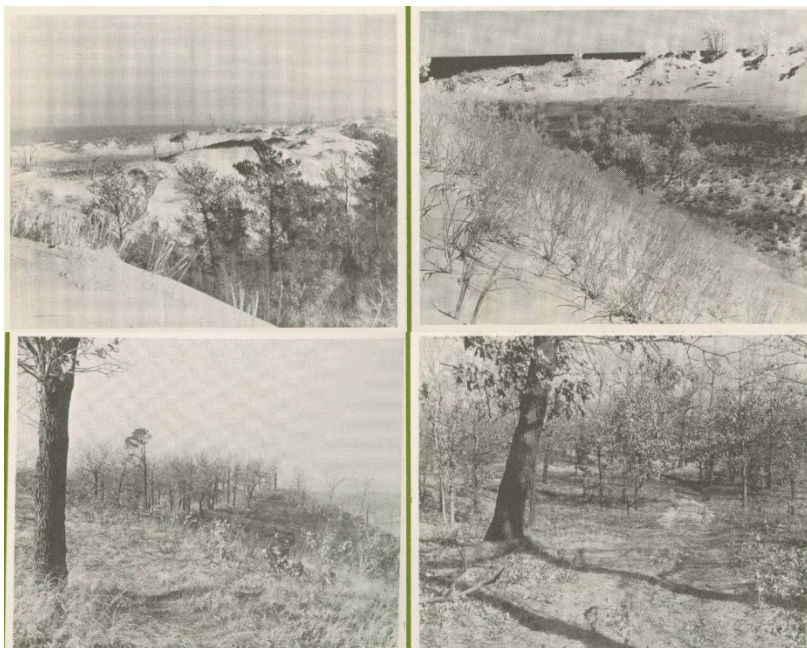


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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: Happy 50th!

The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (IDNL) was established 50 years ago on November 5, 1966. The park's establishment marked the culmination of years of intense lobbying between planners and environmental groups, on the one hand, and major steel companies operating on the southern edge of Lake Michigan, on the other. The creation of the site consolidated 8,100 acres of land under single ownership by the National Park Service (NPS), and thereby secured the region from port and industrial development.

The site was--and is--a scenic natural and recreational resource encompassing shoreline, high sand dunes, wetlands, and forests that support many kinds of animal, bird, and plant life. The area is popular with visitors from the surrounding metropolitan cities of Chicago, Illinois and

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Philadelphia research room is
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call to schedule an appointment
to view textual records in our
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Gary, Indiana who enjoy the many opportunities for outdoor activity and enjoyment that the Dunes provide year-round.

Want to learn more about the history of the National Park Service? Check out our online catalog at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/> and make an appointment to view our holdings at the National Archives at Philadelphia by calling (215) 305-2044 or emailing us at philadelphia.archives@nara.gov. Those interested in further background on the political struggle to save the Dunes are referred to Chapter 4 of the *Indiana Dunes: Administrative History*, for a detailed account of the final phase in the authorization of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in 1965-1966 (See: https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/indu/adhi4a.htm).

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Photographs: Top row, left to right: Two views of sand dunes at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, c. 1966. Lower row (left to right): Two views of Burns Bog with its marsh and woodlands, c. 1966.

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Digital Exhibit: World War I: A Soldier's Story

Would you like to learn more about American soldier's experience during World War I? Check out this Google Cultural Institute exhibit, "World War I: A Soldier's Story," created by our very own Summer Diversity Intern, Amellia Fiske! <https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/exhibit/dQJcF03vuqFyJw>



Preserving Family Papers and Photographs



Treasured family papers and photographs record the events in our own lives as well as the lives of our ancestors. These records can take many forms and include the numerous ways in which official events (such as a graduation or a marriage) are documented as well as the more casual but endearing ways of recording a moment, an activity, or family ties . . . such as a child's drawing or school photos, concert ticket stubs, a Valentine, or a series of letters sent during wartime. Learn more about preserving family papers and photographs in the Autumn 2016 issue of *Researcher*

News: <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/newsletter/2016-autumn.pdf>.

Reminders

 Follow the National Archives at Philadelphia on [Facebook](#) and [Tumblr](#) for featured highlights from our collection! We'll be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service throughout 2016 by highlighting some of our many NPS records.

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