

The Charles Deam Wilderness is located outside of Bloomington, Indiana and is a section of Hoosier National Forest. This guide outlines the sites we have visited, however please remember that there are probably three unofficial campsite for every official site and some of them are outstanding as well.

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BACKCOUNTRY SITES OF THE CHARLES DEAM WILDERNESS		
SITE#	RANKING	DESCRIPTION
1	4/10	Quick easy stop if you are starting late at night, frequently taken, close to fire tower parking area, not much water source, high o ridge line, lots of traffic passing by
2	4/10	Close to water, quick access, frequently taken, some trash
3	4/10	Close to water, lots of down trees, frequently taken/busy, trash and overuse
4	7/10	This site is on the Sycamore Loop Trail which is one of the few hiker only trails in the area. This sight has water nearby, and is known for the large rock picnic table found at it. This site is popular and can be difficult to get.
5	6/10	This site is on the Sycamore Loop Trail which is one of the few hiker only trails in the area. This site is in the woods slightly isolated on some higher ground, but it has a wildlife pond nearby for water.
6	9/10	Secluded, flat, great fire ring and wood, right on small pond, great foliage location, could be buggy or hot without wind, close to cemetery, peaceful
8	6/10	Marshy and wet, hard to get to, popular for fishermen and boaters, buggy
9	9/10	Long view of the lake, large trees, totally flat, great fire ring, competitive spot to get due to hikers, great sunset views
12	8.5/10	Nice and high up over the water, nice clear tree cover, two sites tucked in the trees, bank is a bit muddy, level nice fire ring area, great views
14	9/10	Flat, centrally located, nice towering pines and pine floor, lots of pinecone litter, quiet, water is further away in a small horse pond about 100 yards behind the site
17	8/10	More secluded back around the corner off the main lake, flat, 180 degree views of water, in a small tree line, not accessible all year from the water due to protected waterfowl nesting sites, quieter, not windy
18	9.5/10	Very flat, lots of sites, wonderful view of the lake, great rocky shore, windy and wavy, not very private, not much firewood, some trash
19	9/10	Site 19 my by one of the most popular in the area. Popular spot & area, flat, wonderful views of the lake, great rocky shore, windy, & wavy, not very private, not much firewood, some trash (at least 2 sites unmarked between 19 & 20).
20	8.5/10	High up over the lake, views of the marina, not very level, but picturesque views, constant breeze, large beach down on the shore, windy & wave landing
21	4/10	Right on the shore, lots of debris & trash floating in off the lake, view of the marina, not very private, a bit swampy, big fire ring with flat rocks
22	7/10	Flat, plain, views of the marina, not very private, windy
23	9/10	Picnic table, wide easy landing area, great views of the marina, not very private, windy
24	8/10	30-40 minute paddle for the Cut Right Recreation Area boat ramp, fairly secluded, fisherman traffic, close to Patton Cave, not very level, sits high above water, great views, plenty of firewood



