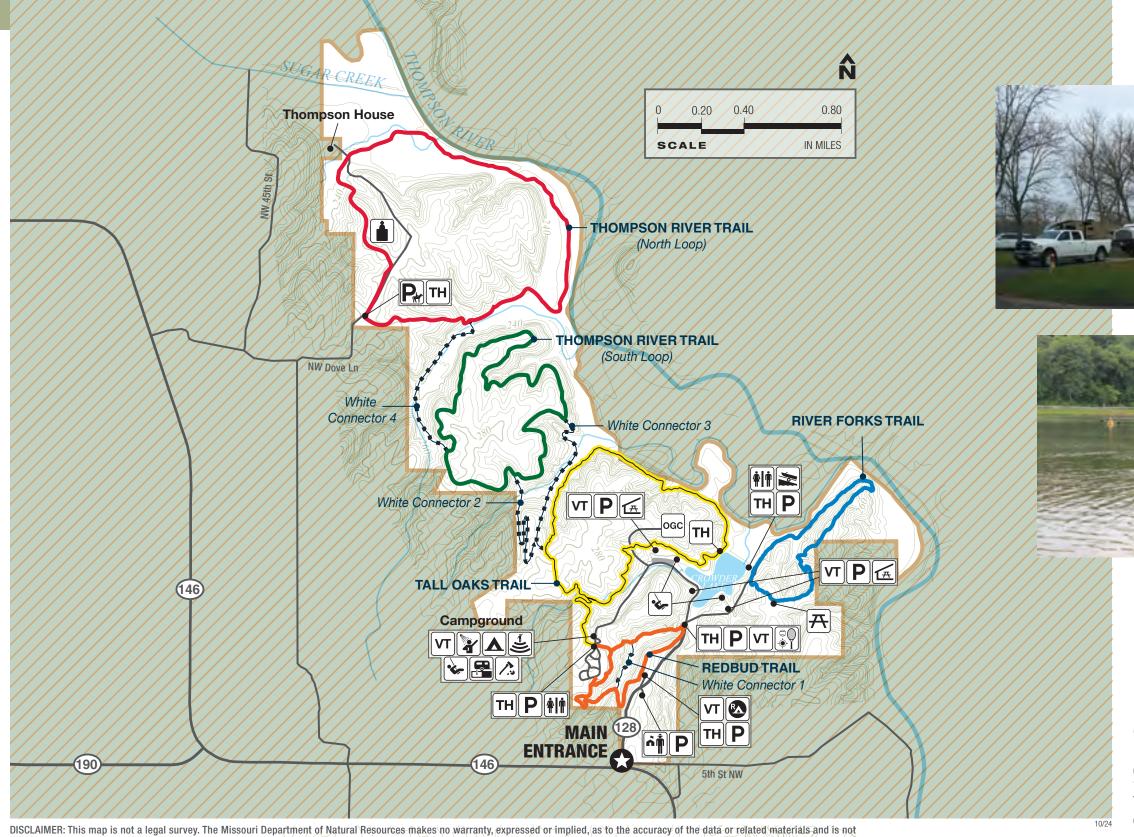
# **CROWDER STATE PARK MAP**



# LEGEND

- Main entrance
- U.S. highway (two-lane)
- 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 (connector)
- Water
- ▲ Camping
- Hiking trail
- Equestrian trail
- Backpacking trail Mountain biking trail
- Accessible
- Amphitheater
- Boat ramp
- Cemetery
- Dump station
- **P** Equestrian parking
- Firewood
- Organized group camp
- **P** Parking
- Park office
- Picnic shelter
- Picnicking **№** Playground
- Recreation feature
- \*I† Restroom
- **Showerhouse**
- Special-use area
- TH Trailhead
- VT Vault toilet





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responsible for any damage or loss resulting from its use.



#### **REDBUD TRAIL**

**1.60-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 15 minutes

This trail takes hikers into an area similar to the Ozark highlands of southern Missouri. The trail follows a headwater stream through rich bottomland forest lined with prominent sandstone outcrops mantled in ferns and mosses and ascends a hill through woodlands dominated by white oak and hickory trees. White Connector 1 allows for a shorter hike of approximately 1 mile.

#### **RIVER FORKS TRAIL**

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

Hikers and bicyclists will travel the hilly terrain through a woodland of loess and glacial till soils dominated by white oak and shagbark hickory. In the spring, the ground is carpeted with wildflowers and ferns from valley floor to ridgetop. The Thompson River is briefly visible from the trail's farthest point.

#### **TALL OAKS TRAIL**

**2.90-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 hours, 50 minutes

The trail traverses a wide variety of the natural communities found throughout the park. It follows the shoreline of Crowder Lake on the north and west, then leads through a mesic bottomland forest composed of sycamore, river birch, cottonwood and black walnut trees. Rising out of the bottoms, the trail traverses a mature woodland dominated by white oak and hickory trees and, at the summit of the ridge, an old field. The South Loop of the Thompson River Trail can be accessed from this trail via White Connector 3 (0.80 miles) or White Connector 2 (0.80 miles). Additional trail mileage includes a 0.20-mile spur across Crowder Lake dam and a 0.40-mile spur from the campground.

This trail can also be accessed from the Shelter 3 and campground amphitheater parking lots.



#### THOMPSON RIVER TRAIL

#### 8.70-mile multi-loop

TRAIL RATING: Rugged
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 8 hours, 45 minutes

North Loop: 3.70 miles

ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 hours, 45 minutes

Much of this trail is on the open, low-lying floodplain of the Thompson River and crosses through a mature mesic bottomland forest including cottonwood, hackberry, silver maple and pin oak. The floodwaters of the Thompson River, easily visible from the trail, provide nourishment to the bottomland forest. A small section of the trail crosses a level ridgetop, which has been restored to native tallgrass prairie to reflect the historic vegetation that once dominated the highest elevations. The Thompson house, which is on private property, and cemetery are accessible a short distance from this trail. This trail may be susceptible to periodic flooding. Exercise good judgment and use the trail only when conditions will not promote erosion or deterioration of the trail surface.

South Loop: 3.30 miles

ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 hours,15 minutes

The South Loop can be accessed via 0.80-mile White Connector 4 from the North Loop or from Tall Oaks Trail by either 0.80-mile White Connector 2 or 0.80-mile White Connector 3.

The majority of this trail traverses loess and glacial till woodlands dominated by white oak and hickory. In places, it provides a scenic view of the wooded valley below. A small section of the trail crosses an old agricultural field on the ridgetop.

Note: Trail conditions are monitored, and trails are closed to all uses except hiking when surface conditions warrant. Trail status is available on the Park and Site Status Map at mostateparks.com; by calling the rainout line at 573-398-7001, ext. 4; or by checking the park's Facebook page.





TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
River Forks Trail	1.90	Blue	<b>*</b>	Moderate	2, 3, 7
Tall Oaks Trail	2.90	Yellow	<b>*</b>	Rugged	2, 3, 7, 9, 12
Redbud Trail	1.60	Orange	<b>ķ</b> /	Moderate	2, 3, 7
Thompson River Trail	8.70	Red/Gre	en 🔥 🚰 🤺	Rugged	2, 3, 7
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 slippery surface, etc. 3 Rock 6 Wood or stone steps 7 Si 10 Water/stream crossings wi 14 Narrow passages 15 Raise 19 Motorized boat traffic 20 L	ss, roots and/or d teep grades and thout bridges <b>11</b> ed or protruding o	owned vegetation on trail inclines over 10% <b>3</b> Blu Occasional water over trail obstacles <b>16</b> Electric fenc	4 Low-hanging vegetation of the first or drop-offs next to train all 12 Road/highway cross the crossings 17 Bison 18	on 5 Physically c 9 Bridges and/o ing 13 Emergency Rapidly changing v	hallenging obstacles or structural crossings y response signs



# Signing

All trails are marked using 3" x 4" plastic blazes nailed to trees. The blazes are about 6 feet off the ground. Trails may also be marked using Carsonsite signposts and reflective arrows. More than one blaze color on a tree indicates the tread is shared by two or more trails.

# Mountain Biking

Ride only on designated trails when trail conditions allow them to be open to bicycling.

- Helmets are recommended.
- Yield to other trail users and ring a bell or give a verbal warning when approaching other trail users.
- Ride safely and in control.

# **Rules of the Trail**

- All pets must be leashed for their protection and that of visitors and wildlife.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable to trail users.

## The Ethics of Good Trail Use

- Plan ahead. Bring enough water. Be sure you can get back to your vehicle before it gets dark.
- Carry out what you carry in. If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash.
- Keep your group small. Small groups are less likely to harm the environment.
- Dispose of human waste properly. 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.
- Please do not create new trails. Trails are designed to prevent soil erosion and damage to surrounding vegetation.
- Backpack camping is permitted along either loop of Thompson River Trail and on connectors 2, 3 or 4.
- Backpackers must register at the park office or online at mostateparks.com before starting their trip.
- Equestrian camping is not allowed on the trail
- Campfires are prohibited. Stoves must be used for cooking.
- Cutting implements such as saws and hatchets are not allowed on the trail.