

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 early April through 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. They are available by reservation only.

Campsite, Cabin and Shelter House Reservations
Call 1-877-444-6777; TDD 1-877-833-6777 or visit 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: Day use opportunities include: 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 from early April—late Oct., 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: Possessing, storing, or transporting any part of a tree EXCEPT as described below (36 CFR 261, 58(t)): It is kiln-dried scrap lumber with no bark (processed lumber). It is from your home or other Indiana location and has all bark removed. It has an Indiana DNR compliance stamp. Downed dead wood which is collected and used within the developed recreational area that the campsite is located, or collected and used within the immediate vicinity of a dispersed campsite on the Hoosier National Forest. Downed dead wood obtained on the Hoosier National Forest within the same defined county, or from the Hoosier National Forest from those counties directly adjoining, and which is obtained by the holder of a valid firewood permit.

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

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 -W	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 -W	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 -W	45'
7	Yes	43'	30	HOST		90	E -Yes	48'	141	E -Yes -W	54'
8	Yes	45'	31	Yes	Walk in	91	E -Yes -W	75'	142	E -Yes	57'
9	Yes	72'	32	Yes	Walk in	92	E -Yes	50'	143	E -Yes	50'
10	Yes	39'	33	Yes	Walk in	93	Yes	Walk in	144	E -Yes -W	59'
11	Yes	43'	34	Yes	50'	94	Yes	Walk in	145	E -No	42'
12	Yes	53'	35	Yes	35'	95	Yes	Walk in	146	E -No	49'
13	No	52'	36	Yes	38'	96	Yes	Walk in	147	E -No -W	47'
14	No	34'	37	Yes	34'	97	Yes	Walk in	148	E -No -W	38'
15	No	46'	38	Yes	40'	99	E -Yes	50'	149	E -No -W	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	Walk in	153	E -Yes	48'
21	No	41'	44	Yes	43'	105	Yes	Walk in	154	HOST	55'
22	No	40'	45	HOST	48'	106	Yes	Walk in	156	E -Yes	60'
23	No	49'	46	Yes	50'	107	Yes	Walk in	157	E -Yes	45'
Holland Loop			47	Yes	43'	108	Yes	Walk in	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	Walk in	160	Yes	45'
202	E-Yes-W	45'	50	Yes	49'	111	Yes	Walk in	161	Yes	Walk in
203	E-Yes	45'	51	Yes	40'	112	Yes	Walk in	162	Yes	Walk in
204	E-Yes-W	57'	52	Yes	43'	113	No	45'	163	Yes	Walk in
205	E-Yes-W	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	Walk in	121	E -No	45'	171	E -No	45'
			61	No	Walk in	122	E -No	62'	172	E -No	55'
			62	No	Walk in	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	Walk in	126	E -No	65'	176	No	35'
			66	No	Walk in	127	E -No	50'	177	No	Walk in
			67	No	Walk in	128	E -No	57'	178	No	Walk in
			68	No	Walk in	129	E -No	55'	179	No	Walk in
			69	No	42'	130	E -No	50'	180	No	Walk in
			70	No	43'	131	E -No	36'	181	No	Walk in
			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 -W	55'
			74	No	47'				185	E -No	49'
			75	No	50'				186	E -No -W	60'
			76	No	35'				187	E -No	48'
			77	No	43'				188	E -No	48'
			78	No	40'				189	E -No	53'
			79	No	Walk in				190	E -No	43'
			80	No	Walk in				191	E -No -W	45'
			81	No	Walk in						
			82	No	Walk in						
			83	No	Walk in						

Campsite Legend

W—water spigot

D—double site

E—electric site

Host—campground contacts

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811 Constitution Ave., Bedford, IN 47421
(812) 275-5987
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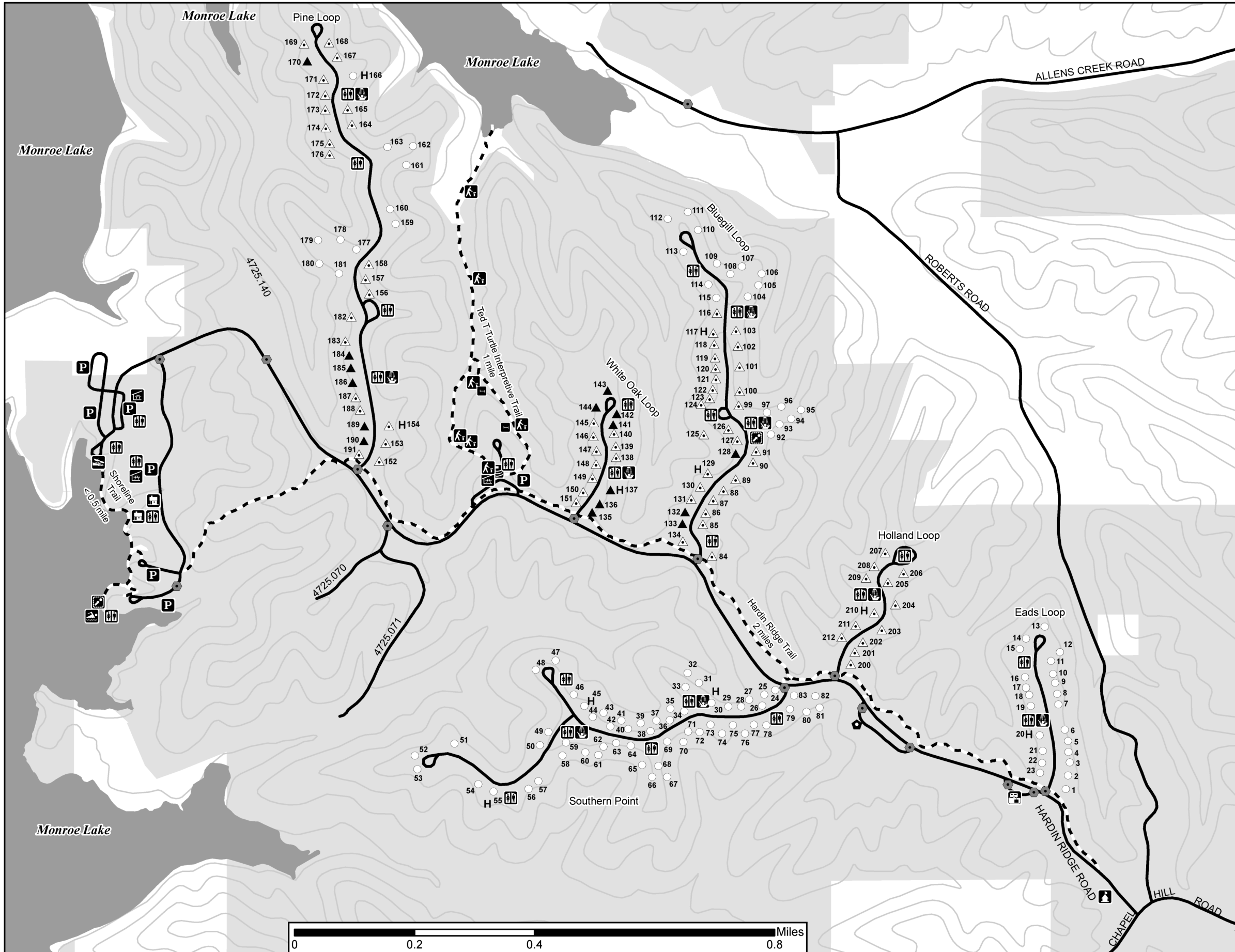
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Reservations may be made up to nine months in advance for the early April through late October period. Visit www.recreation.gov for availability and reservations.



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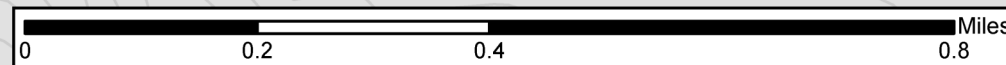


LEGEND

- 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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