

BRYANT CREEK STATE PARK MAP



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TRAIL INFORMATION

Bryant Creek State Park

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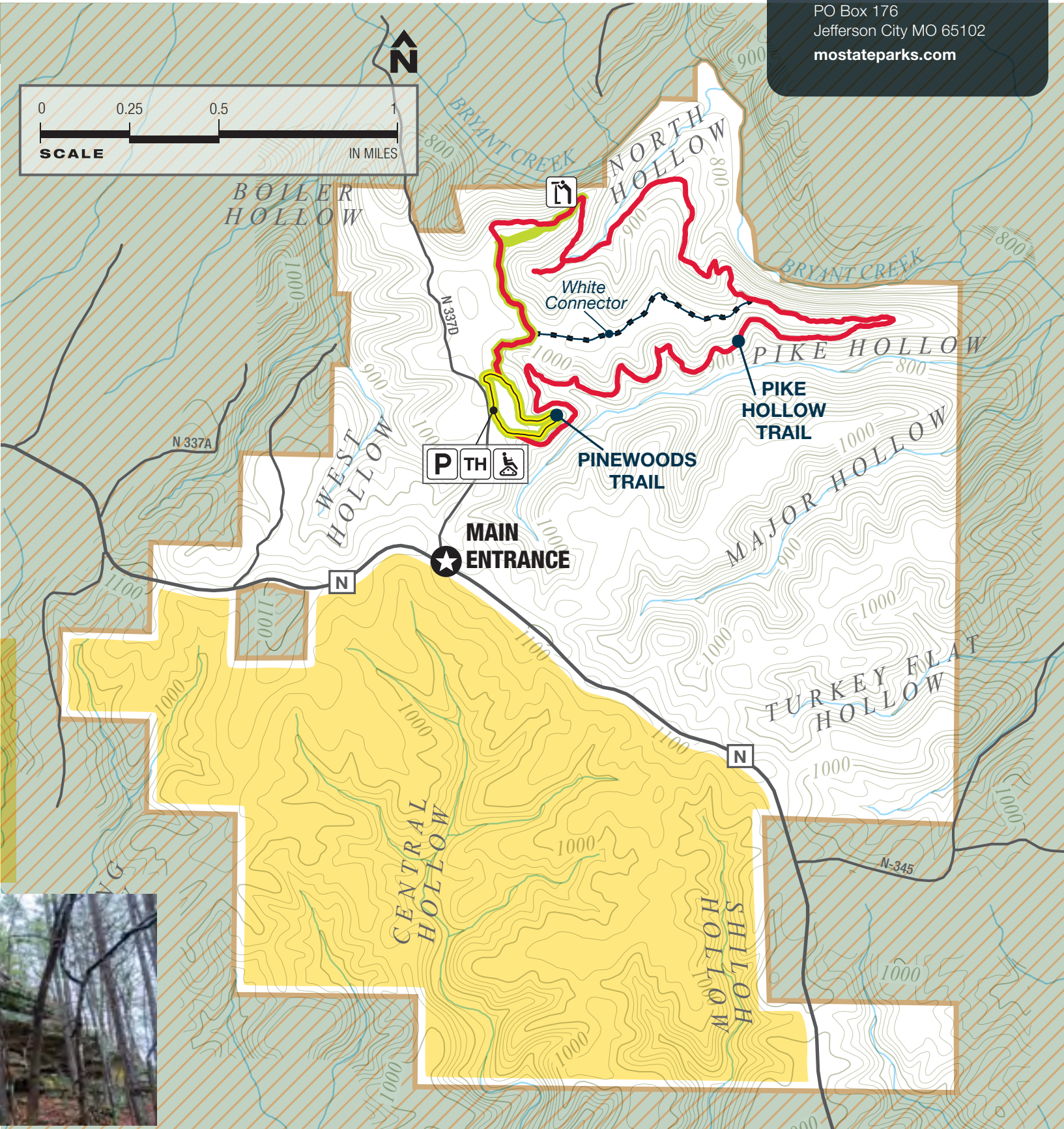
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(Table Rock State Park office)

LEGEND

- Main entrance
- State route
- Land contour
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in yellow
- Phase 2 development*
- Track chair (TC) approved route
- Track chair (TC) trail
- Hiking trail
- Picnicking
- Overlook
- Parking
- Trailhead
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*The Conceptual Development Plan Phase 2 Development Area is currently in the planning stages. Visit mostateparks.com and search for the Conceptual Development Plan for more information.



TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE*
Pike Hollow Trails	4.50	Red		Rugged	2, 3, 7, 8, 10
Pinewoods Trail	0.60	Yellow		Easy	2, 3

Connector Trail () 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

PIKE HOLLOW TRAIL

4.50-mile loop TRAIL RATING: Rugged
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 4 hours, 30 minutes

A distinctive sandstone outcrop layer will intrigue hikers along most of the length of Pike Hollow Trail. Long ledges of Roubidoux sandstone stacked two or three layers tall follow the ins and outs of every hill and hollow in the park. The outcrops form intriguing, weather-worn shapes. On wet days, water can be seen dripping from mantles of mosses, lichens and ferns. Many species of plants – some uncommon or even rare – cling to these moist sandstone walls. Banks of green plants come alive in spring rains and add patterns of green to the summer woods. The plant life along the trail harbor forest insects and occasional salamanders or frogs. In the winter, icicles sometimes cover entire ledge expanses, and ice waterfalls grow where water seeps from the rock.

The landform of Bryant Creek State Park is heavily forested, deeply carved and sharply incised. It exhibits three major geologic layers. Rugged and diverse river hills lead from the Gainesville Plain to Bryant Creek itself, 400 feet in elevation below. The deep relief of the landscape and complex geology are what lead to the remarkable abundance and variety in the park's plant and animal life.

With 940 kinds of plants, the park preserves more wildflowers, shrubs, trees and other vascular plant species than any area of Missouri yet studied, encompassing within these 3,000 acres nearly one-third of Missouri's total known flora. The hills and bluffs through which the trail winds contain extensive groves of shortleaf pine – Missouri's only native pine tree. There are at least 60 kinds of mosses, liverworts and hornworts documented, and more species of lichen have been discovered at Bryant Creek than in all but one other Missouri State Park.

The small cavities and overhangs of the sandstone ledges provides shelter for many animals such as black bears, bats, eastern woodrats and bobcats. Nearly 70 kinds of forest, woodland and shrubland birds are known to nest in the park, and many more pass through during spring and fall migrations.

This trail was built with the assistance of team Fire 1 of AmeriCorps NCCC, a full-time service program allowing young adults ages 18-26 to serve in communities across the country gaining valuable leadership skills.

PINEWOODS TRAIL

0.60 miles loop TRAIL RATING: Easy
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 20 minutes

Pinewoods Trail leisurely leads visitors through the narrow ridge-top covered in native pine, just to the edge of the rugged drop off to the sandstone geography below. This 0.6-mile trail is a great way to see Missouri's only native Shortleaf Pine.



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