

Eagle Creek Park

Eagle Creek Park and reservoir is owned and operated by Indy Parks and Recreation. Fishing enthusiasts have enjoyed Eagle Creek's quality fishing and scenic setting for more than 25 years. The park is open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year. Bank fishing is available on the reservoir, Lilly Lake, and The Waterfowl Sanctuary while boats up to 10 horsepower are allowed on the reservoir. All state fishing and boating regulations are enforced by Park Rangers, Marion County Sheriff Deputies and Indiana State Conservation Officers.

Eagle Creek Reservoir

The surface of the reservoir encompasses 1,350 acres with a maximum depth of 45 feet at normal operating level. Popular bank fishing spots are the Eagle Creek Marina, 42nd Street boat ramp, and the 56th Street causeway (no fishing allowed from the bridge). Cartop boats can be launched near the Ranger station or at the 42nd Street ramps while trailered boats may be launched only at the 42nd Street facility. Fees are charged for entering the park and for launching boats. Past surveys have revealed the most abundant fish are white crappie, bluegill, carp, large mouth bass, bullhead, channel catfish, hybrid striped bass, sucker, and gizzard shad. In 1968, the reservoir was successfully stocked with bluegill, large mouth bass, and channel catfish. An additional 10,000 adult large mouth bass were stocked in 1978. Hybrid striped bass fingerlings have been stocked annually since 1983. Sometimes called wipers, hybrid striped bass are simply offspring from a white bass crossed with a striped bass which grow rapidly but are incapable of reproducing. All stockings were conducted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Lilly Lake

Lilly Lake which is five acres, has an average depth of six feet, offers bank fishing for bluegill, large mouth bass, carp, and channel catfish. Channel catfish are stocked annually by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. During the summer, paddle boats are available for rent at the Lilly Lake shelter (other boats are prohibited). Lilly Lake can easily be found by following the directional signs within the park.

Waterfowl Sanctuary

The 12.5-acre Waterfowl Sanctuary, located due west of the Nature Center, was used as a gravel pit until 1981. Motor vehicles and boats are prohibited in the sanctuary. Bank fishing is accessible by a third-of-a mile hike from the 71st Street parking area. Fishing opportunities include large mouth bass, bluegill, carp, and channel catfish.

Marina Bait House

Eagle Creek Park operates a Marina in the summer where rowboat and canoe rental is available. A cash deposit and a picture ID are required to rent a boat. Also available are food concessions and a limited selection of bait and tackle. The 42nd Street Bait House operates from spring to fall and offers a wide variety of live bait, artificial lures, and fishing tackle. The Bait House is located off Dandy Trail west of the Eagle Creek Airport. Contact the Marina at 327-7130.

Fishing Regulations

1. Persons between the ages of 17 and 64 must carry their current Indiana State Fishing License.
2. All state size and bag limits apply including 14-inch minimum on Large Mouth Bass and a maximum of 25 Crappies per day.
3. Fish must be caught with pole.

Boating Regulations

1. Ten-horsepower motor size limit.
2. Boat length - 26 foot maximum/8 foot minimum.
3. No boats within 500 feet of the dam.
4. Trailered boats launched only at 42nd Street ramp.
5. All state boating regulations are enforced.

Park Regulations

1. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
2. It is unlawful to litter or pollute.
3. Ground fires and camping are prohibited.
4. Swimming and wading are allowed at the swimming beach only when lifeguards are on duty.
5. All plants and animals are protected by law! no collecting.
6. Firearms and archery equipment allowed only in designated range areas.
7. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
8. Park closes at dusk.

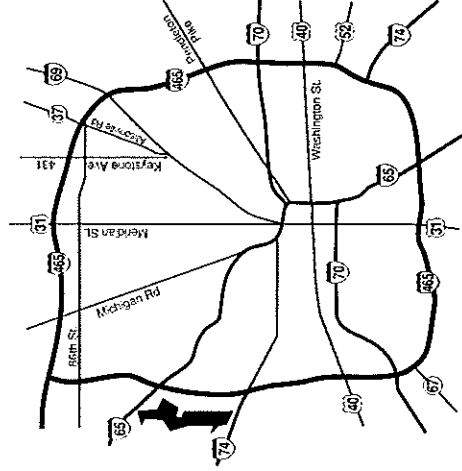
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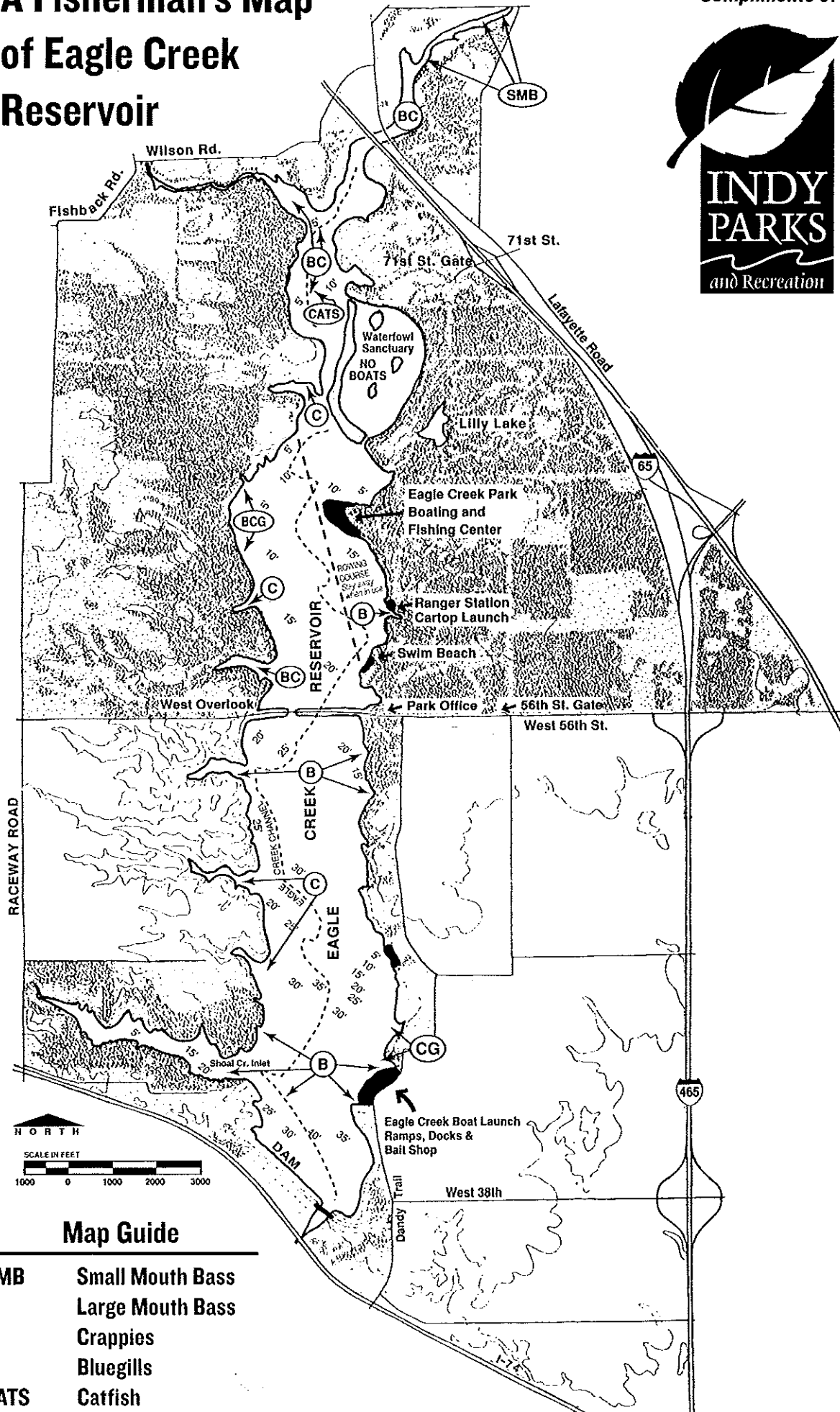
Eagle Creek Reservoir is located on the northwest side of Indianapolis, west of Interstate 465 and between Interstate 65 to the north and Interstate 74 to the south.



Do you have questions or comments?
Please call the Eagle Creek Park Office
at 327-7110.

A Fisherman's Map of Eagle Creek Reservoir

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Map Guide

- SMB** Small Mouth Bass
- B** Large Mouth Bass
- C** Crappies
- G** Bluegills
- CATS** Catfish