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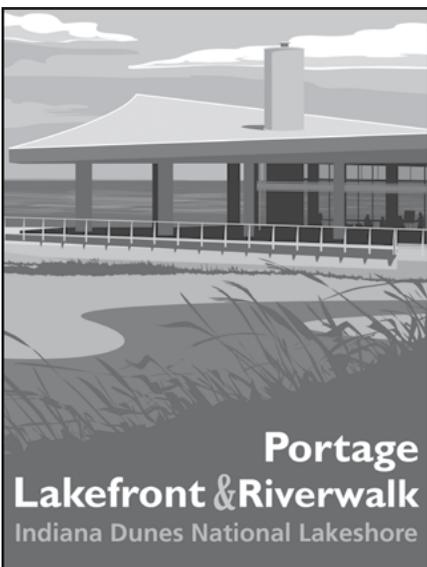
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore



Trail Map

Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk

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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 Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Trail takes you through a former industrial site that has been restored back into a beautiful duneland habitat. Enjoy the succession of plants, including marram grass, that are reclaiming their place on the dunes here. Then take a walk along the Burns Waterway, the outflow of the Little Calumet River into Lake Michigan.

An accessible fishing pier and a 900-foot breakwater are great places to observe the lake and watch for migrating birds in the spring and fall.

Please stay on the trail to help protect this delicate dune habitat.

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



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Information & Safety

Trail Length – .9 mile.

Average Hike Time – 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Trail Surface – Paved with boardwalk along the Riverwalk portion of the trail. This trail may be slippery. Wear adequate footwear such as boots or sturdy shoes.

Difficulty – Easy; little change in elevation.

Accessibility – Much of the trail is paved and wheelchair-accessible. There are stairs at the southern end of the Riverwalk trail to the parking lot.

Hours – Trail is open from sunrise to 30 minutes past sunset.

Pets – Pets are allowed on the trail only, and must be 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.

Bring drinking water and stay hydrated to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

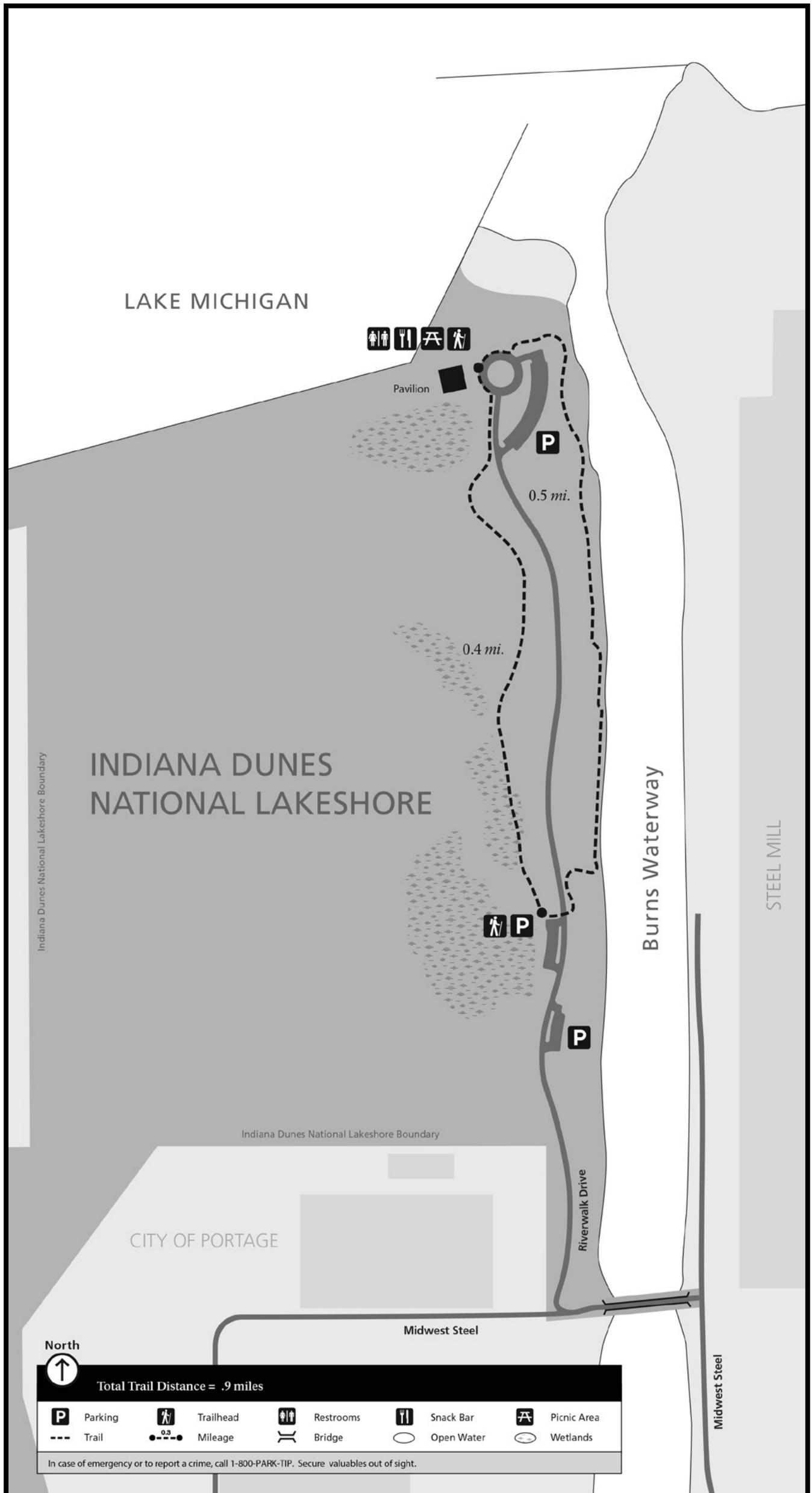
Use sunscreen to prevent sun damage to the skin or skin cancer.

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

In cold weather, dress in layers, wear a hat and gloves, and stay dry to prevent hypothermia.

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

Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk



North ↑

Total Trail Distance = .9 miles

P Parking	Trailhead	Restrooms	Snack Bar	Picnic Area
--- Trail	Mileage	Bridge	Open Water	Wetlands

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