

Rock Island Trail State Park

FENCING INFORMATION



Missouri State Parks has been working with adjacent landowners along the 144 miles of Rock Island Trail State Park who have expressed interest in fencing the boundary between their property and the corridor right-of-way. The following is a description of fencing materials used by Missouri State Parks:

FENCING MATERIALS

All materials will be made in the U.S.A. and locally sourced.

FENCING SPECIFICATIONS

5 rows of 12.5 gauge 4 point barb wire

1.33 lb./ft. T posts 6 ft. in length placed every 10 ft.

2 7/8 in. well pipe for line posts placed every 100 ft.

2 7/8 in. well pipe and 7/8 in. sucker rod for corners, bracing, water gaps, etc.

GATES

16 ft. gates, as needed

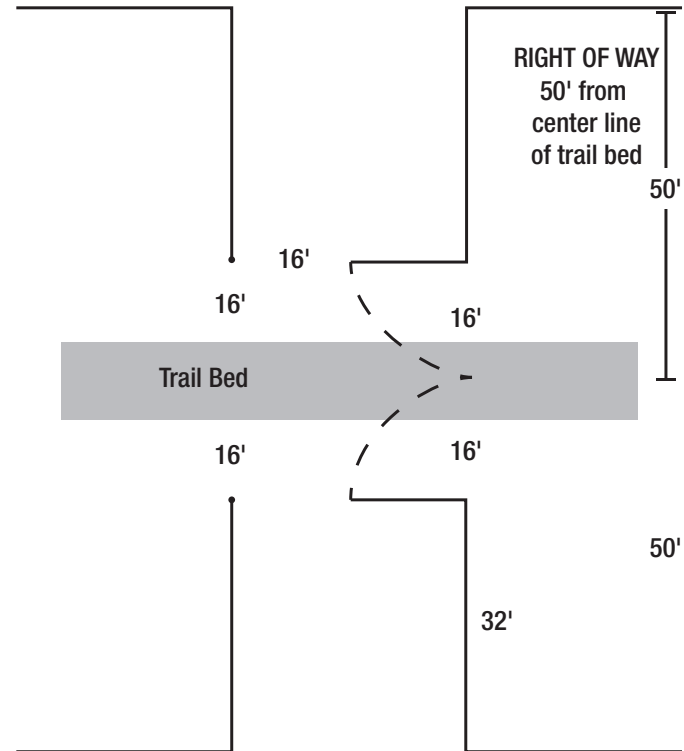
Cattle crossings should be built using pipe and sucker rod with two 16 ft. gates on each side. See photos.

QUESTIONS?

If you are an adjacent landowner and would like to discuss fencing options, please call or text 573-489-8780 or send an email to moparks@dnr.mo.gov.



EXAMPLE OF CATTLE CROSSING GATE CONFIGURATION



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ADJACENT LANDOWNER INFORMATION

LIABILITY

Missouri State Parks takes the concerns of adjacent landowners seriously, especially with respect to the potential for intrusion onto private property. It is the intent of Missouri State Parks to work cooperatively with adjacent landowners along the corridor, just as it has on the Katy Trail.

Missouri statutes Sections 258.100, 537.346 and 537.351, RSMo protect landowners adjacent to recreational trails and parks from civil liability for injuries to trespassers or those entering the adjacent landowner's property without implied or expressed permission, invitation or consent.

In addition to statutory protections, Missouri State Parks has worked cooperatively with landowners adjacent to Katy Trail State Park to help minimize the likelihood for trespass from the trail onto adjoining property. This is accomplished primarily by marking the boundaries of state park property with signs placed at regular intervals, which also warn trail users not to trespass. This message is also provided via signage and brochures at all trailhead information depots. Missouri State Parks will develop similar measures for the Rock Island Trail State Park as well.

LANDOWNER COMPENSATION

Federal courts have ruled that property owners whose land use is impacted as a result of a railbanking under the National Trails Act must be compensated. Landowners seeking that compensation must file a claim for compensation in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington D.C. Those lawsuits are filed against only the federal government and not against the railroad, the trail sponsor, or any other party. The funds for the compensation come from the "Judgment Fund" at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which is appropriated every year by Congress to pay the liabilities of the United States. Landowners seeking to pursue compensation may wish to contact a private attorney to discuss potential options.

As of October 2022, a number of landowners along the Rock Island Trail State Park have already received compensation and others have pending claims that are awaiting resolution.

For more information, please visit our webpage at <https://mostateparks.com/rock-island-trail-state-park>.