

Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge (Entrance on highway 421 towards Madison)
 The Plex (Batesville) - Baseball and soccer fields are for league play only.
 Ivy Tech Nature Area (1 Ivy Tech Dr., Batesville, IN 47006)

We strive to have accurate information in the passport, but occasionally, things happen beyond our control. Please check the RipleyCountyReads.org pages for updates.

Be sure and read the Storywalks at Sunman Park, Brum Woods, Osgood Trails, and the Daren Baker Memorial Park.

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Ripley County READS



Ripley County Reads Park Hop

March 7th – May 2nd, 2026

A scavenger hunt for the whole family!

Explore the beauty of Ripley County through its diverse parks! Embark on a delightful adventure with your family through the Park Hop—a scavenger hunt that takes you through awesome town parks, magical nature trails, and our own Versailles State Park. It's like a treasure hunt, but with nature as your playground!

Grab your passport and let the fun begin! Visit as many parks as you can, unravel the clues, and mark your passport. Bring your passport and finish your journey at the Park Hop Finale on May 2nd from 11 am to 1 pm at the Oak Grove Shelter, Versailles State Park for a chance to win an Indiana State Park Pass!

This year we will host the Finale alongside the Art in Nature Art Show & Artisan Demonstrations! Enjoy exciting activities, including: swag bags (first 50 kids!), watch demonstrations in glass blowing, blacksmithing, and basketmaking, and hands-on art experiences – try pottery, woodturning, marble art and more.

Imagine all the adventures waiting for you and your family. Don't miss this fun-filled event for the whole family!

Scan the QR Code at each park for your chance to win prizes!

Win prizes by scanning in the QR code and answering the questions as you visit the parks! Winners will be contacted after the Finale to collect prizes.

Be sure to bring this passport with you to the Finale on May 2nd for free entry to Versailles State Park.

Name: _____

Contact # or email _____







**Answer the scavenger hunt questions below as you visit the parks and nature areas.
Scan the QR Code and enter your information to be eligible for prize drawings!**





 **Pangburn Park** (442 S Tanglewood Rd, Versailles IN 47042) Play ball, shoot hoops, or climb and explore on the playground! Pangburn Park is the perfect stop for active families.
• **How many box-style steps does it take to get to the top of the climbing platform?**


 **Versailles Sports Complex** (1776 S Co Rd 50 W, Versailles, IN 47042) This accessible park features a playground, hiking trail, Little Free Library, and pavilions with picnic tables. (Baseball and soccer fields are for recreation league play only.)
• **What color is the longest slide at the park?**


 **Kevin Hensley Memorial Park** (128 N Main Street, Versailles, IN 47042) Surrounded by colorful murals, this vibrant downtown park includes a splash pad, pergola swings, musical play instruments, a Little Free Library, Ride & Share bikes, and the Holdsworth Entertainment Pavilion for summer concerts.
• **Where can you find the “Tomb of the Unknown Soldier” at the park?**


 **Versailles State Park** (1387 US-50, Versailles, IN 47042) Adventure awaits! Enjoy mountain biking, hiking, fishing, kayaking, swimming, camping, playgrounds, and more at one of Indiana’s most beautiful state parks.
• **How many plants are growing in the flowerbed that surrounds the flagpole at the Versailles State Park office?**

 **Busching Bridge Trail** (Trailhead at 1 Water Park Street, Versailles, IN) Hike, bike, or stroll this scenic Next Level Trail. The paved trail runs ½ mile, followed by 3/10 mile on the road leading to the covered bridge.
• **What does “SIMBA” stand for?**


 **Bradt Nature Area** (1004 U.S. 50, Versailles, 47042) Explore woodland trails, open meadows, and a constructed wetland with an observation deck — a perfect spot for wildlife watching.
• **In what year did the Bradt Nature Area become part of Versailles State Park?**

 **Holton Community Park** (6803 W Versailles St Holton, IN 47023) Shoot hoops, enjoy the playground, or host a gathering under the shelters.
• **What Ripley County treasure is painted on the west side of the park shelter?**

 **Osgood Trails** (2067 W County Rd 300 N, Osgood, IN 47037) Walk or bike more than two miles of accessible paved trails. Fish from the pier, try the outdoor exercise equipment, and watch for bald eagles. Don’t forget to read the StoryWalk!
• **A clean trail is a _____ trail?**


 **The Osgood Sculpture** (127 North Buckeye St., Osgood, IN 47037) Located at Osgood Lions Mini Park, this interactive sculpture was created by Iron Timbers using teakwood and hammered copper. Relax and enjoy the stunning mural by Robert Dafford and see “Ozzy” the Bison.
• **What is on the “S” in the Osgood Sculpture?**


 **Daren Baker Memorial Park** (525 Thompson Lane, Milan IN 47031) This family-friendly park includes baseball fields, a shelter, accessible swing, playground, paved walking trail, and a lake. Be sure to enjoy the StoryWalk!
• **How many bricks make up the fire-pit at the center of the boy scout benches?**


 **Sunman Community Park** (225 Fitch Ave, Sunman, IN 47041) Play on the playground, enjoy baseball fields, picnic under one of three shelters, and grab a book from the Little Free Library. Don’t miss the StoryWalk!
• **Name three things you can climb on at the playground.**


 **Weberding Park** (Dirks Road, between Highway 46 and Lammers Pike in Batesville) A great place to play and picnic with a playground and shelter area.
• **How many picnic tables are at Weberding Park?**


 **YMCA Community Sports Complex** (30 State Road 129S, Batesville, IN 47006) Located next to the YMCA, this outdoor complex includes four pickleball courts, two basketball courts, and a beautiful pavilion. Open to the public and accessible via walking trails.
• **List rule #5 of the Community Sports Complex “General Rules of the Complex.”**

 **Batesville/YMCA Walking Trail** (Near the corner of Coonhunters Road [N County Road 300 E] and Polhman Street) This connecting trail features benches along the route and links to the YMCA Outdoor Sports Complex.
• **How many benches are located along the trail?**


 **Batesville Skatepark and Outdoor Adventure** (671 Pohlman St., Batesville, IN 47006) This state-of-the-art skatepark welcomes bikes, skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, and scooters. A pump track and outdoor bouldering wall round out the park.
• **How many blue foot/hand holds are there on the new bouldering wall?**


 **Liberty Park** (716 S Park Ave, Batesville, IN 47006) Walk the trail, fish from the reservoir, enjoy the accessible playground, or play basketball, pickleball, tennis, disc golf, or Gaga ball. Plenty of pavilions make this a great picnic stop!
• **Find the boulder which names the First City Officials of Batesville, IN. Who served as the first chief of fire department?**

 **Brum Woods** (611 South Mulberry Street, Batesville, IN 47006) Enjoy hiking and biking trails in this peaceful wooded area (limited accessibility). Don’t forget to read the StoryWalk!
• **What grows during stage two of secondary succession of a forest?**

 **Veterans Park** (401 South Street, Batesville, IN 47006) Play on the swings, slides, and climbing playground, or picnic under the pavilion.
• **When was the Boy Scouts of America pavilion built?**

 **Village Green** (Batesville Shopping Village) Relax under the pavilion or on a bench and enjoy a treat from a nearby eatery in this peaceful green space.
• **Who was the architect who designed the Gazebo?**

 **Freedom Park** (133 Six Pine Ranch Rd, Batesville, IN 47006) Play, walk the trails, or enjoy scenic views from the Overlook Deck.
• **The flagpole was donated by several organizations and individuals. Who is listed on the seventh line of donors?**

 **Inspiration Park** (located behind Total Tech Connection, 38 S Main St., Batesville, IN 47006) Visit this charming downtown park featuring *Forces of Nature*, designed by local artist Andrea Grimsley and fabricated by Iron Timbers. Relax under the pavilion or on one of the benches.
• **Who is recognized for being a “Local food and environmental champion?”**

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Sunman Woods (Sunman)

