



SPRING MILL STATE PARK PIONEER VILLAGE

Destination Drive, approximately 55 miles round trip. Open daily.
Admission per car is \$7.00 (Out of state)

[Spring Mill State Park](#) offers a powerful illustration of the link between the natural and cultural worlds. The water flowing from several cave springs led to the founding of an industrial village in the early 1800s. Pioneer entrepreneurs took advantage of a constant water source that never froze, using it to power several gristmills, a wool mill, a sawmill, and a distillery. In turn, pioneer settlers shaped the landscape around the village, clearing land for agriculture and timber.



You can explore this story in the park's four interpretive facilities—the Pioneer Village, Nature Center, Grissom Memorial, and Twin Caves Boat Tour—and see it reflected on the landscape as you hike the trails

Pioneer Village Open Daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The restored Pioneer Village, founded in 1814, contains 20 historic buildings to explore. The centerpiece is a 3-story limestone gristmill, built in 1817, that still grinds cornmeal today. Heritage interpreters portray the year 1863 and demonstrate period crafts.

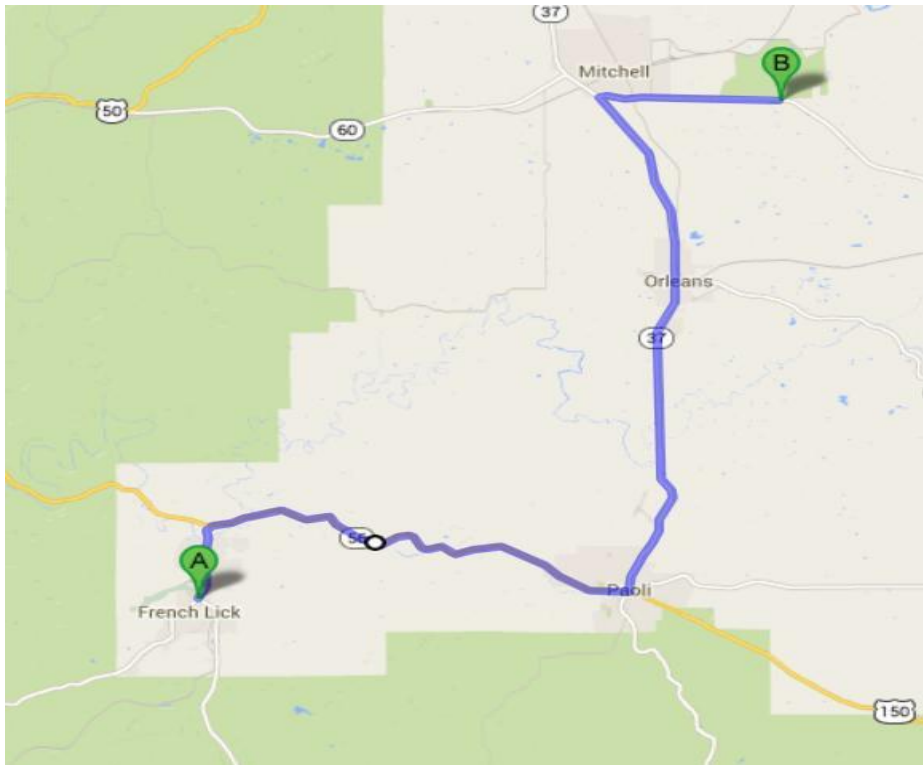
Nature Center Open Daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Nature Center overlooks Spring Mill Lake and is filled with exhibits on the park's natural and cultural history. The live animal displays feature six native snakes and an eastern box turtle. A special children's area includes a puppet stage, floor puzzles, and coloring area. **Grissom Memorial** Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Grissom Memorial Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Grissom Memorial honors Hoosier astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom, one of the seven Mercury astronauts and America's second man in space. The Memorial tells the story of Gus Grissom's life and his contributions to the space program. Exhibits include Grissom's space suit, one of the space capsules he flew in and artifacts from his personal and professional life.



Twin Caves Boat Tour Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours run on the half-hour. Only same day reservations are accepted, and they must be made in-person at the Twin Caves shack. Cost is \$3 per person. Children under age 3 and pets are not allowed on the tour. Food and drinks not allowed on boats. The underground world of the park is opened up to visitors on this unique cave tour. Guides pull the boats thru a stream passage while highlighting cave formations

DESTINATION-DRIVE to SPRING MILL STATE PARK



Depart the French Lick Resort and turn left onto **Rt. 56**.

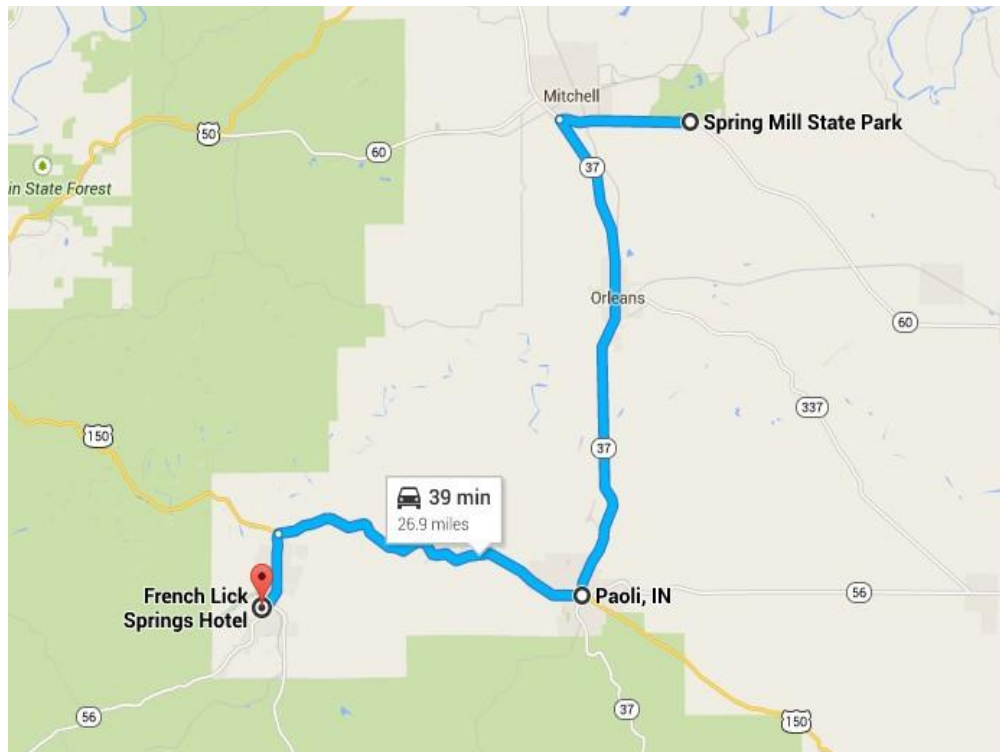
1. Stay on **Rt. 56/150 East** towards Paoli, IN.
2. As you enter downtown Paoli, you will see the Orange County Courthouse.
3. Continue $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the courthouse square and exit onto **IN-37 North**
4. Pass through the town of Orleans, IN
5. Just south of Mitchell, IN turn right onto **IN-60 E** at stoplight just after Wendy's Restaurant.
6. Proceed approximately 3 miles to **Spring Mill State Park**. The sign is on the right and the entrance is on the left.

(Mileage is approximately 80 miles round trip)

Spring Mill State Park
3333 Indiana 60
Mitchell, IN 47446
812-849-3534



RETURN TO FRENCH LICK



1. Proceed west on **IN-60 W**.
2. Turn left onto **IN-37 S**.
3. As you enter downtown Paoli, IN the County Courthouse will be right in front of you. Keep to the right and go about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way around the square. Maybe 500 feet...
4. Turn right onto **IN-56 W/US-150 W (You will see a sign for French Lick)**.
5. Follow **IN-56 W** back to the resort.

French Lick Resort
8670 West State Road 56
French Lick, IN 47432