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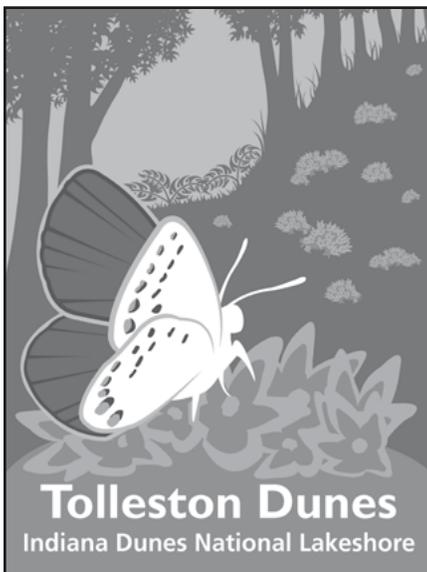
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore



Trail Map

Tolleston Dunes Trail

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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.

The Tolleston Dunes Trail follows 10,000 year-old sand dunes that were formed when Lake Michigan was 25 feet higher than in recent years. Tolleston is the second youngest of four distinct dune systems found within the national lakeshore. Together these dune ridges provide a glimpse into the changing shoreline of Lake Michigan.

Older dunes, like Tolleston, are found farther inland from Lake Michigan's present shoreline and were formed thousands of years ago when the lake was much larger than it is today. Covered now in a black oak savanna, Tolleston Dunes are home to the Karner blue butterfly, a federally endangered species.

In winter, this trail is a popular spot for cross-country skiers looking for a more challenging experience.

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



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Information & Safety

Trail Length – 2.6 miles total.

Average Hike Time – About 1 ½ hours.

Trail Surface – Mostly sand, but with some sections of packed soil, gravel or boardwalk.

Difficulty – Moderate with some changes in elevation.

Accessibility – The trail is not accessible to wheelchairs. There is a short boardwalk to a picnic area and overlook that is accessible to wheelchairs. The boardwalk is located at a pull-off on Highway 12 approximately ¼ mile west of this location.

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.

No bicycles or motorized vehicles allowed.

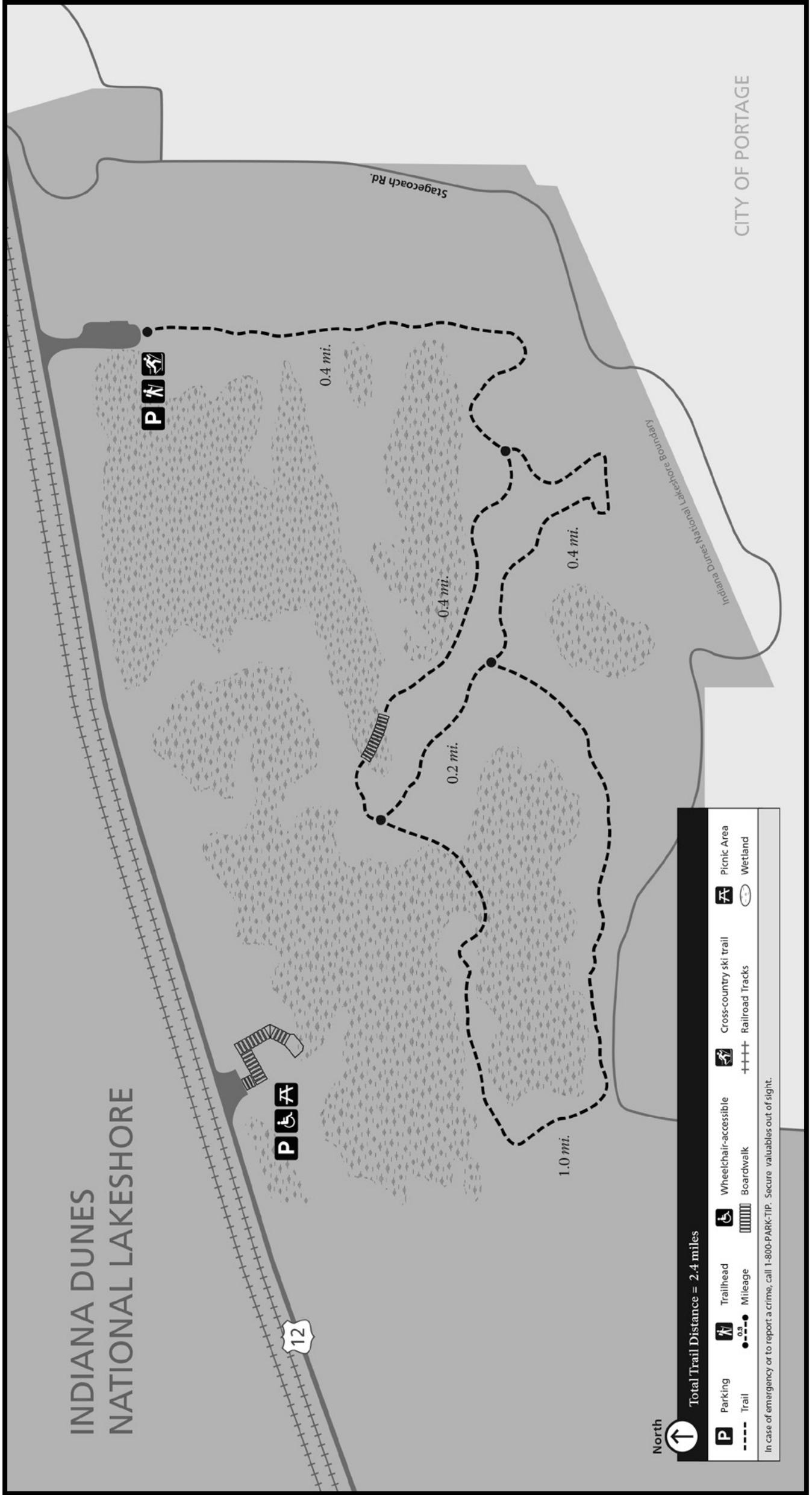
No littering, hunting, disturbing wildlife or picking plants.

Be prepared for changing weather conditions.

Use insect repellent, wear long sleeves, and tuck long pants into socks to avoid ticks.

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

Tolleston Dunes Trail



INDIANA DUNES
NATIONAL LAKESHORE

12

Stagecoach Rd.

CITY OF PORTAGE

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Boundary

North



Total Trail Distance = 2.4 miles

- Parking
- Trail
- Trailhead
- Mileage
- Wheelchair-accessible
- Boardwalk
- Cross-country ski trail
- Railroad Tracks
- Picnic Area
- Wetland

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