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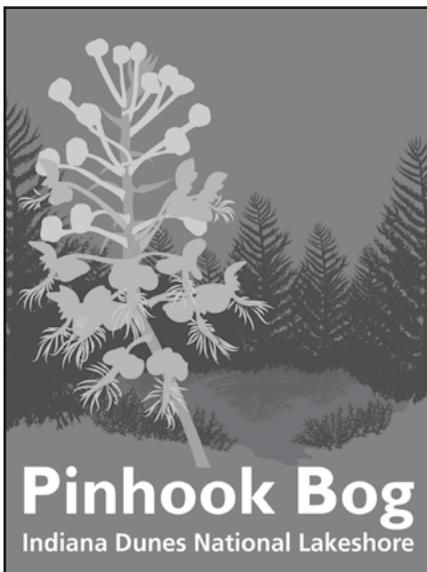
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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore



Trail Map

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



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Visitor Center 219-926-7561

Pinhook Bog Trails

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.

The Pinhook Bog area features two very different habitats. The Upland Trail highlights a rich Beech and Maple forest growing on top of a glacial moraine formed about 15,000 years ago. The Bog Trail leads to a depression in the moraine created when a large piece of ice broke off the melting glacier.

Bogs like Pinhook are relics of our glacial past. Trapped in the pulverized clay and rock left behind by a melting glacier, Pinhook Bog began as a kettle lake. Cut off from ground water, Pinhook's water gradually became acidic.

Sphagnum moss, tolerant of acidic waters, formed floating mats that eventually supported plants like pitcher plants, sundew, and ferns. Over time, blueberry and holly shrubs colonized this unique acidic bog, eventually giving way to larger trees like tamarack and red maple.

Information & Safety

Trail Length – The Bog Trail is ½ mile long. The Upland Trail is 1.7 miles.

Average Hike Time – Less than one hour up to 1.5 hours.

Trail Surface – Mostly packed dirt with a section of floating boardwalk.

Difficulty – Easy to Moderate with some elevation change.

Accessibility – Not accessible to wheelchairs.

Hours – Restricted access. Requires advanced approval and accompaniment by authorized staff.

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

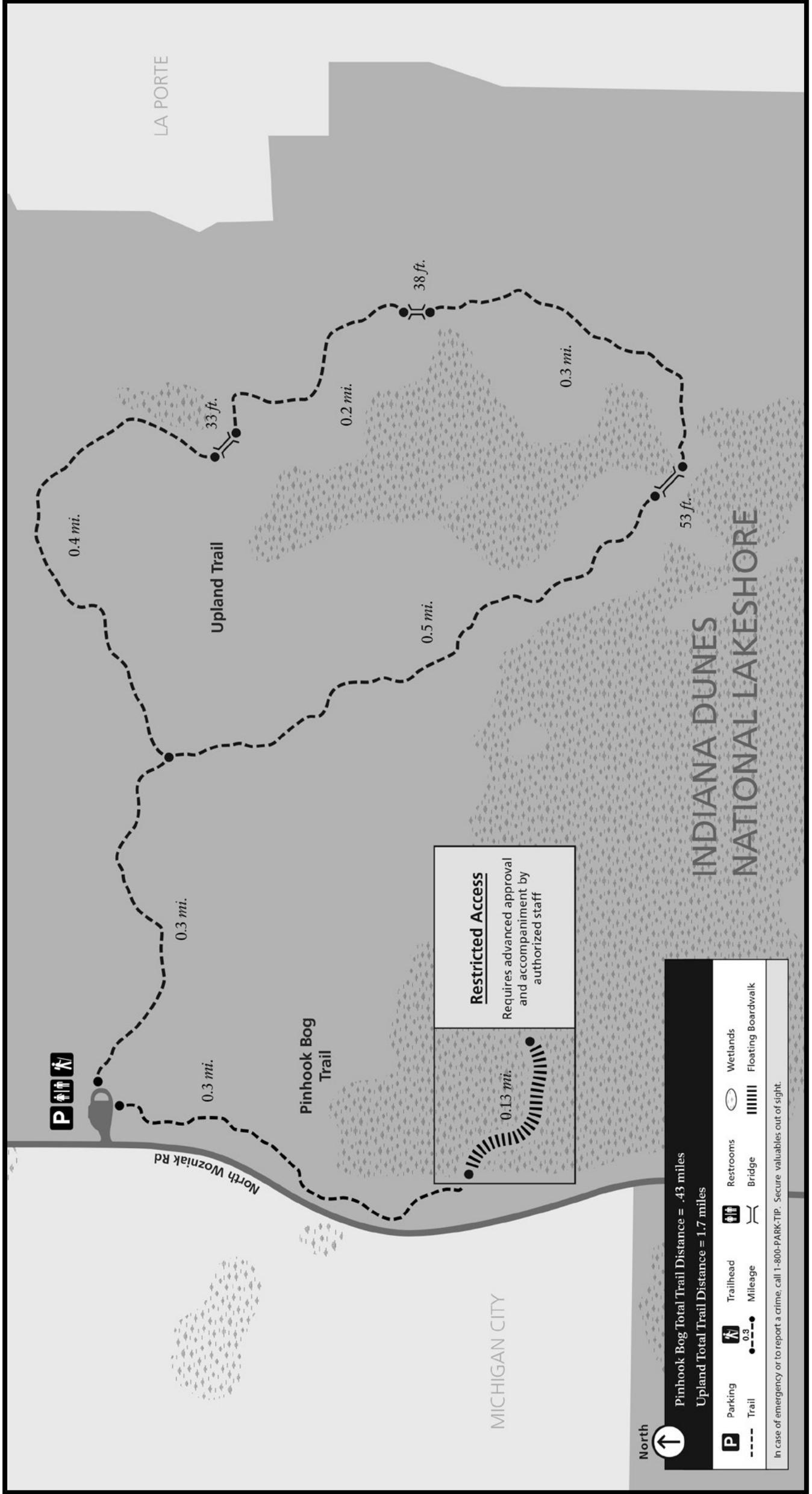
Stay on the trail to protect wildlife and yourself.

Walking off the boardwalk is prohibited.

No littering, hunting, disturbing wildlife or picking plants.

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

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North Wozniak Rd

Pinhook Bog Trail

0.3 mi.

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Upland Trail

0.4 mi.

0.2 mi.

0.5 mi.

0.3 mi.

53 ft.

38 ft.

33 ft.

Restricted Access

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0.13 mi.

North



Pinhook Bog Total Trail Distance = .43 miles
Upland Total Trail Distance = 1.7 miles

- Parking
- Trailhead
- Mileage
- Restrooms
- Bridge
- Wetlands
- Floating Boardwalk

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