

Hi! I'm Jean-Pierre Anderson and I'm a park ranger at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is a site in the National Park Service, just like Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, and the Statue of Liberty. Working for Indiana Dunes is incredible and I enjoy the opportunity to support the National Park Service mission to protect special places for everyone.

As a park ranger, I learn about the park's natural and cultural history, and relate that information to visitors. When I became a ranger here in 1991, I began presenting education programs to school groups about the park's many diverse resources, including its dunes, prairies, forests, and 1900s era Swedish-American farm. My hope is that these students appreciate and care for the park as much as I do.

In addition to working with school groups, I also provide roving interpretation which involves talking to visitors along the park's trails and beaches. Most visitors have questions about the park's wildlife and unique features, so I often explain the natural processes at work here.

I thought that it would be great if everyone visiting the park's website could have a similar opportunity to get information from a roving ranger. These "Inside Indiana Dunes" videos are intended to give you, and online visitors, your own personal roving ranger. While you can't ask questions, you can review the list of topics and if something interests you, click on it to watch a short video on the subject. Remember that each video is only 2 minutes in length and is merely an overview. There is so much more to know about Indiana Dunes! You can explore the park's Website for more information or come to Indiana Dunes to see it for your self and experience it firsthand.

In the meantime, thanks for watching the "Inside Indiana Dunes" video.