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Information & County Contacts

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(812) 482-1171 ext. 3

Land, Water, & Biodiversity & Conservation Efforts:

Hoosier National Forest

The Hoosier National Forest, in the hills of south central Indiana, provides a wide mix of opportunities and resources for people to enjoy. Rolling hills, back-country trails, and rural crossroad communities make this small but beautiful Forest a favorite! Forest managers work with the public to develop a shared vision of how this 202,000 acre Forest should be managed. We strive to provide outstanding stewardship by restoring, maintaining, and interpreting our public's cultural and natural resources. We offer high quality, resilient and rare ecosystems that provide diverse outdoor recreational experiences.¹

¹http://www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier/
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Endangered Species:

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

The King Rail is a large rail found locally in freshwater wetlands throughout the eastern United States and southern Ontario, with the largest populations occurring along the Gulf Coast in Louisiana and Texas. Available data indicate steep population declines throughout its range, especially for migratory populations that breed in the Midwest and southern Ontario.²

Bradley's spleenwort (*Asplenium bradleyi*)

*Asplenium bradleyi*, commonly known as Bradley's spleenwort or cliff spleenwort, is a rare epipetric fern of east-central North America. Named after Professor Frank Howe Bradley, who first collected it in Tennessee, it may be found infrequently throughout much of the Appalachian Mountains, the Ozarks, and the Ouachita Mountains, growing in small crevices on exposed sandstone cliffs.³

²http://www.fws.gov/midwest/MidwestBird/FocalSpecies/documents/KIRA_Executive_Summary_Brochure2.pdf
³http://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/136553-Asplenium-bradleyi