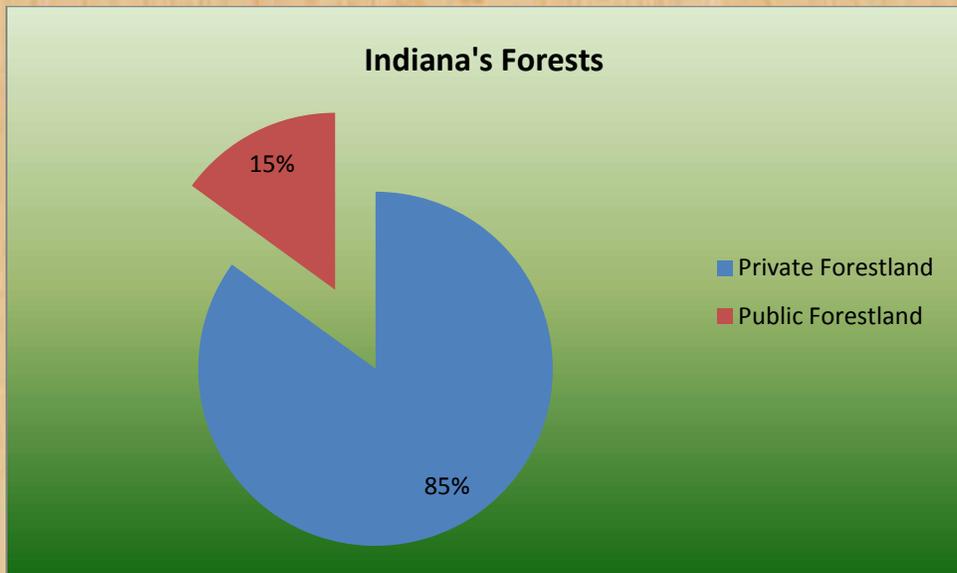


THE FORESTS OF INDIANA

There are **4.9 million acres** of forestland in Indiana. That represents **22%** of Indiana's total land base. The DNR Division of Forestry defines the term forestland as ten or more contiguous acres.



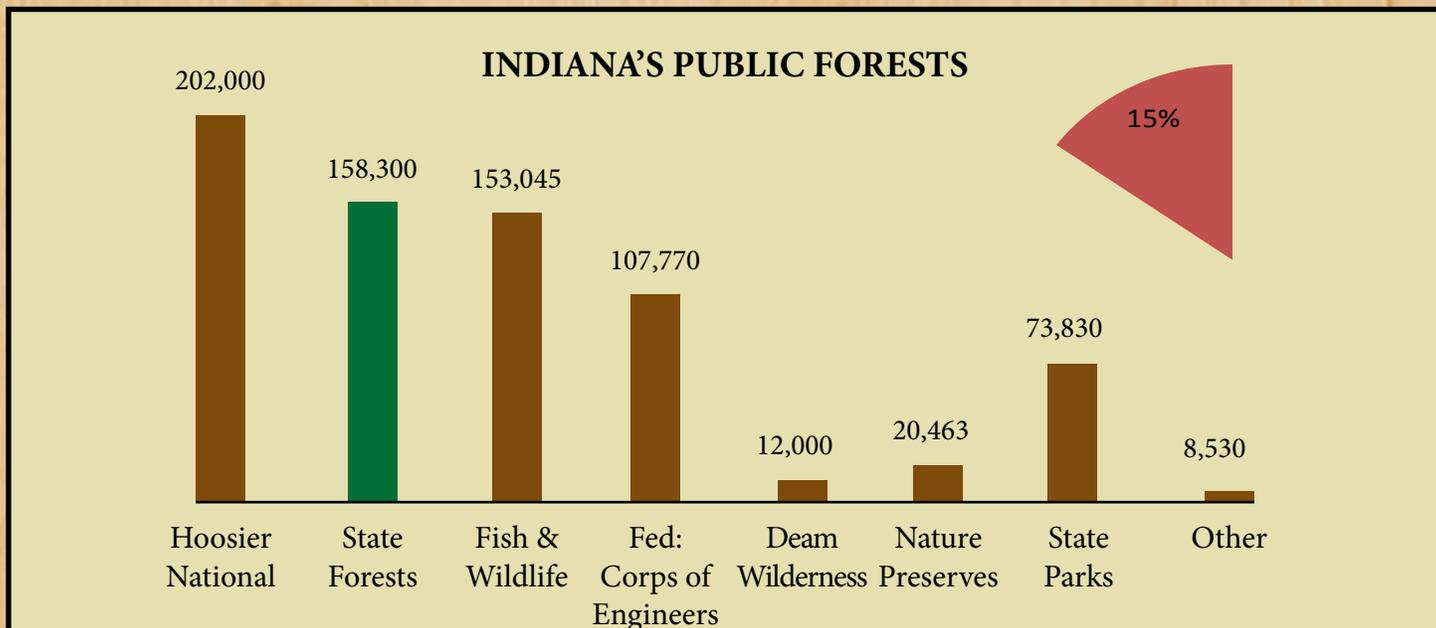
Of those 4.9 million acres, **722,713 acres (15%) are publicly-owned forestland.** The remaining 85% is privately owned, by individuals or corporations.

This document shows the breakdown of the public forests. Timberland, which is a subset of forestland, represents the portion of the publicly-owned forestland from which timber production can occur.

Of Indiana's 722,713 acres of public forests, timber production is only allowed in our state-owned forests. Combined, Indiana's state forests represent 154,845* acres of potential timberland, but are statutorily managed for sustainable, high growth-to-harvest-ratio. (*158,300 acres, minus 775 acres in Forest Legacy, and 2680 acres of nature preserves).

In all, 21% of Indiana's public forests are available for multiple-use management that includes healthy and sustainable harvesting. That acreage also represents just **3% of Indiana's total forestland.**

In contrast, Indiana has **567,093 acres of public forestland** that provides an abundance of undisturbed beauty, conservation, old growth, nature preserves and a wide array of recreation, from hunting and fishing to hiking, camping, horseback riding and more.



INDIANA'S PUBLICALLY-OWNED FORESTS

State Forests

Your state forests are managed under the policy of multiple use in order to obtain benefits from recreation, timber production and watershed protection. They are open to the public for hunting during season and are actively managed for healthy fish and wildlife populations. Recreational development will not take precedence over natural resource conservation and protection and will continue to be structured on the natural rather than the "built" environment.

U.S. Government-Owned

The federal government owns 462,815 of Hoosier Forestland, almost all of which is off-limits to harvesting, with the exception of those sales allowed on the Hoosier National Forest. The allowable sale quantity on the Hoosier has a ceiling of 5.7 million board feet per year. The average amount sold since 2006 has been about 2.3 million board feet per year.

Hoosier National Forest - 202,000 acres, 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. They strive to provide outstanding stewardship by restoring, maintaining, and interpreting the public's cultural and natural resources. They offer high quality, resilient and rare ecosystems that provide diverse outdoor recreational experiences.

The Hoosier National Forest is part of the United States Forest Service under the Department of Agriculture. The US Forest Service manages 153 national forests and grasslands across America. The Forest Service mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Nature Preserves

There are over 250 Nature Preserves dedicated under state law, Indiana Code 14-31-1. This represents more than 46,000 acres spread throughout Indiana.

Of that total, 20,463 acres are in public forests. Preserves are managed to maintain and/or restore natural ecological conditions, and as a general rule are open to the public for hiking and nature study, or by advance permission for scientific research. It is against the law to disturb or remove anything from a preserve without a special permit.

Old Growth

Indiana's DNR Division of Forestry describes old growth and virgin forests as those containing trees which are 150 to 200 years or older. There are nine such areas in Indiana which are open to the public. See a complete list at www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/indianaoldgrowthforests.pdf

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