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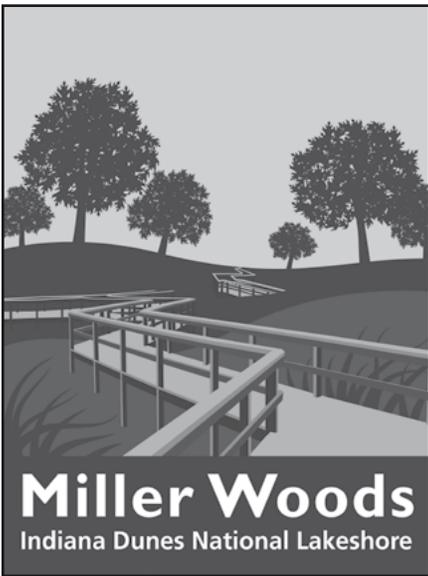
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore



Trail Map

# Miller Woods Trail

*Experience your  
America™*



*The national lakeshore was established in 1966 to preserve for the educational, inspirational, and recreational use of the public, certain portions of the Indiana Dunes and other areas of scenic, scientific, and historic interest and recreational value in the state of Indiana. About two million annual visitors enjoy the park's 15,000 acres of wetlands, prairies, sand dunes, oak savannas, forests, and historic sites. The park's beach hugs the southern shore of Lake Michigan from Gary, Indiana, to Michigan City, Indiana. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu).*

Hike the Miller Woods Trail through a globally rare oak savanna. The National Park Service conducts small, carefully controlled burns that mimic historic fires. These fires reduce the growth of woody species and the build-up of leaves on the forest floor. The savanna's native grasses and wildflowers, including lupine, thrive in the sunlight and more open forest floor.

The wild lupine, the only food for the caterpillar of the endangered Karner blue butterfly, grows close to the trail. Please **stay single-file** on the narrow trail to protect yourself from the abundant poison ivy along the trail edges as well as the fragile lupine habitat.

The extension trail to Lake Michigan features beautiful scenery with small ponds nestled among wooded dunes teeming with wildflowers in the spring and summer.

This trail is a partnership between the National Park Service and City of Gary.

*Hike over forty miles  
of trails at  
Indiana Dunes  
National Lakeshore*



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Visitor Center 219-926-7561

### Information & Safety

**Lake Michigan and back:** 3.2 miles.

**Average Hike Time** – Less than one hour for the loop trail; two hours to the lake and back.

**Trail Surface** – Mostly sand, with sections of packed soil or gravel.

**Difficulty** – Moderate with some changes in elevation.

**Accessibility** – Not accessible. There is a short, paved accessible trail that starts from the back door of the Douglas Center.

**Hours** – Open sunrise to 30 minutes past sunset.

**Pets** – Pets permitted on a leash (6' or shorter).

Stay on the trail to protect wildlife and yourself.

Avoid the abundant poison ivy along trail edges.

No bicycles or motorized vehicles allowed.

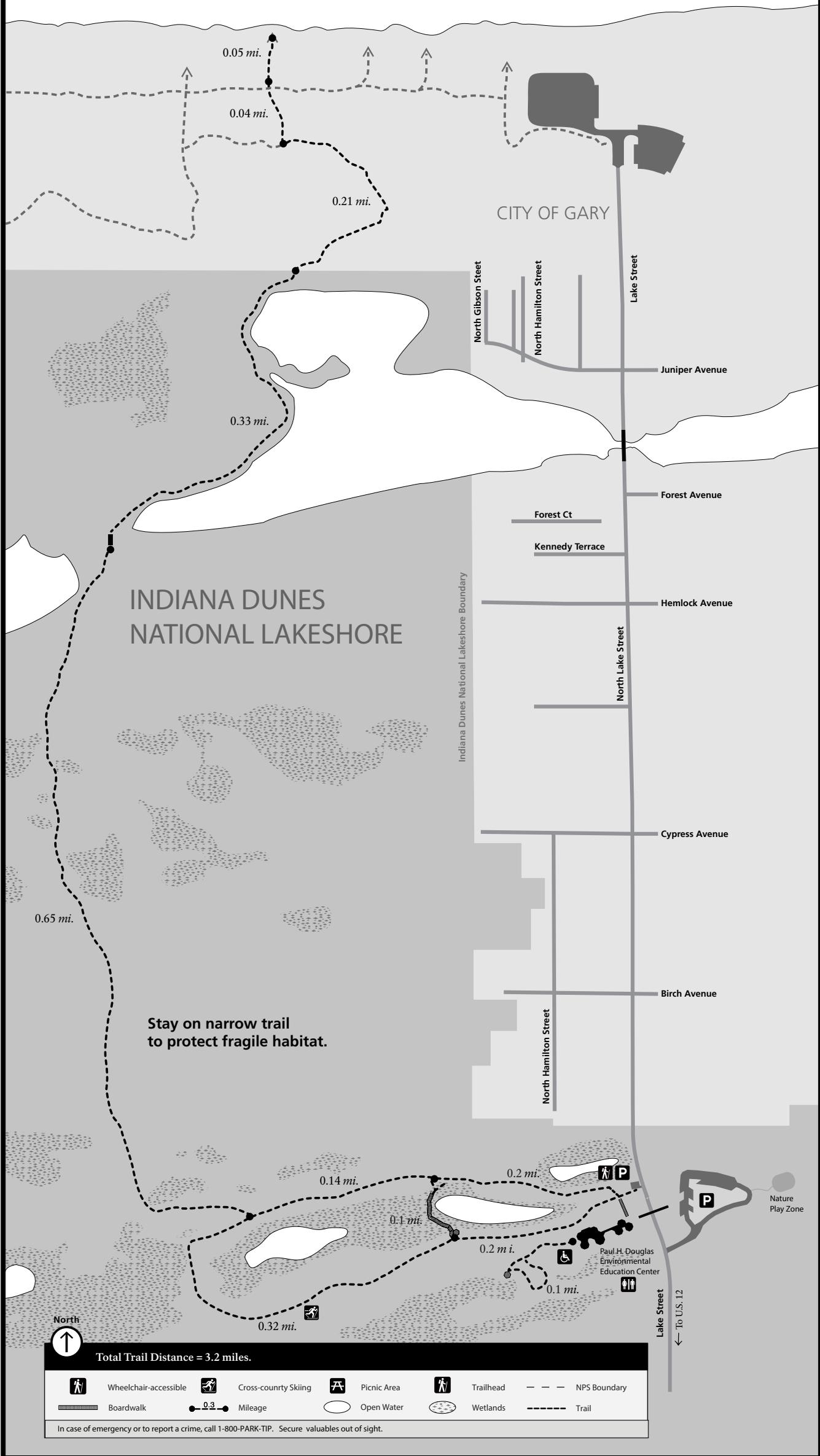
No littering, hunting, disturbing wildlife or picking plants.

Be prepared for changing weather conditions.

**In case of an emergency or to report a crime, call 1-800-PARK-TIP.**

# Miller Woods

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INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

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Total Trail Distance = 3.2 miles.

	Wheelchair-accessible		Cross-country Skiing		Picnic Area		Trailhead		NPS Boundary
	Boardwalk		Mileage		Open Water		Wetlands		Trail

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