



Clifty Falls State Park

Location: near Madison in Jefferson County, Indiana, about 1 hr 20 min from Florence KY

Park Website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2985.htm

Directions: I-71 south to exit # 44 (Carrollton / Worthington). Turn right onto KY-227 north. Follow 227 for about 3 miles then turn left onto US-42 / KY-36 which follows the Ohio River to Milton, KY. Then follow the signs for US-421 and cross the river into Madison, Indiana. Drive through Madison, turning left on 2nd, right on Baltimore, left on Main. Main Street becomes IN-56. The South entrance to the park will be on the right.

Trails: There are 10 trails for a total of about 15 miles. Trails are often steep and rocky; good hiking shoes and walking poles are recommended. Some parts of the trails have handrails and wooden steps for safety, but other parts can be rugged. Read trail descriptions and know your limitations before starting any of the trails leading down into the canyon. One trail on the park's north side is handicap accessible. Skip visiting the Observation Tower because the view is mainly of the power plant on the Ohio River; the north side of the park is much prettier.

Dogs: Dogs are allowed on a leash.

Description: Clifty Falls and the nearby Ohio River are products of the Ice Age. The Ohio River is a trench cut by sand- and gravel-laden melt waters of the glacial ice mass and it marks the southernmost advance of the glaciers. The canyon of Clifty Falls canyon is a subsequent erosion feature. From the lip of Clifty Falls at an elevation near the general level of the county, Clifty Creek plunges more than 70 feet. In nearly 3 miles of canyon, the creek descends another 250 feet to the Ohio River. There are four major waterfalls and numerous minor ones in the park.

Other Activities: Park includes Clifty Inn and Restaurant and a campground with a swimming pool and waterslide (not a natural waterfall, but still fun). Park also has a nature center, a tennis court, 2 playgrounds, and several good picnic spots. Park is beautifully maintained and facilities are clean. Just watch your footing on the trails: there are many steep drop-offs! The following

map is from the downloadable park brochure: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/clifty_falls_trail.pdf

