

Park Partners

Friends of Indiana Dunes, Inc.

FRIENDS OF Indiana Dunes

Our mission is to enhance and foster understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the Indiana Dunes through financial and volunteer support of the state and national parks.

The Friends of Indiana Dunes are just that—more than 600 individuals who care about, preserve, and promote the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes State Park.

The Friends partner with both parks to help support a host of annual special events such as Duneland Harvest, Maple Sugar Time, and Kids' Fun Fest. The Friends also provide scholarships for children to attend the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center, host guest speakers at the parks, purchase interpretive items and publications, and contribute to outreach efforts. To learn more or to become a Friends member, contact:

The Friends of Indiana Dunes, Inc.

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www.duneland.com/friends.htm

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular Membership

Individual/Family	\$ 20
Senior Citizen	\$ 15
Business/Corporation	\$100

Sustaining Membership

Individual/Family	\$ 40
Business/Corporation	\$250
Additional Contribution	\$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center



Our mission is to explore the dynamic relationship between people and their environments.

The Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center was established in 1998 as a non-profit environmental education center. As a partner with the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, the learning center offers hands-on experiences for students and educators through environmental education programs that explore the national lakeshore's resources.

Much of the learning center's programming is dedicated to their "Frog-in-the-Bog" residential program for 4th through 6th grade students. This 3-day, 2-night experience features the dunes' natural and cultural history, the interconnection of human and natural environments, and the rich biodiversity found in the habitats of Lake Michigan's southern shores. The program is guided by several national and state curriculum standards for science, math, social studies, and language arts.

Other programs offered include Science Olympiad Team Training, Winter Survival in the Dunes, and DuneSCOPES, a program for high school students that won a National Association of Interpretation award for Outstanding Interpretive Program.

The learning center, in conjunction with the national lakeshore, is also a regional resource with academic and professional training for K-12 classroom teachers and non-formal educators. Workshops feature experts in various fields of study, hands-on activities, and adventures with the national lakeshore.

Learning center facilities include 10, 8-person modern cabins equipped with heating, air conditioning, and a private bath. Cowles Lodge serves as a multi-purpose dining/education center with a full-service kitchen.

INDIANA DUNES ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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Indiana Dunes State Park

DNR

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of State Parks and Reservoirs

Our mission is to manage and interpret Indiana Dunes State Park's wildlife and natural and cultural resources, provide for compatible recreational opportunities, and sustain the integrity of these resources for future generations.

Established in 1925, Indiana Dunes State Park is one of 25 Indiana state parks administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Indiana Division of State Parks and Reservoirs. Indiana is one of the leading state park systems for self-sufficiency and locating parks close to residents. There now is a state park within a one-hour drive of every Indiana resident.

Indiana Dunes State Park consists of 2,182 acres of beach, black oak forest, sand dunes, button-bush marsh, and wooded wetlands. Dunes Nature Preserve, encompassing 1,530 acres and located within the state park boundaries, offers opportunities to explore pristine, unique landscapes. The state park contains some of the most diverse flora and fauna of the Midwest. It is also renowned throughout the Midwest for its birding.

The state park boasts a year-round campground, swimming beach with lifeguards, nature center, more than 16 miles of hiking/skiing trails, and many picnic shelters and areas. During the summer, a beach pavilion provides a shelter, snack bar, gift shop, and restrooms with outside showers. The nature center has a library, bird observation room, children's activity corner, information desk, and exhibits about natural and cultural history. Private, public, and school programs are held year-round. Camping reservations can be made by calling 1-866-622-6746. There is a park entrance fee. For more information, contact the park.

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INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK

Park Hours: 7 a.m. — 11 p.m.
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Entrance Fees

Daily:	\$10.00 with out-of-state plates
	\$4.00 with IN plates, Mon.-Thurs.
Weekends:	\$5.00 with IN plates, Fri.-Sun., holidays
	\$2.00 per day for walk-ins and bicyclists

Annual entrance permits are available.

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Eastern National, a not for profit organization, donates a portion of their proceeds to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to support interpretive and educational projects, including the printing of this publication, the *Singing Sands*. The bookstore is open everyday except Christmas, New Years, and Thanksgiving.

The new Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center offers a wide array of books, games, postcards, souvenirs, and other fun and educational items related to the resources of the Indiana Dunes and Porter County is open year round except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. You may also visit the online store at www.easternnational.org or www.eparks.com.

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