

MUSCATATUCK TRAILS

Welcome to our trail system. Recent modifications are now complete and our trails are marked for your convenience. Our color coded system has some limitations, yet should clarify most trouble spots. Roadway interfaces have color coded leaves also to minimize confusion. All our labeled trails are loops. The loops can be started at multiple places throughout the Park. We usually start the trails from the Visitor Center and end up here when done, yet there are many options to start. When you feel comfortable enough with our loops then multiple modifications for shorter or longer hikes are possible. All loops can, of course, be done clockwise or counter clockwise. Our park has a variety of hills and flats, forest and wetlands, wildlife abounds, enjoy!



River Trail (Blue, 2.6 miles): Moderately difficult loop with some steep sections and technical footwork in places. This trail highlights the river as it traverses along its banks. The floodplain section can be technical and slippery after rains. The trail takes the outermost loop around the facility. The trail is easily accessible from the back of the campground, the back entrance, the marsh area, the Vinegar Mill, and the Visitor Center.



Ridge Trail (Orange, 2.1 miles): Moderately difficult loop with many small to medium up and down hills. This trail highlights the ridge above the Muscatatuck River. Expect one of the nicer views in Indiana as you traverse well above the river under a nice shaded hardwood canopy. Interesting “shale bowls” and small falls are seen along the way. This loop may be started at the Visitor Center, the Vinegar Mill, or in one of the four other interfaces with the park’s main road. The campground bathhouse (with water), near the back entrance/marsh area, shelter one, or the canyon creek shelter are all easy access points.



History Trail (Yellow, 0.5 miles): Trail is short, yet steep. This small loop highlights the main historical aspects of the Muscatatuck Park. The Visitor Center, Vinegar Mill, the old mill dam, the WPA Canyon Creek shelter, and the Walnut Grove one room school are all on the trail. Much of the work along this trail was constructed in the 1930’s by the CCC and WPA when the Muscatatuck Park was a young State Park. The Visitor Center and Vinegar Mill were both constructed around 1850.



River/Ridge Trail (Green, 1.4 miles): Moderately difficult trail which is mostly flat with a few steep sections. After rain a few areas may be slippery. Trail marking starts at the Vinegar Mill, yet can be accessed via Shelter 3 or the unlabeled trails behind Shelter 2. This trail highlights the Muscatatuck River. It combines the flood plain section of the *River Trail* to the river overlooking section of the *Ridge Trail*.



DINO Mountain Biking Trail (Brown, 5 miles): The DINO mountain biking loop is a fairly technical/tight course. This is the course used by DINO (Do Indiana Off-road) for their annual mountain bike racing series. Expect short hills with tight curves. There are no long hills, yet the course is very athletic and will keep your attention. This loop is a combination of some of the above listed trails and some other trail sections. Please respect pedestrians when present. Mountain bikers are not restricted to other trails, although we recommend staying off the river flood plain section. It is very rocky, somewhat unlevelled right to left and does not ride well continuously.



Restrictions: We do not restrict any trails to bikers. If you are biking we suggest you stay off the river flood plain section. It is labeled with the red line over the bike as to your left. This is merely for warning, ride at your own discretion. Only human powered vehicles allowed on trails at the Muscatatuck Park.



Other Trails: We maintain a handful of miscellaneous trail sections not included in or only partially included in our labeled loop trails. Many of these trails are used for access to the loops or are often used by shelter users to simply get to the river. If a trail is not marked, then it will eventually come to a marked section or the shelter area. A nice level *walking loop* exists along the fringe of the forest and mown area of the Park, it is approximately one mile. We often walk the *park road*, from the Visitor Center to the campgrounds and back is 2.3 miles.

Muscatatuck Park Trails Map



State Highway 3 & 7

to Park Avenue

Gum St.

Barrooms

Visitor Center

Vinegar Mill

Back Entrance

Trail Continues →

Muscatatuck River

Bath House

Campgrounds

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One inch = 1000 ft

