

Hiking Trails and Picnic Sites

Within the park boundaries is a state-dedicated nature preserve offering one of the best spring wildflower displays in northern Indiana. Over 4 miles of rolling trails wind through woods, along ponds and fields. In winter, the park's nearly 200 acres provide a unique cross-country ski adventure. In summer, be sure to visit the 4-acre prairie south of the Nature Center.

Picnic sites, shelters and buildings are available for rental year-round. Several sites include playgrounds, and a large playground is located near the east end of the park.

Hours

The park is open daily, except for major holidays. A park entrance fee is in effect on weekends and holidays. To confirm hours before your visit, phone 574/654-3155.

Programs for All Ages

Bendix Woods welcomes thousands of students and adults each year for interpretive programs on topics ranging from maple syrup to insects.

Fall hayrides are popular for clubs, preschools and large family gatherings.

In the Children's Discovery Room in the Nature Center, a working beehive, displays on nocturnal animals and hands-on games provide school groups and park visitors with information about our native plants and animals.



Where is Bendix Woods County Park?

The main entrance to the park is located on Timothy Road, off State Road 2. It is approximately 1 mile east of the LaPorte County Line. State Road 2 is an extension of Western Avenue in South Bend. The park is approximately 14 miles west of downtown South Bend.

A Bit of Bendix Woods History

Bendix Woods County Park was St. Joseph County's first county park. Approximately 200 acres was donated to the newly formed park system by the Bendix Corporation in 1966. Originally the property was owned by the Studebaker corporation. On the east end of the park, the half-mile pine tree sign spelling out the word Studebaker, and the former Studebaker Clubhouse are used by hundreds of park visitors each year.

The former clubhouse, is now the Nature Center and park office. Both the living sign and the clubhouse are on the National Historic Registry.

At the center of the park stands Carlisle Hill, formed by a glacier. It is the second highest point in the county. At the base of the hill is a playground designed for children of all ages.

Come...

- hike the quiet wooded trails
- admire the carpet of spring wildflowers
- savor maple syrup in March
- visit the Children's Discovery Room
- picnic among the historic Studebaker pine tree letters

Bendix Woods County Park



Trail Map

Look for the larch trees at the Otahnagon picnic area and the park maintenance compound. Larch trees are deciduous conifers that lose their needles in fall.



Bendix Woods County Park



Parking

— Roads



Hiking/X-C Trails



Playground

For more information log onto www.sjcparks.org

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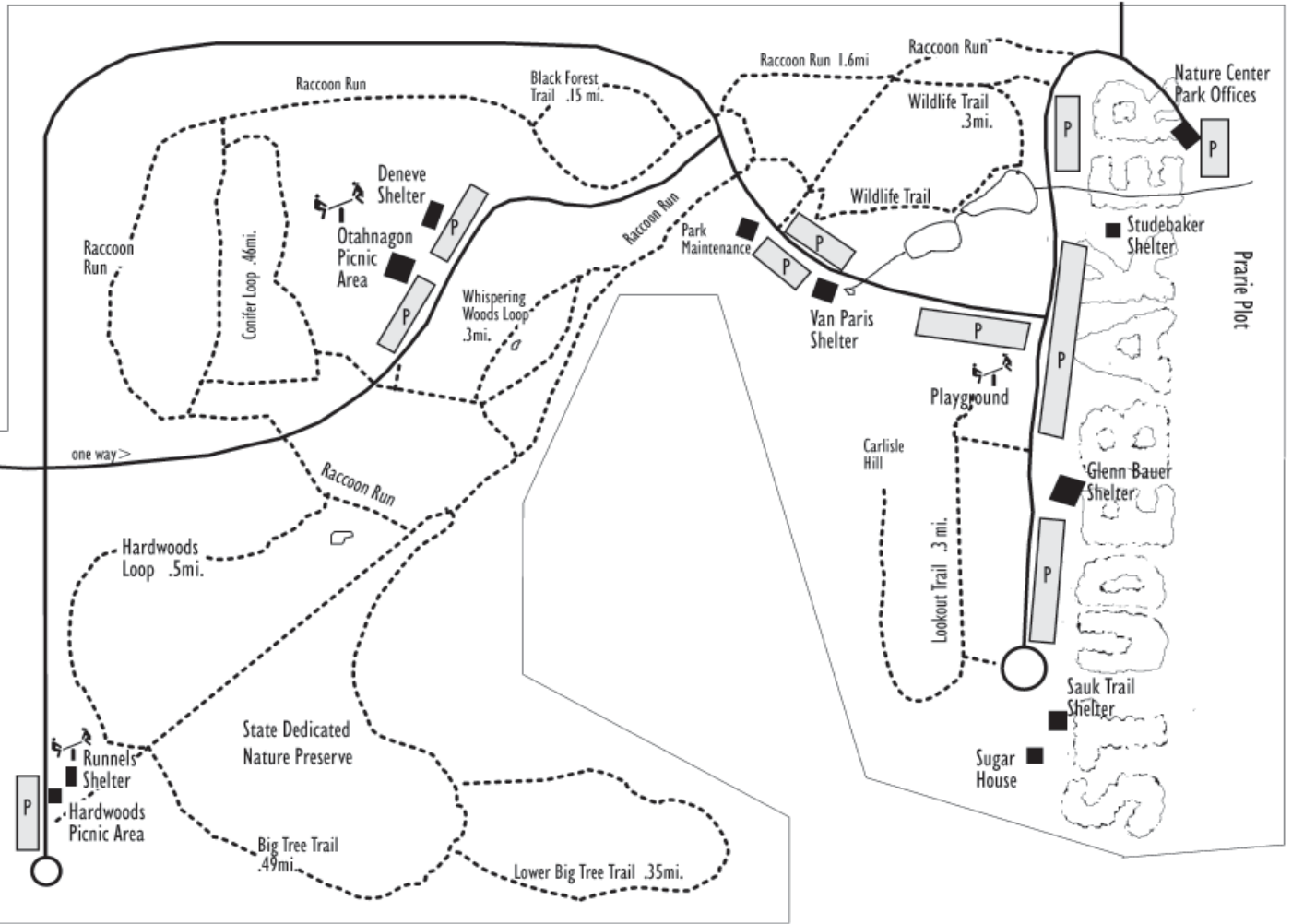


Timothy Rd.



Main Entrance

Gatehouse



Rest rooms are available year round in either the Glenn Bauer or Van Paris Shelter. They are available during office hours at the Nature Center/Park Office. Rest rooms at the Sauk Trail, Otahnagon and Hardwoods areas are closed in winter.