

Tipsaw Lake Recreation Area



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The Tipsaw Recreation Area is part of the Hoosier National Forest. This recreation complex is located on the shores of the 131-acre Tipsaw Lake. The area is 6 miles south of Interstate 64 off State Highway 37 and offers camping, picnicking, electric motor boating, swimming, fishing, hiking and biking.

This area is operated by a concessionaire who leases the area from the U.S. Forest Service. Fees and dates are subject to change. Fees may be reduced or waived during low use seasons.

Family Camping: Tipsaw includes 35 individual sites divided into two shady campground loops. Each loop contains centralized water, flush toilets, hot showers, and a recharge table for electric boat motors. Sites vary from walk-in sites, to single or extra large, electric or nonelectric. Catbrier Loop offers ten sites with electricity and water for larger RVs. A chart on the back details the lengths of each site as well as which sites provide electricity or may be reserved.

A maximum of 2 vehicles and 8 people are allowed in single sites, and 16 people and 4 vehicles are allowed in double sites. If more than a single vehicle is present (or 2 vehicles for double sites), an additional \$5/vehicle per day is charged. The campground is open April 1 through October 15 (weather dependant).

Camping fees for single sites are \$22/night with electricity and \$17 without electricity. Double sites are \$38 with electricity and \$31 without. Catbrier sites are \$25/night. Senior and Access passport holders receive a discount on campsite fees. New firewood policy in effect. No hardwood firewood may be brought into the campground unless IDNR or USDA certified.

Group Camping: Two group camps are offered with capacities of up to 65 people. Group campsites provide water and vault toilets. Goldenrod Loop has one 30-amp electrical hookup. Showers are available in the main campground. Group camps are open from 4/1 through 10/15. Special arrangements may be made for groups to camp later in the fall. Group camping fees are \$35/night for the Primrose Group Site and \$40 for the Goldenrod Group Site. Spur lengths of these sites are noted on the reverse.

Reservations may be made April 1- Labor Day. However, campsites are reservable only from Memorial Day - Labor Day. For campsite reservations (\$10 fee) call toll free: 1-877-444-6777; TDD: 1-877-833-6777

Day Use: A \$5/vehicle (4/1-10/15) parking fee is charged past the entrance gate, except to campground occupants. An annual pass is available at the gate for \$35. The beach and picnic area is open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Picnic Sites and Shelters: Overlooking the lake near the beach are 15 picnic sites and 2 shelter houses. The shelter to the east has electricity, the western one does not. Horse shoe pits and an open area for games are near the picnic shelter. Shelters may be reserved by calling the 877- number below (4/1-Labor Day). A \$25 use fee (+ \$10 reservation fee) is charged when making shelter reservations. They are otherwise available on a first-come basis.

Boating: Electric motors are allowed, and fishing for pan fish is considered excellent. The boat ramp and parking area is open year-round.

Beach: A beautiful swimming beach with playground equipment and modern bathhouse are open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. This beach offers a combination of sand and sun or shady grass-covered hillside. There are no lifeguards but a fully-accessible beach and swimming area is provided. No glass containers or pets are allowed on the lawn or beach areas.

Trail: A 5.9-mile trail for hiking or mountain biking runs from the day use area around the lake. The trail includes scenic overlooks of the lake and valley, and traverses a variety of different forest types. A trail permit is required for mountain bikers 17 years of age or older. The cost of the trail permit is \$35 for an annual permit, or \$5 for a daily permit. Mountain bike riders are required to stay on the designated trail and yield the right of way to hikers.

For more information:

Tell City Ranger District
248 15th Street
Tell City, IN 47586
(812) 547-7051
Toll Free: 1-866-302-4173
www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier

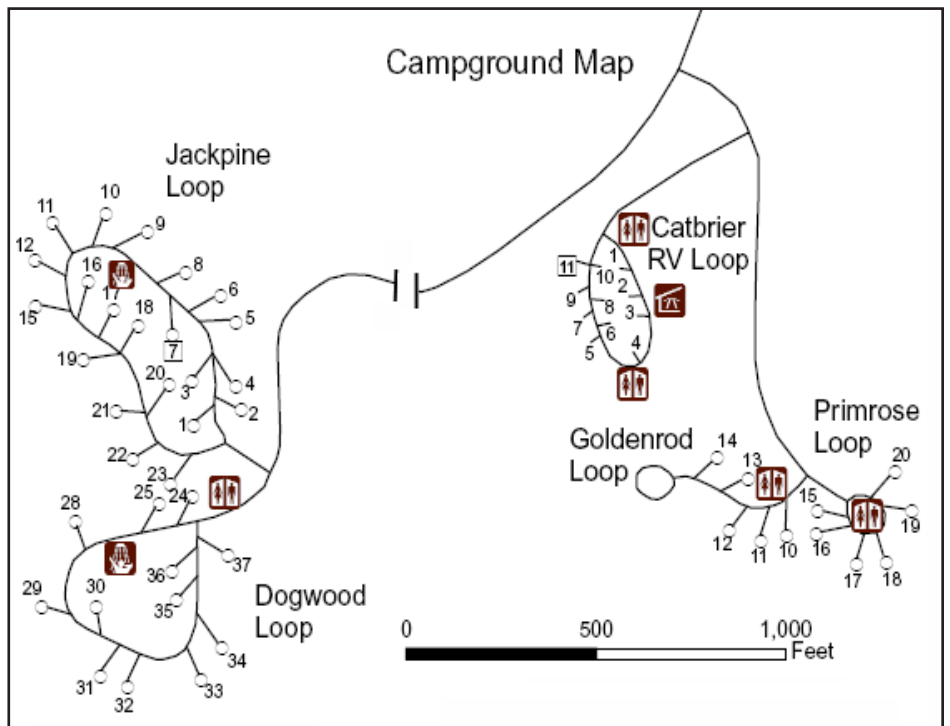
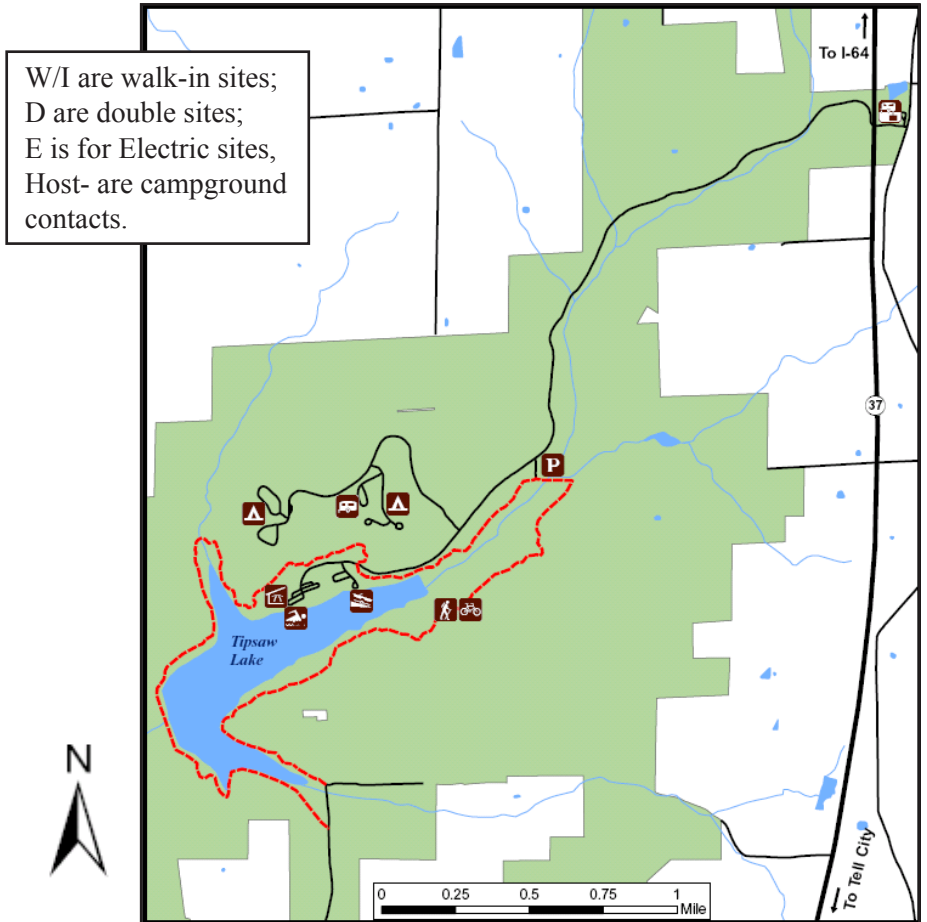
Federal relay system for the
deaf and hearing impaired is:
1-800-877-8339



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Tipsaw Recreation Area Site Information

Site #	May be Reserved	Spur Length
Jackpine Loop		
1	E - No	50
2	E - No	55
3	E - No	43
4	E - No	56
5	Host	52
6	E - No	55
7	Host	51
8	E - No	52
9	E - No	53
10	E - No	50
11 & 12	No	W/I
15-D	E - Yes	49
16-D	E - Yes	53
17	E - Yes	55
18 & 19	E - Yes	50
20	E - Yes	53
21	E - Yes	57
22	E - Yes	48
23-D	E - Yes	56
Dogwood Loop		
24-D & 25-D	E - Yes	36
26 & 27	No	20-W/I
28	Yes	43
29-D	Yes	42
30	No	43
31-D	No	46
32	No	53
33	No	46
34	No	47
35 & 36	No	50
37	No	52
Goldenrod Loop		
10	Yes	50
11	Yes	49
12	Yes	44
13-D	Yes	36
14-D	Yes	45
Primrose Loop		
15-17	Yes	49
18	Yes	48
19	Yes	47
20	Yes	50
Catbrier Loop		
1	E - Yes	44
2	E - No	53
3	E - Yes	35
4	E - No	102
5	E - Yes	50
6	E - No	55
7	E - Yes	65
8	E - No	54
9	E - Yes	72
10	E - No	49
11	Host	70



Legend

- Trail
- Forest Service
- Boat Ramp
- Restrooms
- Dump Station
- Campground Host
- Road
- Water
- Camping
- Showers
- Parking
- 10 Campsite
- Stream
- Hike/Bike Trail
- RV Camping
- Picnic Shelter
- Swimming