



Manion Cabin

St. Patrick's County Park

Secluded Getaway in South Bend

Spend a weekend at the Manion Cabin, a historic cabin in the woods that exudes rustic charm and comfort, with the conveniences of modern hospitality.

The first sale of the land on which the Manion Cabin now stands took place on September 11, 1833, when Daniel Wagner purchased the land from the state of Indiana. The land passed from one owner to another over the years, and the cabin was built in 1918-1919 by Frank Gilmer.

On February 25, 1952, Clarence (Pat) Manion and Virginia (Gina) O'Brien Manion purchased the property and cabin from Virginia's brother, John. The Manion Family loved nature and the land. For many years they raised Arabian horses, chickens, hogs, cattle, hay and grain on parts of what is now St. Patrick's County Park.



In 1938 (before the Manion family bought the cabin), previous owners built a 10-foot dam on the creek south of the cabin, which created a two-acre pond and waterfall. The Manions spent time swimming and fishing in this beautiful pond, which still provides a quiet, secluded fishing and picnic spot for visitors of St. Patrick's County Park.



Clarence and Virginia Manion

Over the years, the cabin was used as a guesthouse for visitors and horse customers, and several Manion family members lived in the cabin. The last time the cabin was used as a full-time residence was from 1984 to 1988 when Dan Manion (Clarence and Virginia's son) and his wife, Ann, lived there while building a new house.

On July 13, 1979, Clarence and Virginia Manion signed a letter of intent to donate part of their property, including the cabin, to St. Patrick's County Park. This was the last official document that Clarence Manion signed, as he suffered a stroke the following day and passed away two weeks later.

The Manion family wished to share with the community the peace and beauty they had enjoyed for so many years. Through their generosity, the land's natural beauty has been preserved, and development has been limited. Visitors continue to enjoy the Manions' gift.

Rent the Cabin!
Call 574-277-4828 or
visit www.sjcparks.org

Weekend Cabin Rental:
\$374.50 3pm Fri - 3pm Sun
\$90.95 Additional Night
Weekday Rental:
\$171.20 8am - 5pm

**pricing includes 7% sales tax*

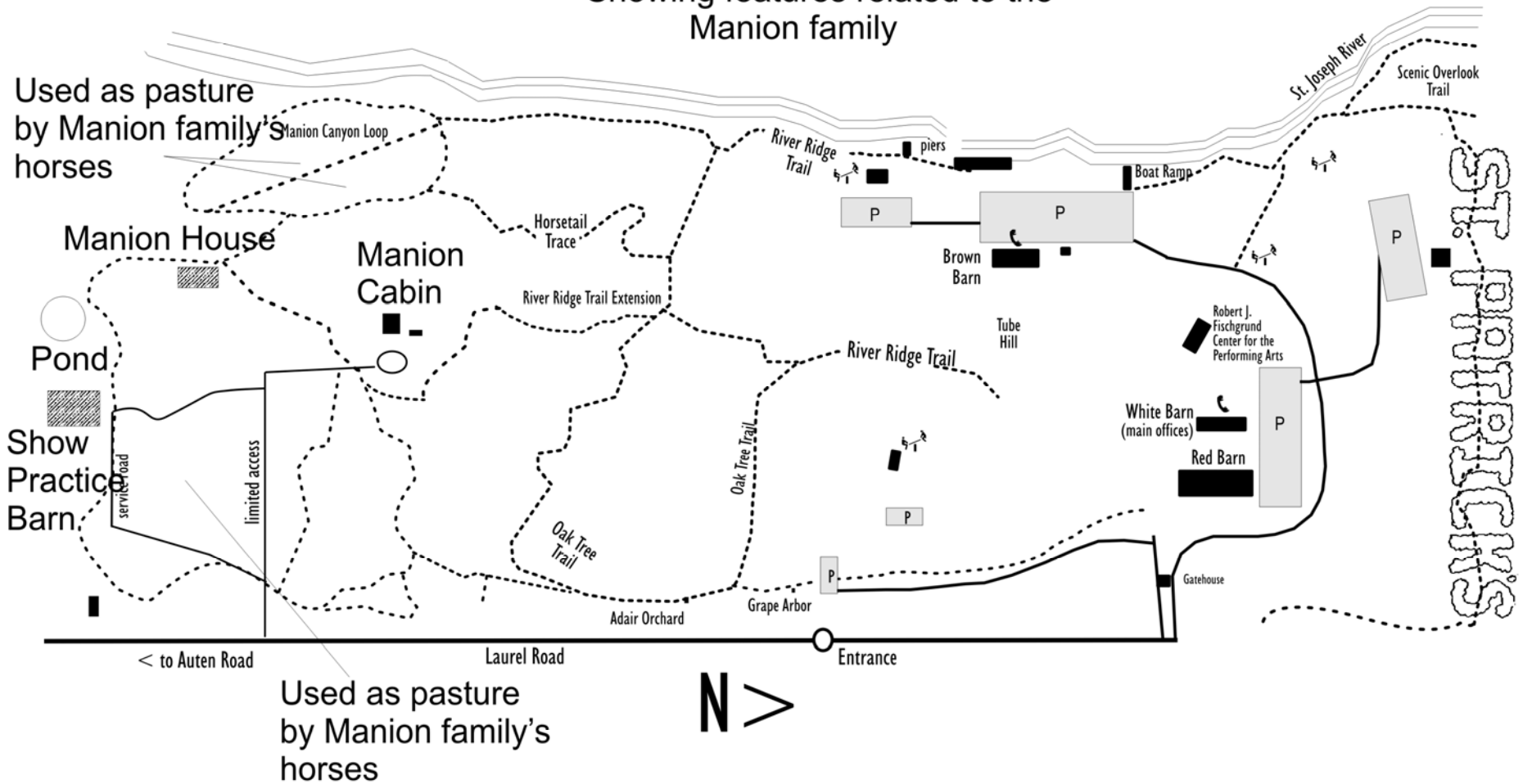
Amenities

- Accommodates up to 8 overnight
- Maximum capacity for cabin/adjacent shelter: 30
- 3 bedrooms each with full-size bed & den with futon
- Full kitchen with refrigerator and stove
- Two bathrooms, one with claw foot tub & one with shower
- Two fireplaces, one in the living room & one in the master bedroom
- Open air shelter outside with picnic tables and grill

Renters must provide all bedding (pillows, sheets, blankets) and towels for their stay. Linen rental is available from Monarch Linens at 800-589-9434.

St. Patrick's County Park

Showing features related to the Manion family



	Pay Phone		Hiking/Cross-country trails
	Playground/ Exercise Equipment		Roads
	Building		Parking
	Building no longer standing		

From the left: Colten Shelter, with picnic tables and grill; Cabin has a full kitchen with refrigerator and stove; master bedroom, with a cozy fireplace and great view of the woods.

