



The Calumet Trail is Indiana's first long distance trail built exclusively for bicycling and hiking. The 9.2 mile trail is also open for cross-country skiing during the winter season. In addition, many people use the trail for jogging. It is Indiana's first trail designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a segment of the National Recreation Trail System.



The trail runs from Dune Acres Station in Porter County to the Porter-LaPorte County line. It is located adjacent to the 2,182 acre Indiana Dunes State Park and Dunes State Nature Preserve, and passes through the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, serving as a primary connecting link to several points of interest in the park and lakeshore. A few picnic tables are located along the trail where it runs adjacent to the state park, and parking is available at each end of the trail, as well as at several other locations along the trail.

A unique aspect of the Calumet Trail is that it has been developed on land leased from the Northern Indiana Public Service Company and lies within the company's utility corridor.

The area through which the trail passes is especially noted for its unusual topography, varying from the dry exposed foredunes to the interior blowouts caused by strong winds from Lake Michigan. This special area is located where northern and southern plants meet or reach the limits of their natural ranges. Geologically, the area dates back thousands of years, near the close of the Ice Age.

Indiana's only youth hostel is located at the intersection of County Road 100 W. and U.S. 20, about one mile south of the west end of the trail. The Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm, both located in the national lakeshore, are also in this area.

Information about the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore may be obtained in the Visitor Center, which is located at the intersection of U.S. 12 and Kemil Road (County Road 300 E.), near the middle of the trail, or call 219/926-7561.

Mt. Baldy, a large active dune with an elevation of 703', is located in the national lakeshore, just beyond the east end of the trail, near the intersection of U.S. 12 and Beverly Drive.

Access to the state park and points of interest in the lakeshore is possible through the use of existing county roads, which link the trail to these attractions. However, these roads are also used by motor vehicles. The bicyclist assumes the risk of his own safety when using these roads and should ride in single file near the right edge of the road, observing traffic regulations, and using hand signals.

If you have any questions about the facilities at Indiana Dunes State Park, go to the park office or call 219/926-1215. For questions about the facilities at other state parks or any Department of Natural Resources' properties, a toll-free number (800/382-4057) is maintained to assist you; in Marion County, call 633-5694.

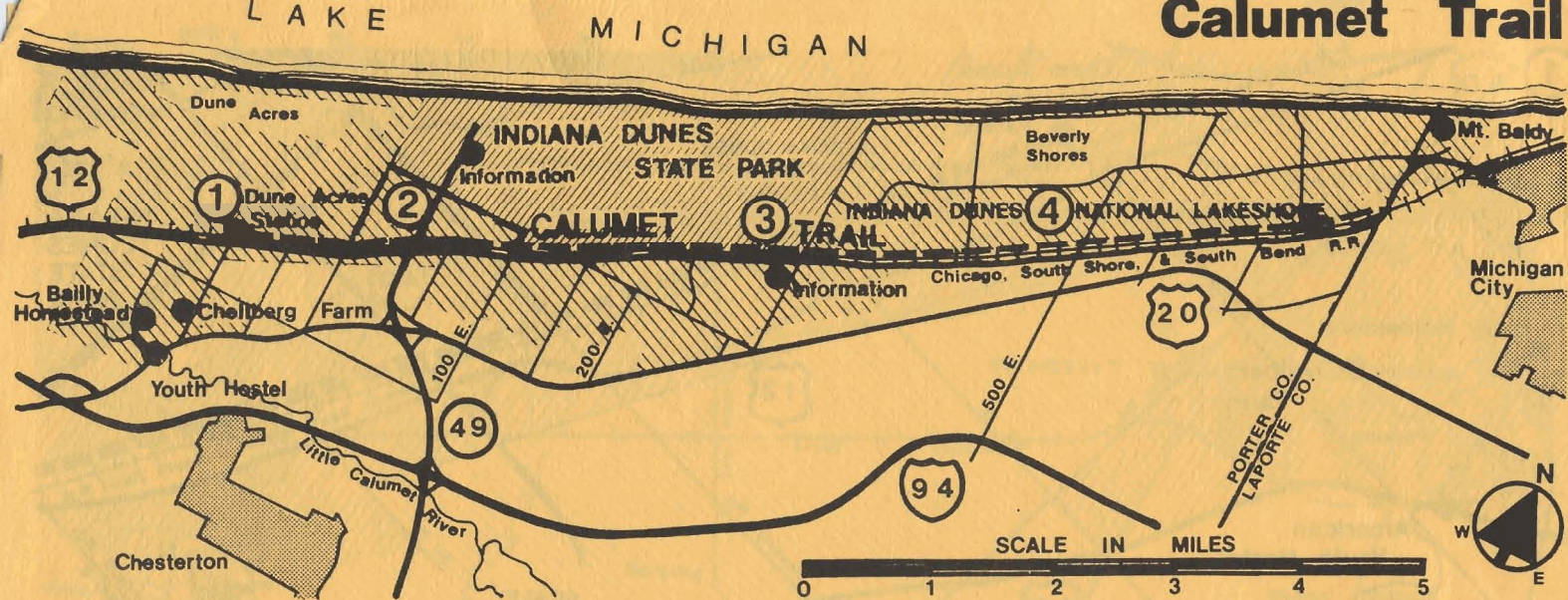
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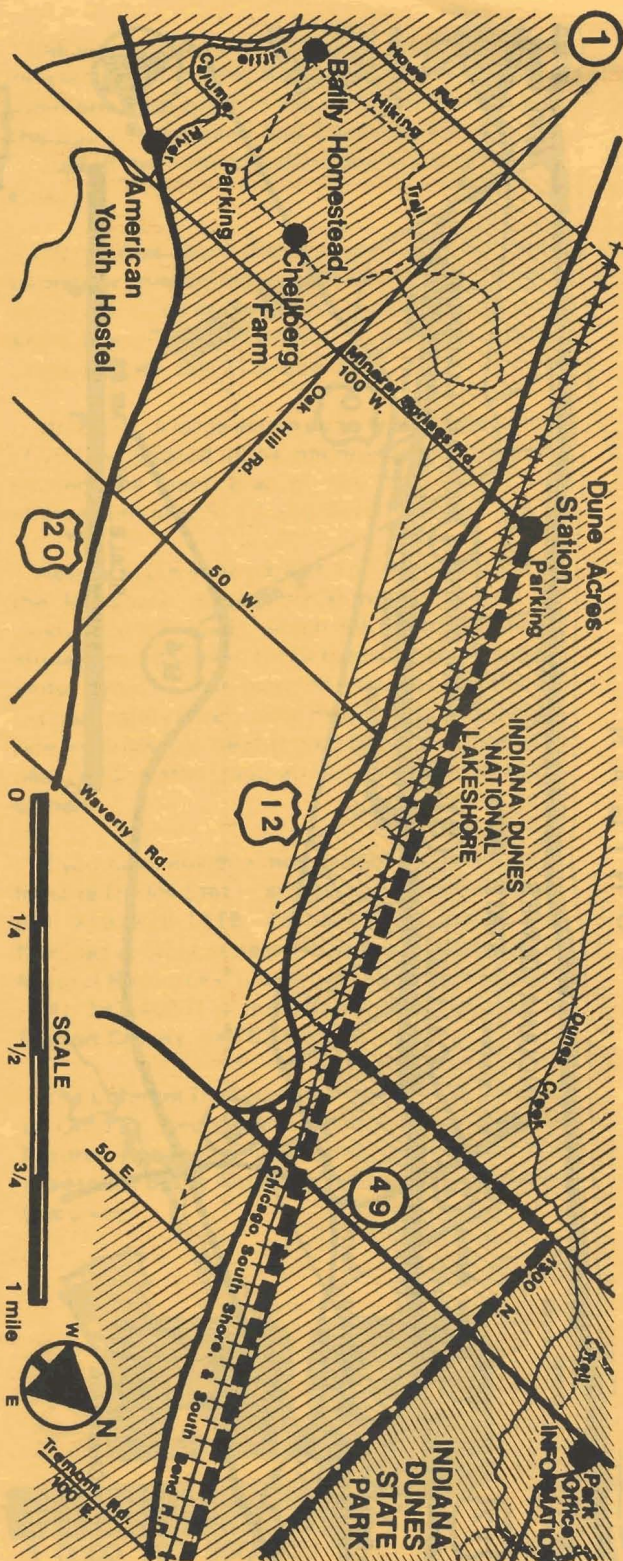
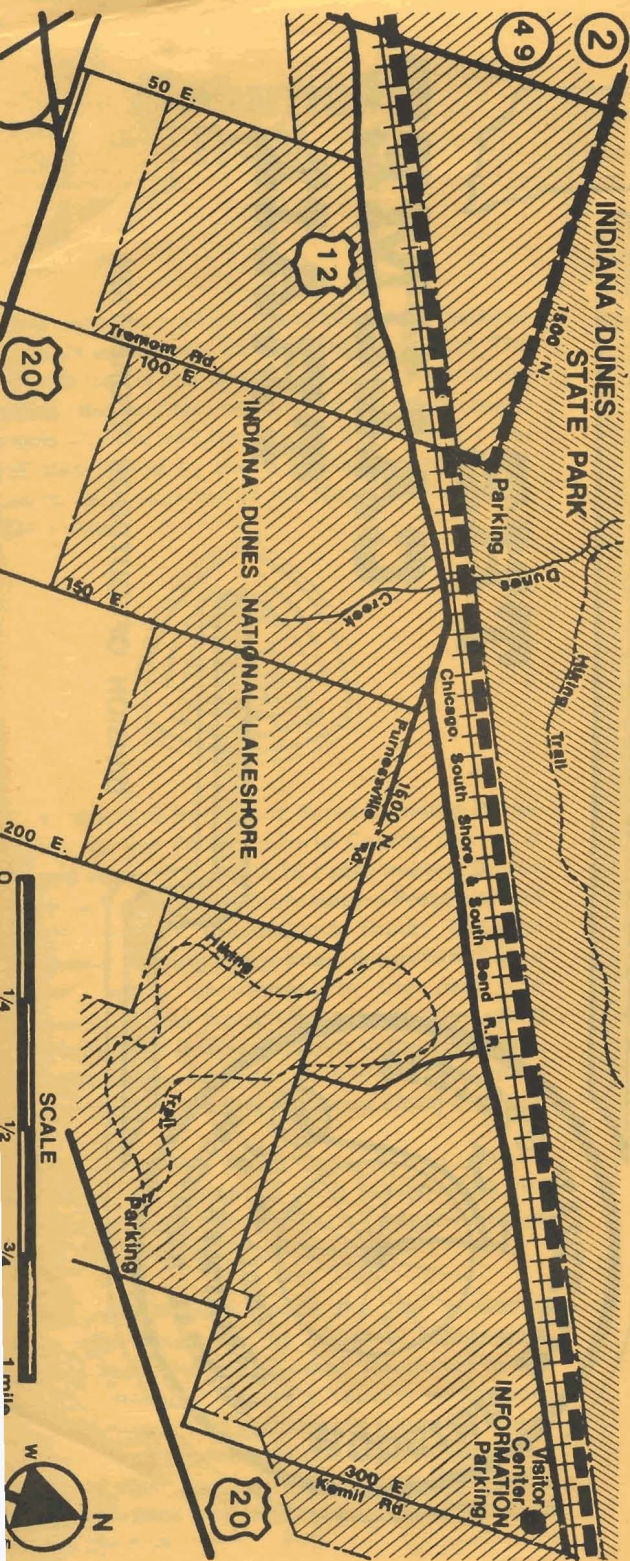
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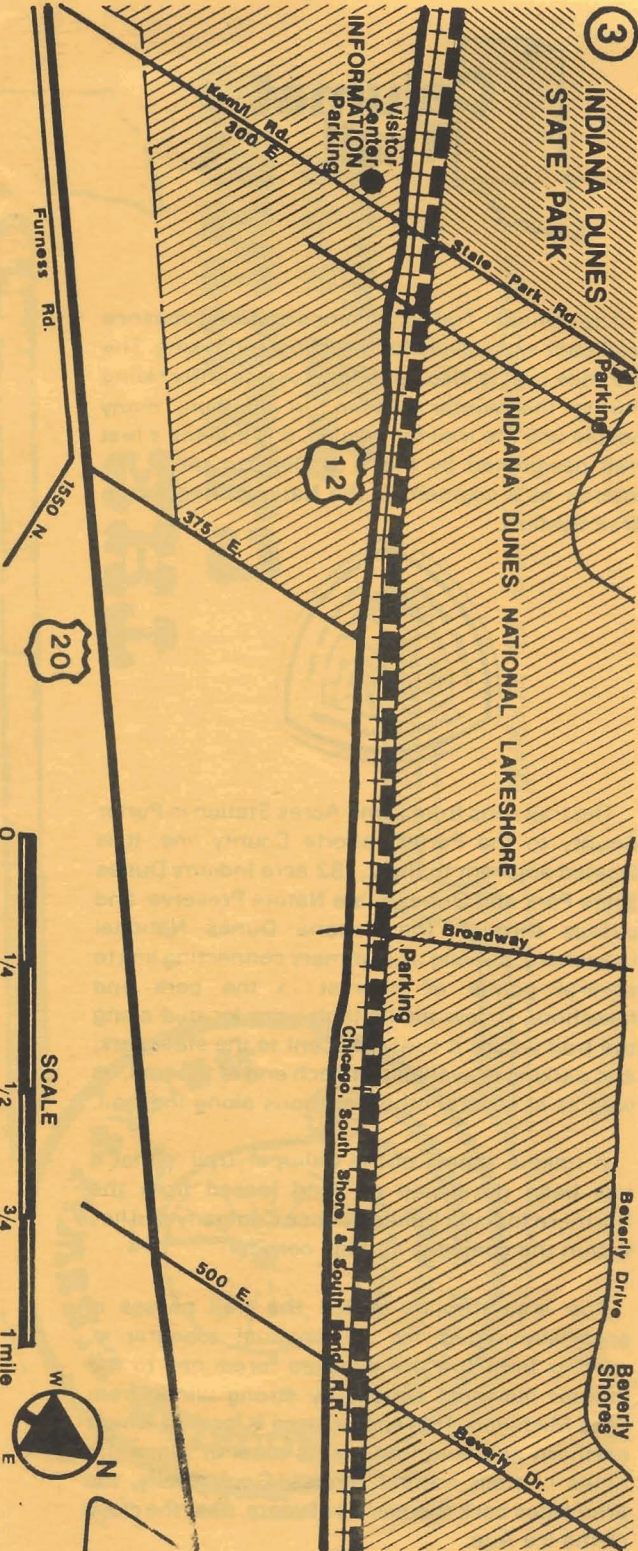
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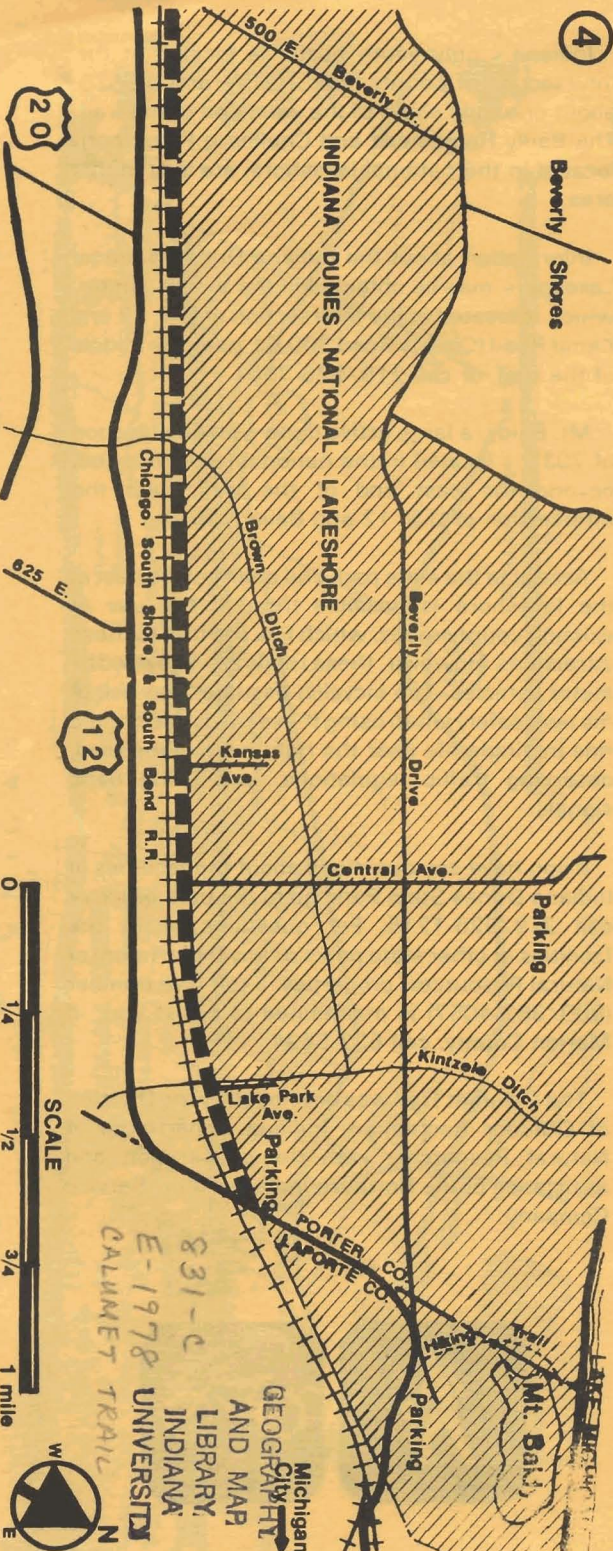
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