

Section I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Section IA: Description of Jennings County Parks & Recreation:

Sec.IA-1: Origin of Jennings County Parks & Recreation:

Jennings County Parks and Recreation (JCPR) is a department of Jennings County Government created by Jennings County ordinance 4-93 (See Attachment "A"), under the authority of Indiana Code, IC 36-10-3-3 (See Attachment "B").

Sec.IA-2: Initial Property (Muscatatuck Park):

JCPR came into being in 1967 prior to the gifting to the County (1968) by the State of Indiana, property (formally known as Muscatatuck State Park, equaling approximately 215 acres) just south of North Vernon which is bordered in part by IN State HWY 3, the Muscatatuck River, and an abandoned railroad along South Gum Street. This parcel of property, known as the Muscatatuck Park, provides the following opportunities for visitors (not intended to be all inclusive):

- a) picnicking,
- b) hiking,
- c) mountain biking,
- d) rock climbing,
- e) volleyball,
- f) basketball, and
- g) camping.

Multiple differing shelters are present in the park and available for use by the public. Reservation options are available for most shelters.

Sec.IA-3: Additional Acreage (Eco Lake Park):

In 2007 additional acreage north of North Vernon was acquired by Jennings County from a Columbus Indiana Employee Recreational Organization. This parcel (approximately 127 acres), known as Eco Lake Park, includes a fishing lake and limited sporting opportunities. Enhanced usage that would include camping sites is under consideration, pending available of funding.

Sec.IA-4: Staffing:

Staffing for the JCPR consists of one Park Superintendent (henceforth referred to as "superintendent", but often "Director") and two subordinate staff positions. At times trainees, interns, and/or other interim positions may exist as JCPR partners with community agencies in the implementation of specific training programs. A Board of Directors consisting of five appointed members provides oversight and direction.

Sec.IA-5: Administration:

The JCPR main office is located at the Muscatatuck Park and is housed in the historic William Read Home. This location also functions as a visitor's center providing interpretive displays and information of local interests. The address & phone number of the office/visitor's center is:

325 North State Highway 3,
North Vernon, Indiana 47265

Phone: 812-346-2953

Superintendent email address: greg.jcpr@frontier.com

Sec.IA-6: Extreme Sports Area:

- a) The Muscatatuck Park's options for visitors include its use as an Extreme Sports Area, as defined in the State of Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 141 (See Exhibit "E"). Extreme activities include but are not limited to the following (all non-motorized):
 1. skateboarding,
 2. inline skating,
 3. freestyle biking,
 4. mountain biking,
 5. snow sledding,
 6. hiking,
 7. rappelling,
 8. rock climbing, and
 9. canoeing.
- b) Visitors to the Muscatatuck Park engaging in extreme sports activities are:
 1. notified at the entrances to the park of the inherent danger associated with extreme sports, including injury, disability and even death;
 2. expected to adhere to all JCPR agreements, rules and policies; and
 3. expected to behave in a responsible and commonsense manner.