




Onondaga Cave State Park Accessibility Information

The symbol  indicates that the specified area is fully compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

Visitor Center

Onondaga Cave's beautiful visitor center greets you with three accessible parking spaces adjacent to the entrance. Inside is a spacious lobby with area information, an accessible water fountain and accessible restrooms. Off to one side is the interpretive room where exhibits of local animals, rocks and minerals may be enjoyed.

The park store, located across from the entrance, provides gifts, mementos, books, t-shirts and some camping supplies. It is here where you purchase your cave tour tickets.

To the right of the lobby is the park's museum with a cave diorama and exhibits interpreting this area's history.

Onondaga Cave

The cave itself has excessive slopes and accessibility is left to the judgement of the individual. The length of the tour is one mile and takes one hour and 15 minutes to complete. Flip books are available for visitors who can't access the cave.

Seating is available in the lobby, or you may relax at tables on the outside deck while waiting for, or resting after, your tour.

An accessible public telephone is located on the outside deck.

Shelter Day-Use Area

The picnic shelter overlooks Blue Heron Lake, which is home to beaver, geese and many other types of wildlife. This mostly level area is sunny and provides two accessible parking spaces adjacent to the shelter's pathway. Nearby are accessible vault toilets. The shelter accommodates 72 people and may be reserved.

Campground

The 2004 camping season saw a new campground that includes two accessible electric and two accessible basic campsites. The campground provides accessible water hydrants and a modified dump station is easier to use for many.

The centrally located showerhouse provides one accessible parking space in a mostly level parking lot. Paved pathways provide access to the building where a public phone and park information board is located. The entrances into the building require turning in a 4-foot by 5-foot space. The showerhouse offers front-transfer toilets, push-action faucets and shower rooms with clothes hooks, a shelf, grab bars and lever-handled faucets. These are wheelchair accessible. This building is not labeled as accessible due to the turning space restriction at the entrance.



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The laundry has top-operated machines and a table for folding. Maneuvering room is limited to 4-foot aisles. Benches are available in the breezeway for your comfort.

The amphitheater has not been modified for accessibility as of yet. The pathway is of 1-inch gravel with an excessive slope of 8.5 percent. The seating area has a wood-chip base and space is available in front for wheelchairs.

Special-Use Area

This remote camping area is located on the side of a hill and provides a vault toilet, fire rings and picnic tables. This area has not been modified for accessibility.

Day-Use Area

This shady picnic area overlooking the Meramec River has two accessible parking spaces and sites with extended-end tables. However, travel is across natural turf and a barrier may result from the table pad being above ground level. An accessible vault toilet is located at the end of this area and has two accessible parking spaces.

Boat Launch Area

The two-lane boat ramp has a slope of 9.6 percent and is of concrete. The mostly level asphalt parking lot has one accessible parking space near an accessible vault toilet. The pathway to the toilet contains a slope of 9 percent for five feet.

Trails

Scenic Blue Heron Trail is one-half mile long and runs from the visitor center to the campground past the Spring Pond. It has a base of packed gravel fines. This trail is considered accessible.

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