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**Bluhm County Park**- 96 acres  
 Variety of nature trails, picnic shelters, picnic tables, grills, accessible restrooms, playground, and small farm pond for fishing. Also a No-Leash Dog Exercise Area.

**Creek Ridge County Park**-112 acres  
 Variety of nature trails, picnic shelters, picnic tables, grills, accessible restrooms, playground, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and fishing on Trail Creek.

**Luhr County Park**-74 acres  
 Nature Center with Gift Shop and fishing pole rental. Variety of nature trails, picnic shelter, picnic tables, grills, accessible restrooms, playground, and fishing pond with accessible fishing pier.

**Red Mill County Park**- 160 acres  
 Includes 108 acre State Dedicated Little Calumet River Headwaters Nature Preserve. Canada Lodge houses administrative offices and a rental hall. Playground, fishing pond, accessible restrooms, and a variety of nature trails.

# Leave Your Mark



# Become A Volunteer

## Our Mission...

The mission of the LaPorte County Park and Recreation Board and Department is to preserve, protect and manage natural, cultural and recreational resources within a diverse and balanced park system. We will provide educational opportunities through facilities and programs for all citizens of LaPorte County to further their awareness and enjoyment of those resources.

## How can you help?

By becoming a **VIP (Volunteer in Parks)**, you will be working side by side with the LaPorte County Parks staff. Together we can provide more awareness and enjoyment of the resources available in LaPorte County to all citizens. You will be helping us meet our mission. Volunteers are very important people to the LaPorte County Parks system.

*“There is only one success, to be able to spend your life in your own way”*  
-Christopher Morely

If spending time in nature is important to your livelihood, become a volunteer with the LaPorte County Parks.  
How much time you spend here is up to you.

## Why Become A VIP?

Volunteering has a long tradition in American society. People volunteer for different reasons. Perhaps they want to make a difference in their lives or in the lives of others, they want to give back to their community, they feel strongly for the cause the organization works towards, they have spare time they want to fill with something worthwhile, or for many other reasons. Whatever your reason, being a volunteer makes you a highly valued resource to the LaPorte County Parks and to the community as a whole.

## Where can you help?

Our goal is to provide environmental education and quality aesthetics to visitors of the LaPorte County Parks. Here are a few things you can do to help:

*Nature Center Attendant*  
*Assist in programs & special events*  
*Naturalist & Office Aide*  
*Community Service Projects*  
*Adopt-A-Trail*  
*Much more...*

## Donations

We accept cash, land, or material donations to better our services to visitors. If you wish to make a donation, please contact our park office for more information.

## Who can become a VIP?

Do you love nature?

Are you willing to donate your time and efforts?

Do you want to be a part of an organization whose goal is to provide opportunities in nature for generations to come?

If you answered yes to these questions, you can be a VIP for the LaPorte County Parks!

## Individual Volunteers

Contribute your own talents and interests by providing educational and recreational opportunities for visitors.

## Group Volunteers

Contribute your group or organization's work ethics, experiences, and energy to tackle park projects while achieving a goal within your group.

## Student Interns

Contribute your knowledge and desire to learn more to ensure future interest and enjoyment of nature.

## Youth/Family Volunteers

Contribute your time while building values, family togetherness and instilling the love of nature into children.