Hiking Trails and Picnic Sites

St. Patrick’s County Park spans nearly 400 acres and offers approximately 6 miles of hiking trails through wooded areas, fields, and along the St. Joseph River. If you like to fish, several ponds and the river provide ample opportunities (appropriate license required). There is also a boat ramp and an accessible fishing pier.

Picnic sites and shelters are available for rent. A few sites include their own playground equipment, horseshoe pits, and volleyball nets. For rental information, call 574/277-4828.

Manion Cabin

This historic log cabin is available for weekend rentals. It sleeps eight and has a full kitchen with a large hearth in the front room and another in an upstairs bedroom. Linen service can be arranged on request. For rental information, call 574/277-4828.

Hours

The park is open daily, except for major holidays. A park entrance fee is in effect on weekends and holidays between Memorial and Labor Day Weekends. To confirm hours before your visit, call 574/277-4828 or visit www.sjcparks.org.

Programs for All Ages

St. Patrick’s is the host site for several special events. In winter, the park offers innertubing, snowshoeing, and groomed cross-country ski trails. Ski rentals are available as well. In spring, summer, and fall, the park offers canoe, kayak, and stand up paddleboard rentals on the St. Joseph River.

Summer day camp gives area children the chance to explore the outdoors.

For a list of workshops, programs, events, and activities available at the county parks, visit www.sjcparks.org.

Where is St. Patrick’s County Park?

The park entrance is located on Laurel Road, north of Auten Road. The park is bordered by the St. Joseph River on the west and the Michigan state line to the north and is adjacent to Madeline Bertrand County Park in Michigan.

About St. Patrick’s County Park

The property now known as St. Patrick’s County Park was once a working farm operated by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Crops and livestock were maintained here for food production for Saint Mary’s College. Several barns are still present on the property.

The Red Barn, originally a dairy barn, is one of the largest wooden barns in northern Indiana and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Today it is a rental facility for large events and gatherings. Other structures, built after the site became a park, were constructed with barn facades to maintain the farming atmosphere.

At the north end of the park is a planting of evergreens that spell “St. Patrick’s.” They were planted in 1978 when the park opened. They are a tribute to the historic pine trees at Bendix Woods County Park that spell “Studebaker.”

At St. Patrick’s County Park...

- Hike along the river.
- Rent the Manion Cabin for the weekend.
- Picnic in the shade of a shelter.
- Take a snowy ride down the tubing hill.
- Glide through winter scenery while cross-country skiing.
- Check out the barn-themed playground and the River Ramble Natural Playscape!

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Bicycles, horses, and motorized vehicles, such as e-scooters and ATVs, are not allowed on the trails.

Pets must be on a 6-foot leash at all times.

There are separate trails for skiing and hiking in winter. Pets are not allowed on the ski trails during the winter sports season.

Restrooms are available year-round at the White Barn and Brown Barn. Restrooms at the Berta Shelter are closed in winter.