Descriptive Map of
The Famous DUNES of Indiana
The Wonderland of America

What They Are

WHAT are the Dunes of Indiana? You have heard them talked about. But have you ever been in this "land of the whispering sands"? Some people have an idea that the Dunes country is nothing more than a vast sea of sand. Nothing could be farther from correct.

There are sand hills, yes—huge, weird, fascinating mountains of golden sand. But while on one side of you there is a veritable desert, on the other there is a luxurious forest of trees, ferns and flowers!

"A little bit of everywhere brought together here at the southernmost end of Lake Michigan"—that, in a few words, describes the alluring Dunes country.

Would you love to visit the towering pines of the Canadian woods?
The famous Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts?
The cactus country of New Mexico and Arizona?
The valley of a quiet stream in Norway?
The tamarack lands of our northern states?
The broad, sandy beaches of Florida and Southern California?
The wilderness of the forest primeval?
The home of the trailing arbutus in old New England?
The great African desert of the Sahara?
The dune country of far-off Algeria?

You need not travel thousands upon thousands of miles to visit these wonders and beauties of nature. You need not take weeks and months of time. For they are here, at home, almost at your door, in the Dunes country of Indiana!

Nature has been most generous with us in the Middle West. She has given us a wonderland of which there is no duplicate. Have you taken advantage of what she has provided? Don't miss this opportunity for a treat you will long remember!

There are excellent reasons why people talk about the Dunes—why they come back again and again after their first visit. There is only one way to learn these reasons. That is to visit the Dunes yourself!

More than 300 varieties of birds frequent the Dunes country. Wild flowers and trees grow there in great abundance—species that are found nowhere else in this region.

The State of Indiana has set apart a 2,000-acre tract of Duneland as a State Park. A map of it appears on the inside pages of this folder. You are welcome to this park at all seasons of the year. Ten cents is the only admission, and this small sum helps to maintain the park. The park entrance is at Tremont, "Gateway to the Dunes."

How to Reach the Dunes

In order to have plenty of time to spend in the Dunes, the best way to go is on the South Shore Line. Take fast, frequent South Shore Line trains direct to Tremont station, "Gateway to the Dunes."

81-minute scenic ride from downtown Chicago. Special round trip fare, $2.00
Round trip fare from South Bend, $3.02
Special round trip fare Sat. and Sun., $1.75
Children under 5, if accompanied by adult, free.

Children under 5, if accompanied by adult, free. between 5 and 12 years, half fare

South Shore Line trains leave from six convenient I. C. suburban stations in Chicago:
- Randolph St.
- Roosevelt Rd. (Central Station)
- Van Buren St.
- Hyde Park (53d St.)
- Woodlawn (63d St.)
- Kensington

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Guide Service

Experienced guide service is available for personally conducted trips through the Indiana Dunes.

Upon advance application to the Outing and Recreation Bureau, guide service will be arranged for parties of ten and more. This service can also be arranged through the agent of the South Shore Line at Tremont, Indiana. The rates are reasonable.

Guide service is under the personal direction of Arthur W. Wolfe, who has spent nearly 20 years in the Dunes country actively engaged in conducting trips for the Chicago Prairie Club.

Every guide in the service has spent years in the locality, and has a thorough knowledge of the Dunes, their history, plant life and all features of interest.

$3.00

All-Expense Trips from Chicago

Personally Conducted

$3 all-expense trips to and through the Dunes are being arranged under the auspices of the Outing and Recreation Bureau.

The nominal sum of $3 covers round-trip railroad fare, lunch, guide service, and entrance fee to the park.

Telephone, write or call at the Outing and Recreation Bureau for dates on which all-expense trips to the Dunes will be made. You are welcome to accompany any party.

Special trips can be arranged for parties of ten or more from Chicago, South Bend, or any other point on the South Shore Line. Hikes may be made over any of the trails shown on the map in this folder.
What Is There to Do in the Indiana Dunes?

ENJOY Nature—that is the first thing to do in the Indiana Dunes. Enjoy the fresh air—the luxurious trees—the lovely flowers, plants and birds. Marvel at the wonders of Nature—the great sand hills, the shifting Dunes, the strange vegetation.

There are twenty-five miles of sandy, gradually-sloping Lake Michigan beach. Swim if you like. At Waverly Beach, within the State Park, is a bath house. There, for a small charge, you can change to swimming clothes and rent towels and lockers. You can rent a bathing suit, if you wish, for 50 cents.

Take along your lunch—or pick up a delicious box lunch, reasonably priced, at Tremont station of the South Shore Line. Throughout the vast State Park there are attractive places to eat a picnic lunch. There are numerous wells that provide pure drinking water. And there are crystal-clear springs which have been tested and marked by the State. Dunes Park is an ideal place for a camp-fire—a marshmallow or "weenie" roast.

Above all, hike about the Dunes. That is the only way to see them. The only way to become familiar with the beauties they possess. There's something new to see at every turn! Popular hiking trails are shown on the map printed herein. Take your camera—"shoot" the beauties of Nature.

To enjoy yourself in utmost comfort

Wear Your Old Clothes!

If you have a pair of high shoes, take them along

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Three Popular Hiking Trails Through Dunes State Park

Pine Tree Trail
A hike that will consume the best part of a day, allowing ample time for "loafing" along the way.

If you intend to follow the Pine Tree Trail, it is a good plan to leave Chicago at about 9 a.m. on the South Shore Line, arriving at Tremont just 81 minutes later.

Leaving Tremont station, the trail leads directly north for about half a mile, where you cross Dunes Creek on rustic, wooden footbridge.

Turn to the northeast through a luxurious growth of trees, vines, moss and flowers.
Then east along the foothills of the stationary dunes covered with dense forest vegetation; you are now in the heart of a great, natural flower garden, the home of the cactus beds; the foliage is thick, the sunlight filters through a gorgeous canopy of trees overhead;

The fragrant aroma of flowers fills the atmosphere;

At your right is Mt. Russell towering in the air.

The trail now bends to the southeast, where it borders the famous Tamaraek swamp;
Here you see the pent bugs, which, in centuries, will be mined as coal for generations hence;
Here, too, you see the wild rice fields;
Now the trail starts upward at the foot of the migrating (or shifting) dunes behind the Pineyville Blowout;

An awe-inspiring sight, this mighty mountain of moving sand, towering high above you;

Then into the heart of what is known as "The Pinery," the section from which the trail derives its name;

Big pines, scarcs of them, some nearly a hundred feet high, with trunks over two feet in diameter;

The ground is covered with pine needles and the air is filled with their odor;

The trail continues upward to the very top of the greatest of the migrating dunes in this section;

A gigantic sand blowout extending east for over half a mile, and gradually covering the forest and undergrowth of the swamp;

To the right you see "The Graveyard"—huge skeletons of trees that have been completely covered by the shifting dunes and are again coming to light as the dunes move along;

Here beneath the shade of protective trees is a good place to stop for lunch;
Then take up the trail once more, going directly north just a short distance to the lake;
Beautiful Lake Michigan, with its 25 miles of uninterrupted, sloping, sandy Dunes beach;
Now the trail goes west along the lake;

To the left are the mighty bluffs, rising abruptly from the beach;

Bolted here and there with a picturesque rustic cabin;

Now you view the blowouts and other sand formations from the wind-swept shores of the lake that gave them birth;

Opposite the highest point on the bluffs, where the famous "Frontier Club House," the trail passes up the side of the cliff and to the south;

Once more you are in a heavily wooded section abounding with flowers;

To the right lower the mighty peaks of the three mountains, Mt. Tom, Mt. Jackson and Mt. Holden;
Gradually the trail descends to the foot of the ridges, back through rustic archways to the starting point;

A convenient, fast limited train on the South Shore Line takes you back home in time for the evening meal.

Hill Trail
The Hill Trail has been planned for the convenience of those who do not wish to spend an entire day hiking in the Dunes. It consumes about four hours, with time for "loafing" along the way.

The trail leads across the wooden footbridge over the Dunes Creek, the same footbridge that is crossed by the Pine Tree Trail;
It continues directly north, passing at the base of Mt. Jackson;

Along the pathway are seen an endless array of beautiful flowers, ferns, moss and trees;
In just a short distance you come to the ridge of the bluffs that overlook Lake Michigan:
The trail follows the top of these hills to the foot of Mt. Holden;
You gradually ascend to the very top of this mountain;
After a rest on tree-covered Mt. Holden, the trail descends to the valley below;
Again you trek upward and ere long find yourself on the top of the highest point in the Dunes country, Mt. Tom;

From this point you can see three states, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan;

On a clear evening, the lights of the Wrigley Tower in downtown Chicago, nearly 50 miles away, are clearly visible;

Descending on the lake side of Mt. Tom, you come to Waverly Beach, where there are facilities for bathing;
Here, too, you find "Fish Johnson's," noted for its fish dishes;

The trail now leads back along the Dunes Creek, luxuriant with its growth of trees and plant life;

Shortly you find yourself at the starting point, ready to take a fast limited train on the South Shore Line back to your home.

Mt. Tom Trail
The Mt. Tom Trail leads directly to the highest point and one of the most Popular spots in the Dunes country.
It passes at the foot of the three mountains, Mt. Jackson, Mt. Holden and Mt. Tom, from which this particular section, Tremont, derives its name;

While the Mt. Tom Trail is a shorter trail than the other two, it leads along a scenic pathway bordered by beautiful trees, flowers and plant life of every description;

From the top of Mt. Tom, the trail is the same as the Hill Trail. Two to three hours are consumed in following the Mt. Tom Trail in an unhurried way.
Flowers and Plants

"In the Dunes, as nowhere else in the world," says Prof. Henry C. Cowles, of the University of Chicago, "there is a procession from April to October of beautiful flowers. Within a stone's throw of almost any spot one may find plants of the deserts and plants of rich woodlands, plants of the pine woods and plants of the swamps, plants of the oak woods and plants of the prairies."

Some of the plants and flowers of the Dunes are ferns, sand cherry, bearberry, hepatica, lupine, puceeum, phlox, trillium, bird's-foot violet, orchids, four species of lady's slipper, wild roses, columbine, twin flower, harebell, goat's rue, butterfly weed, flowering spurge, prickly pear cactus, goldened, aster, sunflowers, yellow geraniums.

Trees

You will see, in the Dunes, giant white pines, white oaks with trunks nearly three feet through the center, black oaks, pin oaks, tulip trees, beech and poplars, junipers, sassafras, ague trees, elms, silver maples, sugar maples, sand cherries, birch, snowberries, dogwoods, wild plums, wild crab apples, willows—a seemingly endless variety of trees and shrubs.

Birds

More than 300 varieties of birds have been seen in the Dunes. Among them are the kinglet, blue heron, wild canary, scarlet tanager, goldfinch, purple finch, wren, bobolink, mockingbird, thrush, phoebe, swallow, quail, sandpiper, owl, whiteworm, white and gray gull, wild duck, plover, thrasher, hummingbird, oriole, indigo bunting, purple martins, bluebird, mockingbird, robin, warbler, to mention only a few.

Enjoy the Dunes at All Seasons

"To the query as to the best time to see the Dunes," says E. Stillman Bailey in his book on the Dunes, "I reply, the best time is at your own convenience. . . . The Dunes are fascinating at any and all times."

"Perhaps, as the 'old commuter' said to me recently, the Dunes are at their best in the spring; but the same enthusiast must have a short memory, for last fall he told me that the fall of the year is the best possible time.

"If you are warmly clad, you will welcome a trip to the Dunes even during the winter's snows and gales. If you are the Indian you think yourself, you will, on a summer day, take a fifteen-mile hike on the beach, batters, trestles, and bluffs, and later you may seek a resting spot to watch the sunset."

Winter hiking along the winding trails and stretches of even hench, and skiing on the hillsides, is a diversion that has gained wide popularity.

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