



Frog in the Bog: Time Travel with Dunes Learning Center

Walk Through Time is a living history tour of historic Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm in Indiana Dunes National Park. Students follow a trail system along the Little Calumet River that has drawn people to the area for over 10,000 years. As they retrace a critical transportation route for early regional travelers, students encounter a native Potawatomi, fur trader, immigrant farmer, land planner, and park ranger to reflect on the connection each group of people had with the land.



1700s: Indigenous people of the Potawatomi Bear Clan inhabit the area. They rely on nature to provide the raw materials for tools, shelter, food, and dress. With the beginning of the fur trade, their lifestyle begins to change.



EARLY 1800s: A French fur trading post is established near the Little Calumet River. Joseph Bailly and his family, the first family to settle in the Calumet Region, came from St. Joseph, MI to trade furs with the Potawatomi tribe.



LATE 1800s: Immigrant families move to the area to operate farms. Anders and Johanna Chellberg made the long journey to this country with their infant son and joined a growing Swedish community.



EARLY 1900s: Industry moves into the region while others try to preserve the lakeshore as a National Park. Development crept southeast from Chicago while the Prairie Club promoted appreciation of nature.



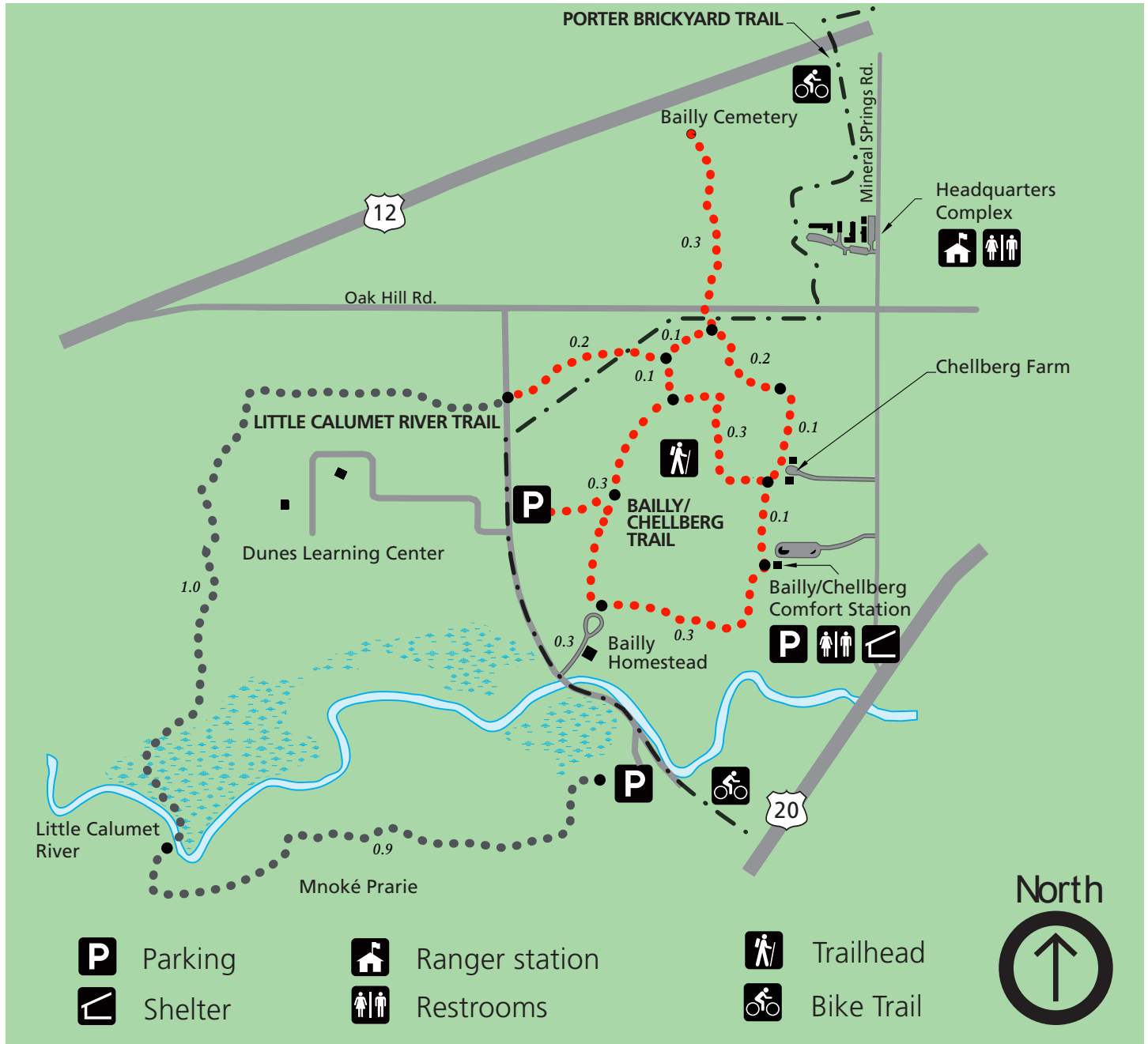
1966: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore becomes part of the National Park System. The southern shore of Lake Michigan borders an unlikely mix of National Park, State Park, steel mills, schools, churches, and homes.



2020: How do you view and use the land today? What are the biggest issues affecting Indiana Dunes National Park? How can we sustain the quality of the environment as we live, work, and play in our communities?

Bailly Homestead, Chellberg Farm, and Little Calumet River Trails

The Little Calumet River, Mnoké Prairie, Bailly Homestead, Chellberg Farm and Bailly Cemetery trail system reveals the rich natural diversity that has drawn people to this area for over 10,000 years. Hike through a forest dominated by maple, beech, basswood and oak trees. Follow a stretch of the Little Calumet River, once a critical transportation route for early regional travelers and explore the recently restored Mnoké Prairie for a glimmer of the vast stretches of pre-settlement grasslands. Explore the historic Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm with its variety of animals.



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