest has been transformed into the lush, healthy, growing forest that's here today. Martin State Forest offers something for everyone!

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