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**Start Point:**

Paynetown State Recreation Area property office at 4850 South State Rd 446, Bloomington, IN 47401.

**Directions:**

From the north, State Rd 37 south to State Rd. 46 east to State Rd. 446 south to property.

From the south, State Rd. 37 north to State Rd. 50 east to State Rd. 446 north to property.

From the east, State Rd. 46 west to State Rd. 446 south to property.

From the west, State Rd. 46 east to State Rd. 446 south to property.

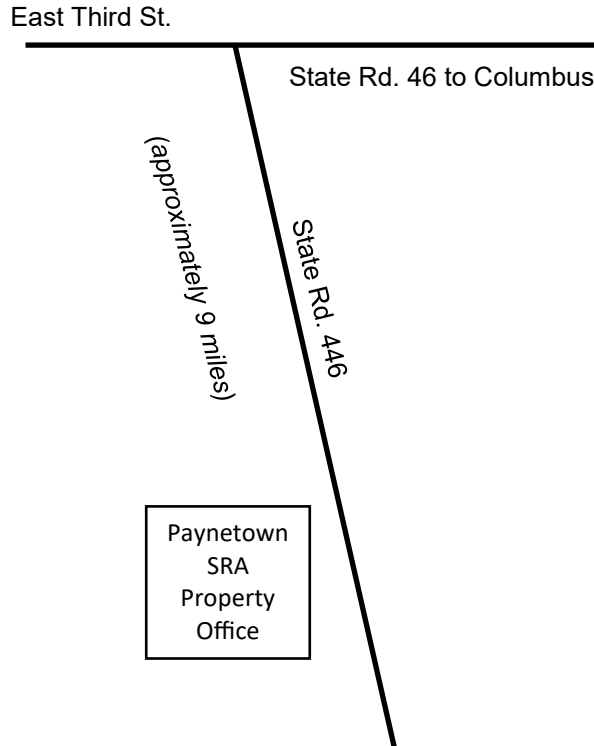
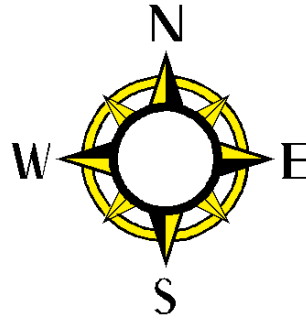
**Start times:**

From mid-April thru October, the property office is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

From November thru mid-April, the property office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00.

**Alternate Start Point:**

Because the property office has limited hours, especially during the winter months, an alternate start point is available daily at the Courtyard by Marriott, 310 S. College Ave., Bloomington, IN. You may complete all paperwork and stamp your books at the hotel and then drive to Paynetown SRA to complete the walk.



Free parking is available both in front and in back of the building. From the back parking lot, as you are facing the building, find the trailhead off to the left.



The Bedford Hiking Club  
Volkssport Association  
is proud to host the

## Pate Hollow / Paynetown Volksmarch

a year-round hike  
just south of  
Bloomington, Indiana.

5K, 10K, or 15K  
Trail Rating: 2B  
Sanction # 119749/Y0851  
INVA #869

*Eligible for credit toward  
IVV Achievement Awards*



**Welcome to Bloomington!** Located in beautiful southern Indiana, Bloomington has a rich history and is the home of Indiana University.

**What is a Volksmarch?** A volksmarch is a non-competitive walk along a prescribed trail and is designed to encourage physical fitness, promote camaraderie and to enjoy nature. It is not a contest of speed or endurance. Each participant is encouraged to walk at a pace that is comfortable and enjoyable.

**The Pate Hollow / Paynetown Year-Round Volksmarch** is a self-guided walk along a permanent trail using a set of printed instructions and a map obtained at the start/finish point. This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV).

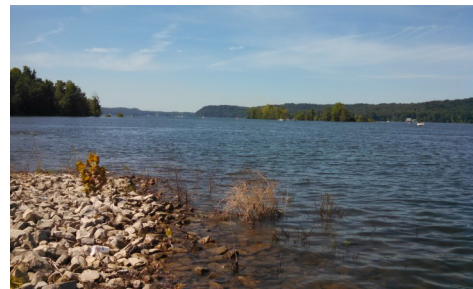
**Trail Rating** - The trail is rated 2B and is not suitable for regular strollers or wheelchairs. Jogging strollers may have difficulty.

**Trail Description** – The trail is a joint effort between the Hoosier National Forest and the Indiana DNR. Hike on challenging trails through a beautiful forest of mixed hardwoods with views of Lake Monroe. The walk includes grassy and rocky terrain, hills, creeks, and gullies. Restrooms are available at the start/finish point and at the Paynetown campground play area. Restrooms are not available along the Pate Hollow Trail.

**What should you bring?** Many walkers will find hiking poles to be helpful. Participants should bring and carry their own water.



*The Trailhead at Paynetown.*



*Monroe Reservoir*

**Special Event Categories** - This walk qualifies for these special events:

- Walking the USA A-Z

**Fees** - Everyone is welcome, and the event is FREE to persons walking for fun, fitness, & friendship only.

- The fee for IVV credit only is \$3.00.
- The fee for IVV credit and a park bar is \$8.00.
- The fee for IVV credit, park bar and a pewter annual medal to which the park bars attach—\$16.00.

There are no refunds for any reason.

**Registration** - At the start/finish point, ask for the VolksWalk Box. Follow the instructions and complete all information in the log book. Each participant must provide a signature acknowledging the waiver at the top of the log. Place start card(s) and appropriate fees in a sealed envelope and place in the “Completed” folder. Make checks payable to the Bedford Hiking Club. Be sure to stamp your AVA/IVV books if you are walking for credit. Find the appropriate maps & instructions and enjoy your walk!

**Large Groups** - Please let us know in advance if you plan to walk this event as a group. We will have a club member meet you and help you with the paperwork. Guided walks may also be arranged.

**Disclaimer** - The American Volkssport Association, the Bedford Hiking Club, and our hosts (the Hoosier National Forest, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Bloomington Courtyard by Marriott) cannot be held responsible for accidents, injuries, theft, or material damage. Pets are welcome on the trail but must be kept on a leash and under control at all times. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Every effort will be made to make this event safe and enjoyable. By registering for this event, the participant agrees to these conditions.