Wyandotte Trail

Wyandotte Cave to Marengo Cave

Opened August 30, 1959

Sponsored by Wyandotte Trail Committee

641 Rawlings St, Louisville, KY
THE WYANDOTTE TRAIL

The Wyandotte Trail is located in the beautiful southern Indiana hills. Indiana's "Land of the Sky" on highway U.S. 460 which is the most scenic drive in the middle west, this region is renowned for its picturesque scenery, and celebrated for its historical associations.

The Wyandotte Trail was opened to the public officially on August 30, 1930, by Mr. George Ellis of Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Ellis is Scoutmaster of Troop 95, it was his desire that the scenic beauty of the Wyandotte Trail be given to all who love to hike in the great outdoors. No books or pictures can explain or show the beauty of this trail over the hills of Indiana that was once the Wyandotte Indian territory.

The Wyandotte Trail starts at a campground in the tall timber land of Wyandotte, Indiana. It has a lodge surrounded by cottages, a shelter house and all the facilities for picnics and outings.

While here those who would like to see the Big and Little Wyandotte caves may do so.

Approximately 2 miles from the start of the trail, the hikers will come to a church, where those who wish may pause and worship God the Creator of all, in his own faith and belief.

As you leave the church behind, you will pass thru a portion of one of the State Forests of Indiana, then you will climb to the top of Pilot Knob which is the second highest point in Indiana. It is said the Indians sent their smoke signals from this point.

Further along the trail, you will come to the village of Marango. It is one of the most historical villages in Indiana. Here you will see two big springs. It was here the first house of the village was built, and the first name of the village was Big Spring.

The hiker has now almost completed the trail only 1/3 of a mile to go. The trail ends at the Marango Cave, which was first explored by two little children on September 6, 1835; this bringing fame to this little village. It is now a national attraction.

There is a shelter house, picnic tables and outdoor grills here also.

A trip thru either Wyandotte or Marango Caves is not part of the trail and you do not have to go thru them however it is felt that the wonders to be found in these Caves will add to the trail and to your knowledge and will always be remembered.

The Trail starts at the Wyandotte Lodge near the cave and campground where the groups, can meet and start the Trail together. Here the scene is a striking one at any time of the year, looking out over the magnificent group of miniature mountains and valleys for miles. The caves in this territory greatly contributed to our winning the War of 1812 by their saltpeter mines and also the early settlers in other ways.

#1 This gives us a trail with history
#2 A trail through back roads for the safety of the hikers
#3 A trail that can be hiked by all who love the outdoors
#4 A trail that has a campground for rough or modern camping
#5 A trail that leaders can take the family as well as the group and they too can have a good time

The Wyandotte Trail has all of these, and is known to be the trail of Historical Wonders, and scenic pleasure. Of course this could only be made possible by the good will of Mr. J. Robert Louden(Manager of Wyandotte Caves) and Mr. Floyd E. Denton(owner of Marango Cave) and the people along the trail, for they all wish to give a helping hand to make stronger and better citizens of the United States of America out of our Younger generations.

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Starting point: Wyandotte Caves Indiana
Trail ends: Narongo Cave Indiana.
Length: 14 3/10 miles.

Age Requirements None.
Rank Requirements None.
Cost: $1.25 for medallion and credentials.
Cost: $0.65 for Patch.
(Only one additional patch per hiker)

Church Services: Protestant & Catholic.
Type of camping: Tents or cabins.
Facilities: All, Water, Firewood, Picnic tables, Grills.
Shelter house
Cave trips Special Rates.

LOCATION
Wyandotte Indiana to Narongo Ind.
Wyandotte Caves & Trail is located 10 miles west of Corydon Indiana.
On U.S. highway 460, just 35 miles from downtown Louisville, Ky.

Secure necessary material before taking hike from

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