

# Hardin Ridge Recreation Area



**Hardin Ridge Recreation Area** is located on Monroe Lake south of Bloomington, Indiana. This recreation area offers six campground loops, two picnic areas and three shelter-houses, two of which are available for reservation, a three lane boat launch, a swim beach with shelter and shower-house, hiking trails, and two rental cabins on the lake. The campground loops offer modern restroom and shower facilities. This area is operated by a concessionaire under a special use permit issued by the Forest Service from mid-April through mid to late October.

**Camping:** There are six camping loops with a total of 203 campsites offering a mix of electric and non-electric sites, as well as walk-in sites (Southern Point and Eads Loop do not offer electric hookups). Some sites offer water. There is centralized water, toilet/shower buildings with flush toilets and hot showers, and vault toilets. A dump station is located across from Eads Loop. Regular sites can accommodate two vehicles and up to eight people, with an additional fee for more than one vehicle. There is one double site on Holland Loop which can accommodate four vehicles and up to 16 people, with an additional fee for more than two vehicles. Campsites **MUST** be occupied the first night and may not be left unattended more than 24 hours. Camping remains available on Southern Point through deer firearm season – no fee, no services provided, pack out all trash.

**Cabins:** There are two rental cabins on the lake which have electricity, centralized water, a vault toilet and amazing views of the lake.

**Campsite, Cabin and Shelter House Reservations**  
Call 1-877-444-6777; TDD 1-877-833-6777 or visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). There is an additional fee for reservations. Some sites are first come, first served and cannot be reserved. America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass discounts may be available for pass holders. Pass discounts do not apply to amenities such as electricity. To contact the campground staff directly: 812-837-9453

**Day Use:** There are many day use opportunities available including: picnicking, boating, fishing, paddling, biking, and hiking. Picnic tables are provided at the beach and at the two picnic areas. The picnic areas offer three shelter-houses, two of which have

electricity and are available for reservation. The picnic area provides modern restroom facilities, vault toilets, horseshoe pits and a large grass area for games. The boat launch provides ample parking and an accessible courtesy dock during the main camping season. The beach area offers a 300 foot beach, playground equipment, a modern bathhouse and is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day if lake levels permit. No pets or glass are allowed at the beach. The recreation area also provides several trails: the 2-mile Hardin Ridge Trail that runs along the main road all the way to the beach for biking and hiking; the < 0.5 mile Shoreline Trail; and the 1-mile Ted T. Turtle interpretive trail behind the amphitheater.

A day use fee per vehicle is required between April 15 and Oct. 15, unless an overnight fee has been paid. Annual passes are available from the concessionaire. The boat launch and trails are open year round. America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass discounts may be available for pass holders. Indiana DNR lake permits are required for all watercraft using Monroe Lake.

**Firewood Restrictions:** Any firewood brought onto National Forest System land must meet one of the following requirements to reduce the spread of pests and pathogens that harm the forest ecosystem:

1. It is kiln-dried scrap lumber with no bark.
2. It is from your home or other Indiana location and has all bark removed.
3. It has an Indiana DNR compliance stamp.

**Directions**

- From Ind. 446 south of Bloomington, turn on Chapel Hill Road. Proceed to the entrance on the right.
- From Ind. 37 south of Bloomington, turn east on Guthrie Road. Turn right on Chapel Hill Rd and proceed to the entrance on the left.

**Safety**

- GPS Coordinates: 39°0'36.296"N, 86°25'42.812"W
- In case of emergency call 911
- Nearest hospital: Bloomington, Ind.
- Monroe Co. Sheriff: 812-349-2780
- Indiana CO Dispatch: 812-837-9536

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Site #	May be Reserved	Spur Length	Site #	May be Reserved	Spur Length	Site #	May be Reserved	Spur Length	Site #	May be Reserved	Spur Length
Eads Loop			Southern Point Loop			Blue Gill Loop			White Oak Loop		
1	Yes	42'	24	Yes	48'	84	E -Yes	60'	135	E -Yes	41'
2	Yes	42'	25	Yes	75'	85	E -Yes	51'	136	E -Yes	44'
3	Yes	43'	26	Yes	48'	86	E -Yes	50'	137	HOST	
4	Yes	43'	27	Yes	46'	87	E -Yes	67'	138	E -Yes	45'
5	Yes	38'	28	Yes	46'	88	E -Yes	43'	139	E -Yes	45'
6	Yes	33'	29	Yes	42'	89	E -Yes	42'	140	E -Yes	45'
7	Yes	43'	30	HOST		90	E -Yes	48'	141	E -Yes	54'
8	Yes	45'	31	Yes	W/I	91	E -Yes	75'	142	E -Yes	57'
9	Yes	72'	32	Yes	W/I	92	E -Yes	50'	143	E -Yes	50'
10	Yes	39'	33	Yes	W/I	93	Yes	W/I	144	E -Yes	59'
11	Yes	43'	34	Yes	50'	94	Yes	W/I	145	E -No	42'
12	Yes	53'	35	Yes	35'	95	Yes	W/I	146	E -No	49'
13	No	52'	36	Yes	38'	96	Yes	W/I	147	E -No	47'
14	No	34'	37	Yes	34'	97	Yes	W/I	148	E -No	38'
15	No	46'	38	Yes	40'	99	E -Yes	50'	149	E -No	55'
16	No	41'	39	Yes	45'	100	E -Yes	45'	150	E -No	60'
17	No	37'	40	Yes	30'	101	E -Yes	Roadside	151	E -No	56'
18	No	46'	41	Yes	40'	102	E -Yes	Roadside	Pine Loop		
19	No	36'	42	Yes	37'	103	E -Yes	Roadside	152	E -Yes	48'
20	HOST	46'	43	Yes	40'	104	Yes	W/I	153	E -Yes	48'
21	No	41'	44	Yes	43'	105	Yes	W/I	154	HOST	55'
22	No	40'	45	HOST	48'	106	Yes	W/I	156	E -Yes	60'
23	No	49'	46	Yes	50'	107	Yes	W/I	157	E -Yes	45'
Holland Loop			47	Yes	43'	108	Yes	W/I	158	E -Yes	50'
200	E -Yes	40'	48	Yes	52'	109	Yes	43'	159	Yes	33'
201	E -Yes	58'	49	Yes	45'	110	Yes	W/I	160	Yes	45'
202	E -Yes	45'	50	Yes	49'	111	Yes	W/I	161	Yes	W/I
203	E -Yes	45'	51	Yes	40'	112	Yes	W/I	162	Yes	W/I
204	E -Yes	57'	52	Yes	43'	113	No	45'	163	Yes	W/I
205	E -Yes	70'	53	No	46'	114	No	30'	164	E -Yes	50'
206	E -Yes	50'	54	No	26'	115	No	40'	165	E -Yes	58'
207	E -No	70'	55	HOST	47'	116	E -No	Roadside	166	E -Yes	58'
209	E -Double	50'	56	No	Roadside	117	HOST	42'	167	E -Yes	45'
210	HOST		57	No	Roadside	118	E -No	45'	168	E -Yes	30'
211	E -No	64'	58	No	35'	119	E -No	50'	169	E -No	48'
212	E -No	44'	59	No	47'	120	E -No	51'	170	E -No	40'
			60	No	W/I	121	E -No	45'	171	E -No	45'
			61	No	W/I	122	E -No	62'	172	E -No	55'
			62	No	W/I	123	E -No	43'	173	E -No	40'
			63	No	30'	124	E -No	46'	174	E -No	30'
			64	No	39'	125	E -No	43'	175	E -No	55'
			65	No	W/I	126	E -No	65'	176	No	35'
			66	No	W/I	127	E -No	50'	177	No	W/I
			67	No	W/I	128	E -No	57'	178	No	W/I
			68	No	W/I	129	E -No	55'	179	No	W/I
			69	No	42'	130	E -No	50'	180	No	W/I
			70	No	43'	131	E -No	36'	181	No	W/I
			71	No	40'	132	E -No	62'	182	E -No	35'
			72	No	42'	133	E -No	70'	183	E -No	40'
			73	No	34'	134	E -No	60'	184	E -No	55'
			74	No	47'				185	E -No	49'
			75	No	50'				186	E -No	60'
			76	No	35'				187	E -No	48'
			77	No	43'				188	E -No	48'
			78	No	40'				189	E -No	53'
			79	No	W/I				190	E -No	43'
			80	No	W/I				191	E -No	45'
			81	No	W/I						
			82	No	W/I						
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### Campsite Legend

W/I—walk-in site

D—double site

E—electric site

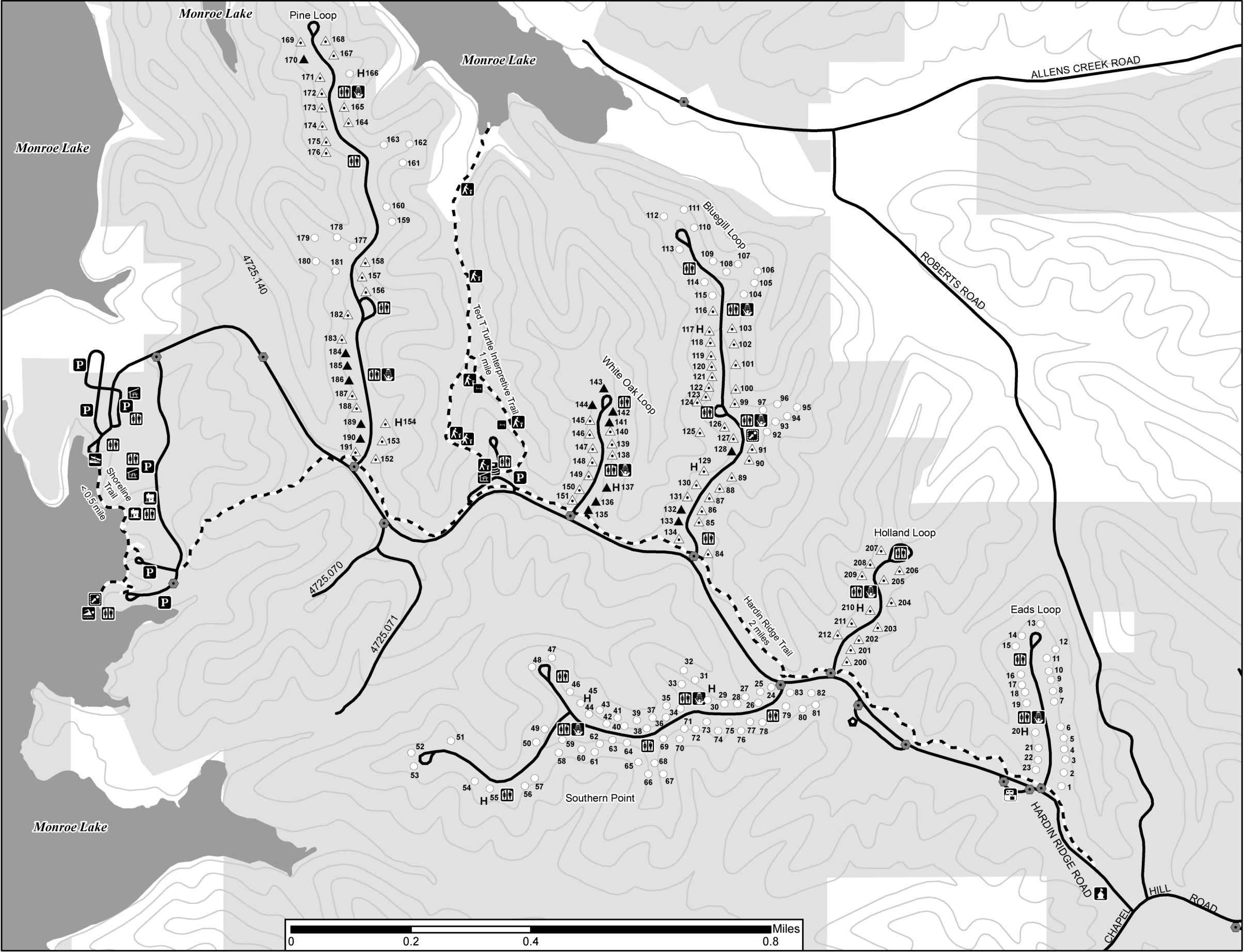
Host—campground contacts

Reservations may be made up to nine months in advance for the mid-May through early October period. Visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) for availability and reservations.



Scan here to see a geo-referenced map.

HARDIN RIDGE RECREATION AREA



LEGEND

- PARKING
- AMPHITHEATER
- BENCH
- BOAT LAUNCH
- CABINS
- GATEHOUSE
- GROUP PICNIC SITE
- HOST CAMPSITE
- INTERPRETIVE SIGN
- PICNIC SHELTER
- PLAYGROUND
- SEWAGE DUMP STATION
- SHOWER/TOILET
- SWIMMING SITE
- TOILET
- WORK CENTER
- 30 AMP CAMPSITE
- 50 AMP CAMPSITE
- CAMPSITE - NO ELECTRIC
- GATE
- TRAIL
- ROAD
- 50 FT CONTOUR
- LAKE
- FOREST SERVICE LAND



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