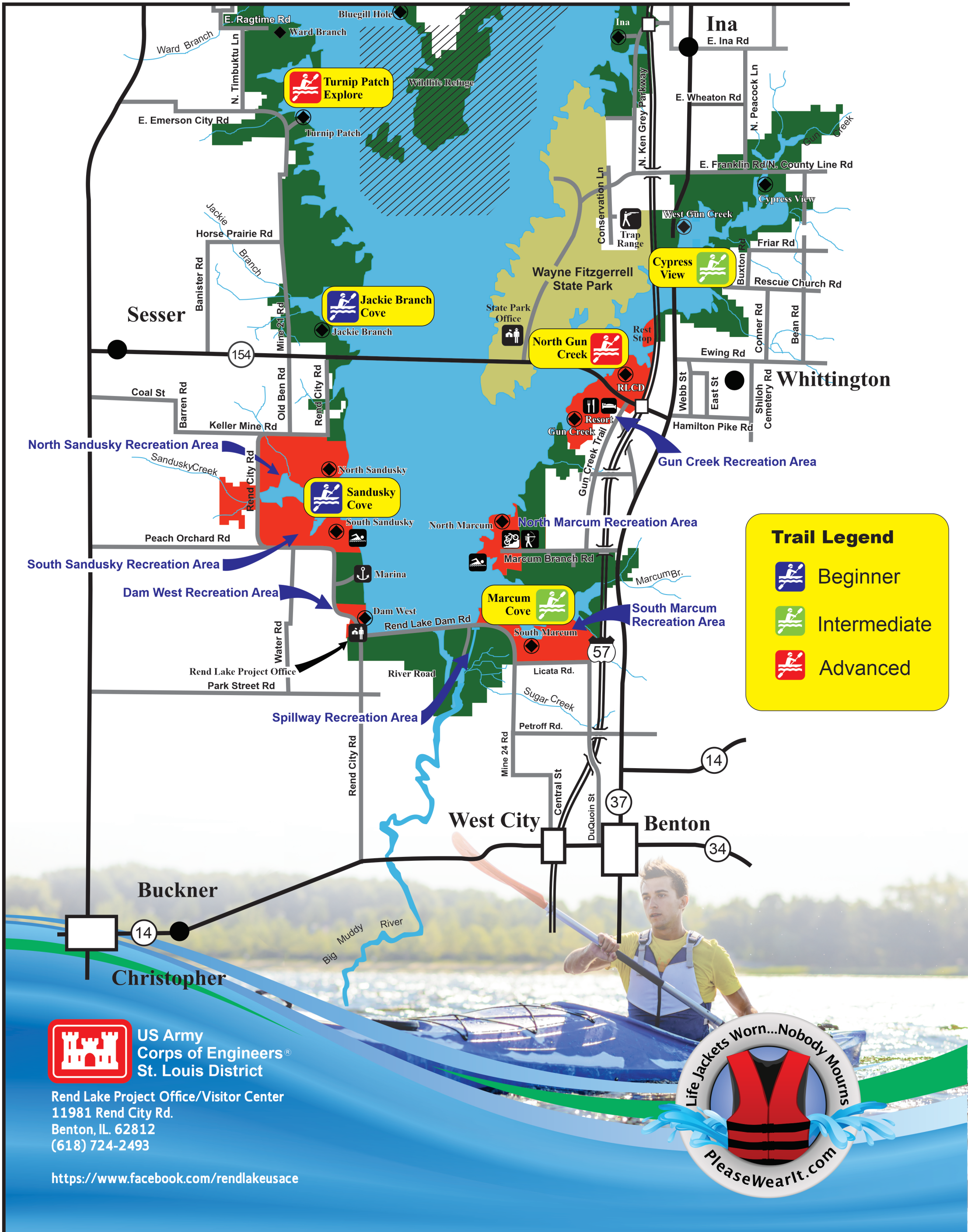


Rend Lake

WATER TRAIL



Trail Legend

-  Beginner
-  Intermediate
-  Advanced

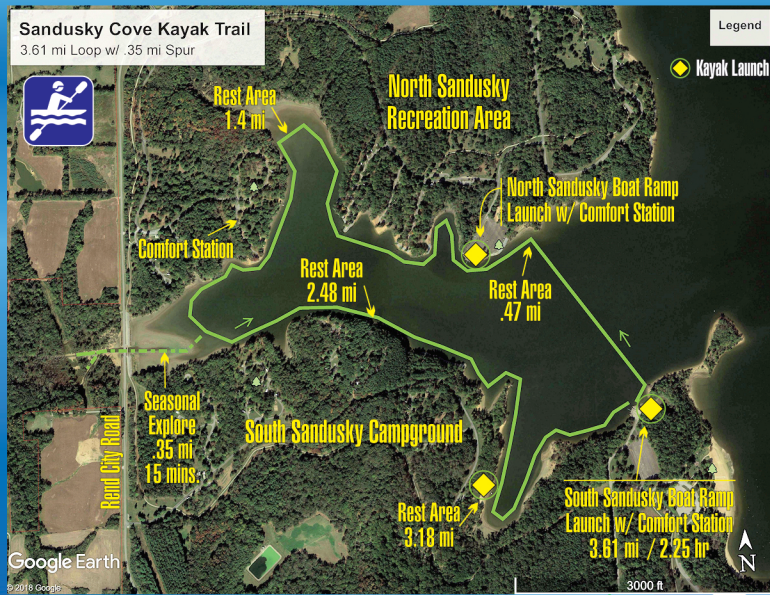


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Sandusky Cove Section (Beginner)



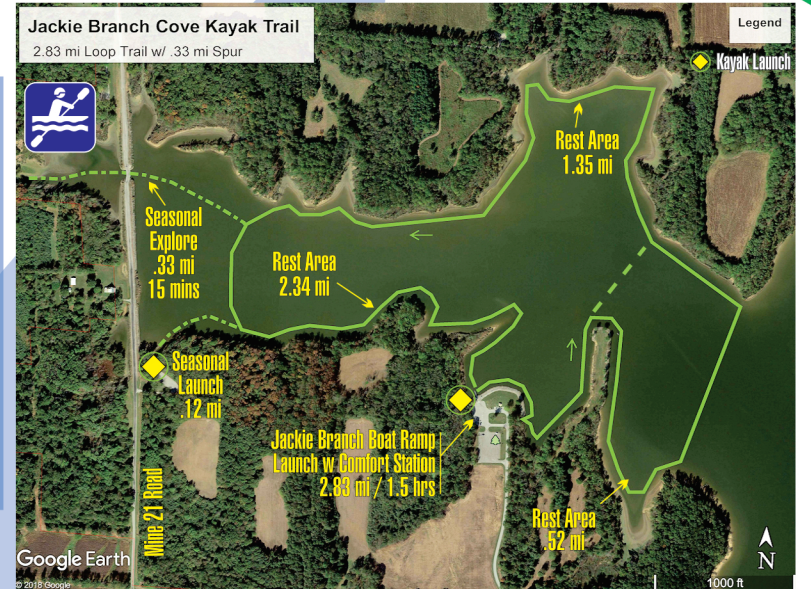
- Launch: South Sandusky Boat Ramp, North Sandusky Boat Ramp, South Sandusky Campground Mooring Area (registered campers only)
- Comfort stations and drinking water at boat ramps
- 3/4 of the trail in "No Wake" zone
- Excellent for wildlife viewing and fishing

Loop Length:
3.61 miles

Paddling Time:
2.25 hours at a leisurely pace,
without stopping.

Seasonal Route Length:
.35 miles.

Seasonal Route Time:
15 minutes, one way.



Jackie Branch Cove (Beginner)



Loop Length:
2.83 miles

Paddling Time:
1.5 hours at a leisurely pace,
without stopping.

Seasonal Route Length:
.33 miles.

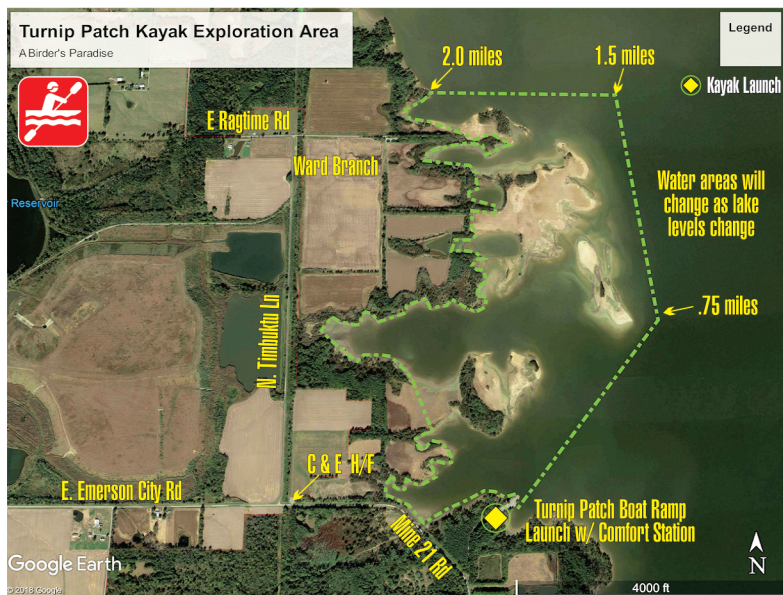
Seasonal Route Time:
15 minutes, one way.

Launch: Jackie Branch Boat Ramp

Waterless comfort station at boat ramp, no drinking water

Shortcut open water by paddling north from end of the breakwater if windy

Excellent for first time paddlers, fishing, and sunsets



Turnip Patch Exploration Area (Advanced)



- Launch: Turnip Patch Boat Ramp
- Waterless comfort station, no drinking water
- Large open water sections
- Very wind and lake level dependent
- Best area for waterfowl and shorebird viewing and photography

Launch: West Gun Creek Hunter/Fisherman Access Area, Cypress View Boat Ramp

No comfort station or drinking water available

Gun Creek offers backwater and riverine experience

Loop offers picturesque shoreline and fishing opportunities

Cypress View Section (Intermediate)

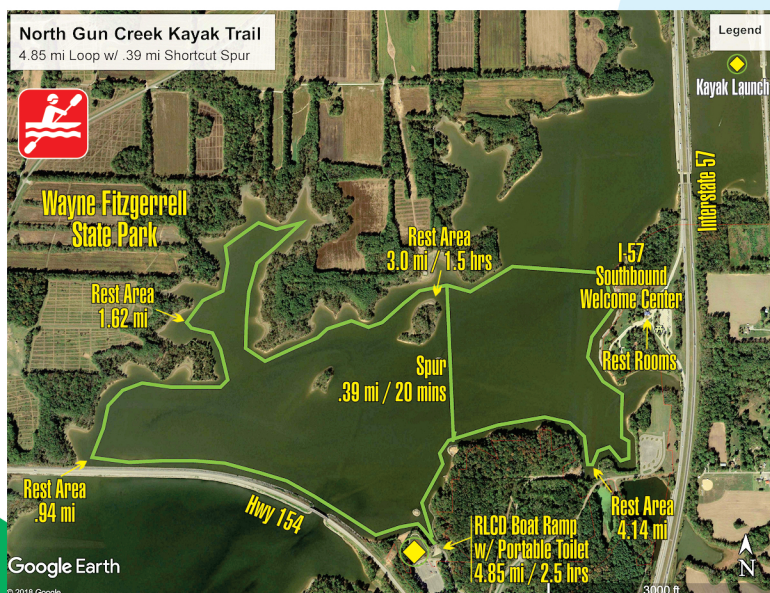


Loop Length:
3.66 miles

Paddling Time:
2 hours at a leisurely pace,
without stopping.

Seasonal Route Length:
1.66 miles.

Seasonal Route Time:
45 minutes, one way.



North Gun Creek Section (Advanced)



Loop Length:
4.85 miles

Paddling Time:
2.5 hours at a leisurely pace,
without stopping.

Short Cut Length:
.39 miles.

Short Cut Loop Paddling Time:
1.75 hours at a leisurely pace,
without stopping.

- Launch: RLCD North Gun Creek Ramp
- Portable toilet available, no drinking water
- Restrooms, vending, water, and picnic sites available at I-57 South Bound Welcome Center
- Longer paddle with open water sections
- Check wind direction and speed
- Excellent for wildlife viewing and fishing

Marcum Cove Section (Intermediate)



Loop Length:
3.70 miles

Paddle Time:
2 hours at a leisurely pace,
without stopping.

Seasonal Loop Length:
.71 miles

Seasonal Loop Time:
45 minutes at a leisurely pace,
without stopping.

Launch: South Marcum Boat Ramp, South Marcum Campground Mooring Areas (registered campers only)

Comfort station and drinking water available at boat ramp

First section open to main lake affected by wind, especially westward wind

Half of trail is in a "No Wake" zone

Fish attractors along trail

