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Goose Pond Cypress Slough

Goose Pond Cypress Slough is a slice of the Deep South found in southwest Indiana. The pond is actually a series of small sloughs - old side channels in the Ohio River floodplain - that run about four miles along the river. Stately bald cypress trees and cypress knees line the slough, and this preserve is perhaps the easiest place to view these unusual-to-the-state trees. Visiting this site in the wetter months can be tricky, but is definitely worth it.¹

¹http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/indiana/placesweprotect/goose-pond-cypress-slough.xml
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Harmonie State Park

Harmonie State Park is located "on the banks of the Wabash" 25 miles northwest of Evansville. A beautiful swimming pool, shady picnic areas, ravines and pristine landscape await you here. This is a trail lover's paradise! Trails for walking, biking and nature hikes will lure you for a visit.²

Endangered Species:

Interior Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*)

Least Terns are the smallest North American terns. Nesting habitat of the Interior Least Tern includes bare or sparsely vegetated sand, shell, and gravel beaches, sandbars, islands, and salt flats associated with rivers and reservoirs. The birds prefer open habitat, and tend to avoid thick vegetation and narrow beaches. Sand and gravel bars within a wide unobstructed river channel, or open flats along shorelines of lakes and reservoirs, provide favorable nesting habitat. Channelization, irrigation, and the construction of reservoirs and pools have contributed to the elimination of much of the tern's natural nesting habitat in the major river systems of the Midwest.³

²http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2981.htm
³https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/leasttern/