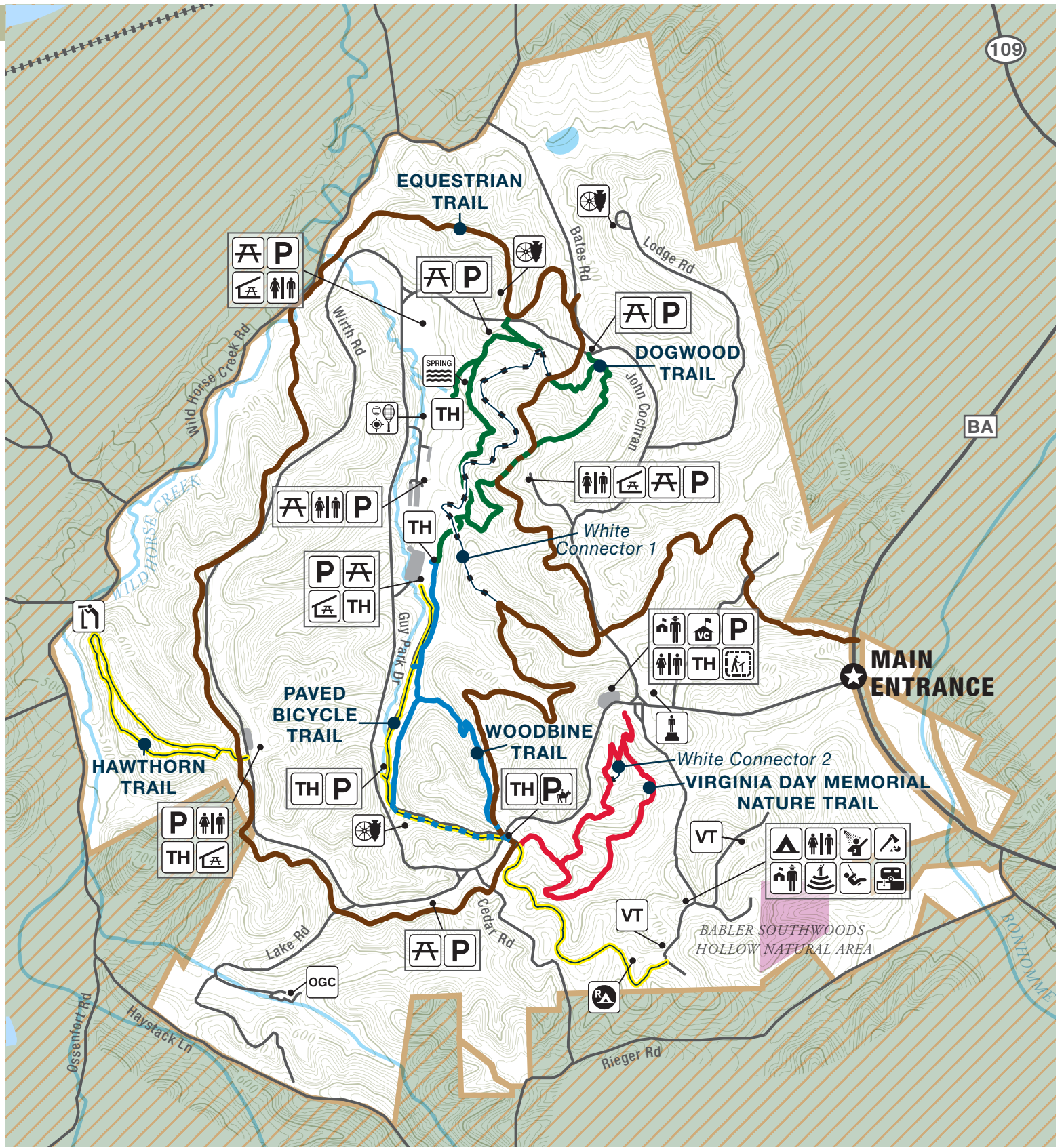


# DR. EDMUND A. BABLER MEMORIAL STATE PARK MAP



## LEGEND

- Main entrance
- State route
- Land contour
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in orange
- Trail blazed in yellow
- Trail blazed in green
- Trail blazed in blue
- Trail blazed in brown
- Trail (connector)
- Trail (overlapping)
- Water
- Camping
- Hiking trail
- Bicycling trail
- Equestrian trail
- Picnicking
- Visitor center
- Amphitheater
- Check station/park office
- Cultural feature
- Dump station
- Equestrian parking
- Interpretive exhibits
- Memorial
- Organized group camp
- Overlook
- Parking
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Recreational feature
- Restroom
- Showerhouse
- Special-use area
- Spring
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet
- Woodlot



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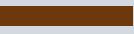











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TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
<b>Dogwood Trail</b>	2.10	 Green		Rugged	2, 3, 7, 9, 10
<b>Equestrian Trail</b>	6.20	 Brown		Rugged	2, 3, 7, 9, 12
<b>Hawthorn Trail</b>	1.20	 Yellow		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 8
<b>Paved Bicycle Trail</b>	1.70	 Yellow		Easy	1, 7, 9
<b>Virginia Day Memorial Nature Trail</b>	1.50	 Red		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 9
<b>Woodbine Trail</b>	1.80	 Blue		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 9, 12
<b>Connector Trail</b> (  )		 White			

*Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your hike. See map for more information.*

**\* YOU MAY EXPERIENCE:** ① Slippery conditions and/or downed vegetation ② Natural surface: dirt, mud, gravel, loose rocks, slippery surface, etc. ③ Rocks, roots and/or downed vegetation on trail ④ Low-hanging vegetation ⑤ Physically challenging obstacles ⑥ Wood or stone steps ⑦ Steep grades and inclines over 10% ⑧ Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail ⑨ Bridges and/or structural crossings ⑩ Water/stream crossings without bridges ⑪ Occasional water over trail ⑫ Road/highway crossing ⑬ Emergency response signs ⑭ Narrow passages ⑮ Raised or protruding obstacles ⑯ Electric fence crossings ⑰ Bison ⑱ Rapidly changing weather conditions ⑲ Motorized boat traffic ⑳ Unexpected waves ㉑ Changing water levels ㉒ Surface or submerged objects

## DOGWOOD TRAIL

 **2.10-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 hours 5 minutes

From the trailhead near the enclosed shelter, which it shares with Woodbine Trail, Dogwood Trail travels north. The trail crosses White Connector 1 shortly before the beginning of the trail loop and shares tread with the equestrian trail for a short section of its route. The change in elevation allows hikers to see the wide variety of forest habitats from moist green valleys in the low sections to heavily wooded sections. Along the way, the trail passes the Cochran Shelter and short spurs that lead to the Bates Picnic Area, the historic stable building, the Babler spring and a small cave. Dogwood and Woodbine trails can be combined by White Connector 1 to create a longer hike.

## EQUESTRIAN TRAIL

 **6.20-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 6 hours, 15 minutes

The longest trail in the park, Equestrian Trail travels through different natural communities for a variety of scenery and experiences. Communities change from dry mesic forest dominated by oak, hickory and dogwood trees to bottomland areas dominated by large sycamore trees with pawpaw trees and ferns. It is easy to spot patches of butterfly weed, Ohio horsemint and black-eyed Susans. The trail parallels Wildhorse Creek for a short distance and passes through the mature forest known as Cochran Woods. Several structures along the trail still showcase the 1930s craftsmanship of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

White connector 1 is 1.10-mile long and blazed in white. The white connector trail starts at the intersection with Dogwood Trail and crosses or follows the Dogwood Trail several times. The connector trail leads to a spur for the equestrian entrance on Highway BA. The equestrian entrance is not an official trailhead, but an access point. The 1.10-mile spur is blazed in brown and makes use of an old paved road at times before exiting the park on Highway BA.

## HAWTHORN TRAIL

 **1.20-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 55 minutes

Although it is the shortest trail in the park, Hawthorn Trail shows a diversity of geology. A short distance from the trailhead, before the loop begins, the trail crosses Equestrian Trail. The trail takes hikers along the northeast side of a narrow ridge and returns on the southwest side. A marked difference in plants and habitat is found on the two sides of the ridge. On the northeast side of the trail, plants are thicker and greener, the soil is deeper and groves of pawpaw trees flourish on the slope and in the valley below the trail. On the southwest side, the prevailing hot and dry winds create a gladelike landscape with drier soil, sparse plants and underlying rock exposed in several areas. The glade is being restored to its original appearance.



## PAVED BICYCLE TRAIL

 **1.70 miles one way** TRAIL RATING: Easy  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 50 minutes

Paved Bicycle Trail takes hikers and bicyclists from the campground to the central portion of the park. Along the way, users will pass a small cemetery and a tunnel built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The trail passes through varied terrain with several steep hills and passes Crystal Spring, one of two continuously flowing springs in the park. Along this sheltered section, the runoff creek that parallels the trail produces verdant foliage. Pawpaw, spicebush, jack-in-the-pulpit, trillium and other deep green plants grow along each side of the trail.

Although a trailhead is not located at the campground, campers will find it a convenient point to access the trail. The trail intersects and shares a section with Woodbine Trail.

## VIRGINIA DAY MEMORIAL NATURE TRAIL

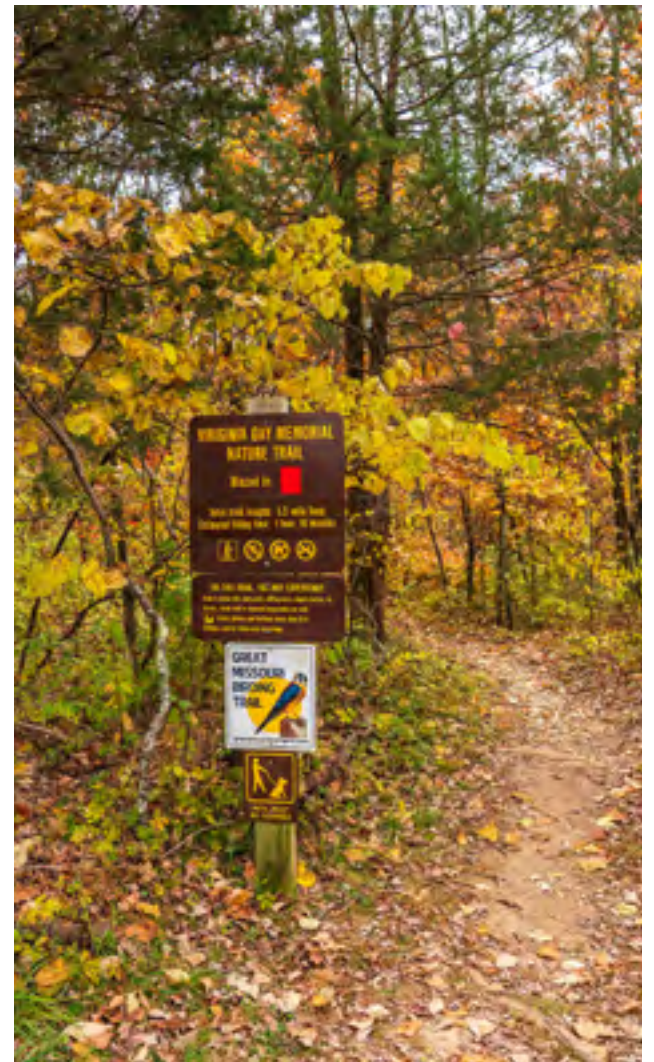
 **1.50-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 5 minutes

This trail was named for Virginia Day, who spent many years as a volunteer naturalist at the park. The trail descends into a valley through a mixture of old-growth forest of mainly oak and hickory until it reaches a pawpaw patch. White Connector 2 gives a glimpse of the forest in the valley, traversing through a cedar patch before turning back toward the visitor center. The long loop continues farther south and west through the valley and onto a ridge. At that point, a spur branches off to connect with the Paved Bicycle Trail. The trail descends into the valley, following a creek bed. As the trail continues through the valley, it reaches the spur that goes back to the trailhead.

## WOODBINE TRAIL

 **1.80-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 25 minutes

Located in the central portion of the park, Woodbine Trail shares a trailhead with Dogwood Trail and shares tread with both the Paved Bicycle Trail and Equestrian Trail. From the trailhead, Woodbine Trail travels south following the valley and crossing a small footbridge through a stand of sweet gum trees. These trees were likely planted to mark a homestead boundary more than 100 years ago. On its section shared with the Paved Bicycle Trail, the trail passes Crystal Spring, one of two continuously flowing springs in the park. Near the top of the hill, the trail joins up with the Equestrian Trail and follows a ridge that gets plenty of sunshine and provides some of the earliest fall color for viewing. Dogwood and Woodbine trails can be combined to create a longer hike.



## The Ethics of Good Trail Use

- Carry out what you carry in. If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash too.
- Keep your group small. This is less likely to harm the native landscape.
- Dispose of human waste properly. The top six or eight inches of soil provide a system of biologic disposers that decompose organic material. Hikers should select a spot at least 100 feet from any open water; dig a small hole no deeper than six or eight inches; after use, fill the hole with loose soil and tramp in the sod. Nature will do the rest.
- Stay on the trail. Do not take shortcuts. The trail has been laid out to minimize destruction of vegetation and prevent erosion.

## Rules of the Trail

- Only hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists, as designated, are permitted on the park trails.
- All pets must be leashed for their protection and that of visitors and wildlife.
- Removal of plants, animals, rocks, downed timber, artifacts or relics is prohibited.
- Cutting implements (saws, hatchets, etc.) are not allowed.
- No hunting or discharging of firearms is permitted.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable.

**NOTE:** Ticks and chiggers are abundant May through mid-October. Be prepared with insect repellent.