

West 550 North

County Line Road / 900 West

E CR 1225 N

Putnam County

Hendricks County



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McCloud Nature Park

Trails

- Acorn Pass .25 miles
- Barred Owl Roost .33 miles
- Big Walnut Crossing .40 miles
- Coyote Ridge .21 miles
- Fox Chase .28 miles
- Locust Grove 1.04 miles
- Overlook Trail .13 miles
- Paw Paw Pathway .46 miles
- Prairie View .82 miles
- Raccoon Ravine .5 miles
Difficult/rugged trail

Trails

- Red-Tailed Ridge 1.1 miles
- Smallmouth Run .35 miles
- Sycamore Bend .88 miles
- Turtle Cove .1 miles
- Whitetail Ravine .53 miles
- Woodland Way .56 miles
- Cardinal Perch
- Eagle Aerie
- Pileated Peak

Overlooks

McCloud Park Property Line

Park Amenities

- Campfire Site
- Ray & Mary Benson Nature Center
- Parking
- Canoe Access
- Restrooms
- Bee Observation House

Landscapes

- Open Lawn Areas
- Wooded Areas
- Grassland/Prairie Areas
- Reforestation Areas
- Wetland Habitat & Observational Boardwalk
- Arboretum

Historic Truss Bridge

Hughes Road

Main Entrance

McCloud Nature Park opened in 2003 and features four distinct landscapes, a wetland habitat, Big Walnut Creek (perfect for swimming, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking), 7 miles of trails, an arboretum, a live honeybee observation house, a restored historic truss bridge, a Nature Center with interactive exhibits, a bird-watching area, plenty of photography opportunities, weekly family programs, and several festivals and special events across its 232 acres of natural beauty.

PARK RULES

McCloud Nature Park is open from dawn to dusk daily.

Leave the park as beautiful as you found it by not removing any plants, animals, rocks, geodes, artifacts, or other property from the park.

If you carry something into the park, carry it out when you leave.

All dogs must be on a leash and under the control of their owner. Pick up after your pets.

Stay on designated trails. This helps prevent erosion, damage to animal habitat, and possible contact with plants such as poison ivy, poison oak, stinging nettles, etc.

Vehicles must remain on designated roads and parking areas. The speed limit throughout McCloud Nature Park is 15 mph.

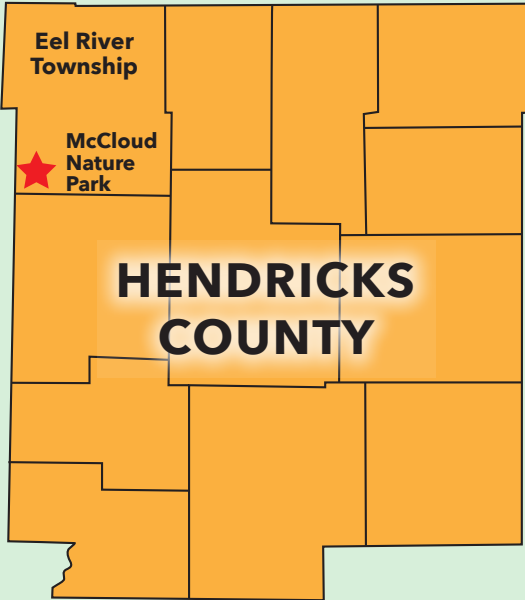
Bicycles are not permitted on park trails.

To keep McCloud Nature Park safe, clean, peaceful, and enjoyable for everyone (including the wildlife), the following items are PROHIBITED in the park:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Amplified music, including loud radios
- Outside grills or fires anywhere in the park
- Fireworks
- Drones or other motorized aircraft
- Four-wheelers, ATVs, or other off-road vehicles
- Mushroom hunting
- Horses
- Hunting
- Overnight camping or parking

McCloud Nature Park is owned by the Hendricks County Park Board and operated by Hendricks County Parks & Recreation. It is located in the southwest corner of Eel River Township, near the town of North Salem, and it borders Putnam County.

The park is open from dawn to dusk daily. Admission to the park is free.



Hendricks County Parks & Recreation also operates W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park and the western portion of the Vandalia Trail. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about any of our properties.

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WELCOME

Welcome to McCloud Nature Park – a 232 acre park encompassing some of the most beautiful natural

surroundings found in

central Indiana. As a visitor

to the park, you will have an

opportunity to view native

plants and a diverse array of

wildlife in a tranquil setting.

Stroll along miles of scenic

trails, enjoy the amenities

of the park, and explore the

interpretive displays in the

McCloud Nature Center.

Many wonderful discoveries

await you at McCloud Nature Park! The park is open

from dawn to dusk daily, and admission is free.

ACTIVITIES

There's a lot to do at McCloud Nature Park in

addition to walking trails. Here are some activities

that you and your family can enjoy at the park, where

fun things are happening year-round!

Have a picnic

(tables throughout the park; grills at the pavilion)

Explore and learn about nature

Swim, wade or fish in Big Walnut Creek

(all fishing regulations enforced by the Indiana DNR)

Go canoeing or kayaking

Enjoy cross-country skiing

Walk the leashed dog

Do some bird-watching

Observe a live honeybee

habitat

Take some photos

Schedule an educational

field trip

Be wowed by brilliant fall

foliage

Participate in family pro-

gramming

Attend festivals and special events

Visit the McCloud Nature Center

(visit our website for hours of operation)

Borrow an Adventure Backpack

Navigate a unique prairie maze every

September and October



NATURE

views.

Because of the wide variety of tree species within

the park, the annual fall foliage is especially

brilliant and colorful.

McCloud Nature Park is

annually named by Visit

Indiana as one of the top 10

places in the state to view

fall colors.

An arboretum that sits

between the McCloud

Nature Center and the truss

bridge contains several

different species of native

trees and plants, along with interpretive signage

that educates park guests on different types of

Within that arboretum is a live observable

honeybee habitat that contains bee colonies from

late spring through the summer and into early fall.

Raise the curtains on either side of the Bee House

and watch through the plexiglass windows as the

honeybees work.

The natural environments found at McCloud

Nature Park are home to a remarkable variety of

wildlife. Over 90 species of

birds make their home here,

as well as many species of

reptiles, amphibians, insects,

and large and small mam-

mals. The fall and spring

months also offer visitors a

wonderful opportunity to

view non-resident birds on

their migratory pilgrimage

through Indiana.

AMENITIES

You will find a wide variety of

amenities at McCloud Nature Park.

232 acres of woods, glacial ravines,

wetlands, prairie, pond, and Big Walnut

Creek

7 miles of well-marked trails

(crushed gravel and natural surfaces)

Fishing, wading, canoeing and kayaking

in Big Walnut Creek

Nature Center with modern restrooms,

interactive exhibits, bird-viewing room,

and a resource library

Restored 1913 iron Warren truss bridge

Arboretum with interpretive signage

Observable live honeybee hives in the late

spring, summer, and early fall months

Wetland habitat with boardwalk and

observation deck

Regular nature programs

Reservable 15' x 30' pavilion with tables

and grills; available to rent

Picnic areas

Green space

Chip-and-sealed drive and parking lots

Regular family programming

School programs and field trips available

by appointment

Annual festivals

Annual McCloud Prairie Maze in

September and October

Hendricks County Non-Emergency Dispatch

for police, fire, and ambulance service:

(317) 839-8700.

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911.