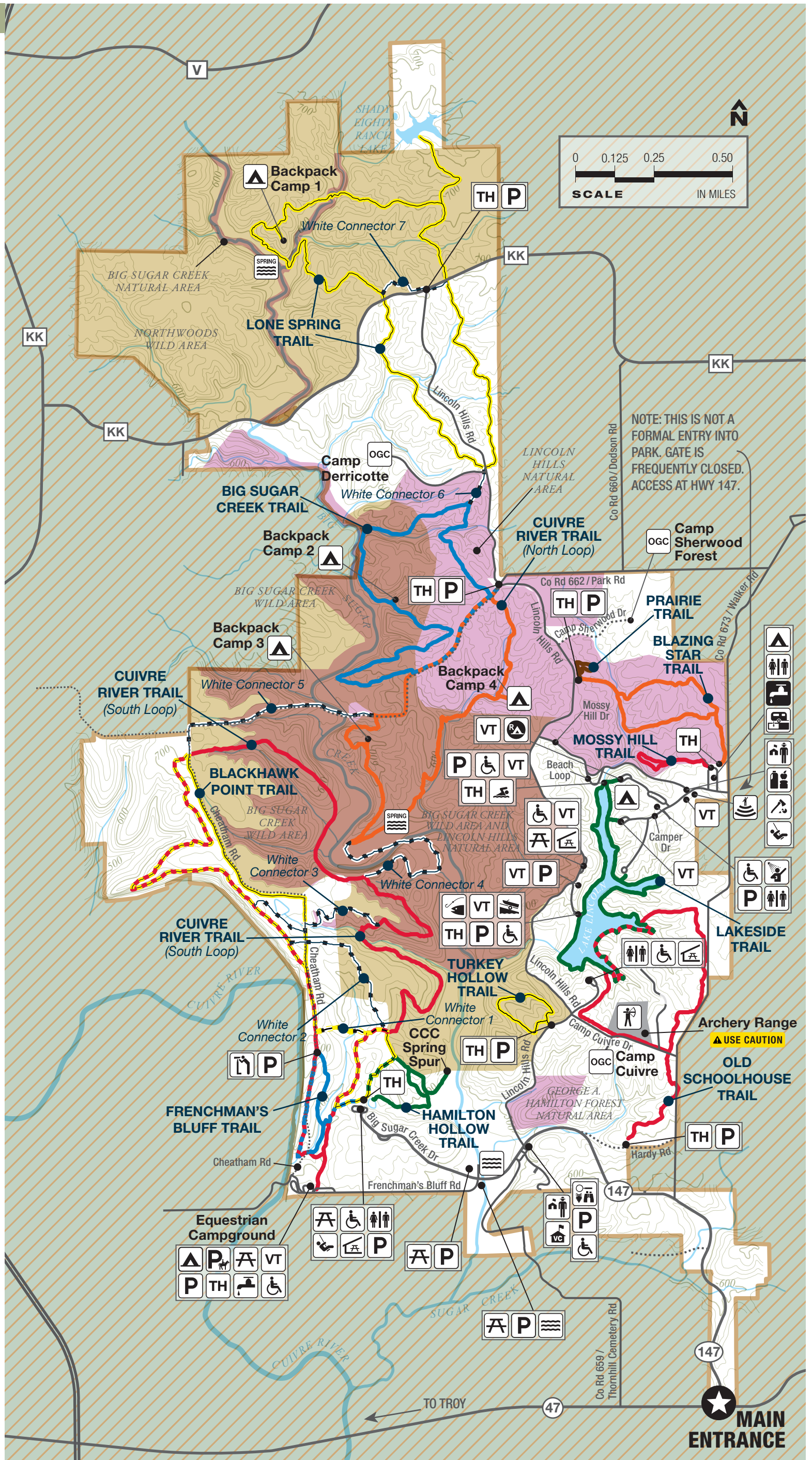


# CUIVRE RIVER STATE PARK MAP

## LEGEND

- Main entrance
- U.S. highway (two-lane)
- State route
- Gravel road
- Land contour
- Natural area
- 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 (overlapping)
- Trail (connector)
- Water
- Wild area
- Area (overlapping)
- Camping
- Park store
- Hiking trail
- Backpacking trail
- Equestrian trail
- Mountain biking trail
- Picnicking
- Visitor center
- Accessibility
- Amphitheater
- Archery
- Boat ramp
- Dump station
- Equestrian parking
- Fishing
- Frost free water
- Nature center
- Organized group camp
- Overlook
- Park office
- Parking
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Restroom
- Shower
- Special-use camping area
- Spring
- Swimming
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet
- Water
- Water access
- Water fountain
- Woodlot



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## BIG SUGAR CREEK TRAIL

**3.70-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 hours, 45 minutes

Big Sugar Creek Trail traverses the northern part of Big Sugar Creek Wild Area and Lincoln Hills Natural Area, crossing two small tributary valleys of Big Sugar Creek. From “keyhole bluff” along the southwest portion of the trail, hikers can view a section of Big Sugar Creek, a gravel-bottomed Ozark-like creek. The northern part of the trail goes through open woodland, which is being restored to its original character by the use of prescribed burns. White Connector 6 is available to provide access to Lone Spring Trail.

## BLACKHAWK POINT TRAIL

**5.60-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 5 hours, 35 minutes

After leaving the trailhead at the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Stone Shelter, Blackhawk Point Trail travels down the Geode Creek valley before climbing to the top of Frenchman’s Bluff. The trail follows Cheatham Road for 1.75 miles and then heads back into the woods toward Blackhawk Point on Frenchman’s Bluff. This point offers a remote and spectacular view of the Cuivre River valley. The trail follows Frenchman’s Bluff for about 3 miles, offering scenic views along the route. The trail shares tread with Cuivre River and Hamilton Hollow trails and the bike trail remains on the road along areas especially close to the bluff. It returns to the Geode Creek valley and heads along a portion of Hamilton Hollow before ending at the CCC shelter. Since this trail shares tread with several other trails, many sections are blazed in two colors.

## BLAZING STAR TRAIL

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

The tallgrass prairie of Sherwood Prairie is featured on Blazing Star Trail. After crossing through a wooded creek valley from the main trailhead, the trail enters an open expanse of tallgrass prairie. It then alternates between wooded savanna and open prairie until the loop returns through the creek valley and back to the parking area. A separate trail entrance connects the trail loop to the campground. Summer and fall are the best times to see many of the wildflowers, while the tall prairie grasses reach their peak during the late summer and fall.

## CUIVRE RIVER TRAIL

**13.40-mile multi-loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 13 hours 25 minutes

**North loop: 3.80 miles**  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 4 hours

**South loop: 7.40 miles**  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 7 hours, 15 minutes

Cuivre River Trail is divided into the North and South loops. The North Loop consists of a former portion of Big Sugar Creek Trail that has been renamed. This loop traverses much of Big Sugar Creek Wild Area and offers access to Sugar Bluff, bottomland forests and a wet-weather spring.







The South Loop follows Frenchman’s Bluff for several miles, offering great views of the Cuivre River valley. The trail heads back into the Big Sugar Creek valley and runs along the creek, eventually leading back to the starting point. Several examples of Civilian Conservation Corps stonework, as well as the quarries where stone was excavated, can be seen along the trails.

White connectors 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 offer more than 4 miles of additional trail. With these, the entire system offers more than 15 miles of multiuse trail.

## FRENCHMAN’S BLUFF TRAIL

**1.60-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 10 minutes

This popular trail follows Geode Creek for a short distance before winding up a hill and emerging on top of Frenchman’s Bluff. The 120-foot-high bluff, formed in Burlington limestone, offers outstanding vistas of the Cuivre River valley. After continuing along the bluff for approximately half a mile, the trail crosses the road and returns to the picnic shelter. This trail is relatively easy to hike, but care should be taken when on top of the bluff as the loose gravel can make footing unsure. Portions of this trail are shared with Cuivre River Trail, which is open to equestrian use.

TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Big Sugar Creek Trail	3.70	Blue	 	Rugged	2, 3, 7, 10
Blackhawk Point Trail	5.60	Yellow	 	Rugged	2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12
Blazing Star Trail	1.70	Orange		Moderate	2, 3
Cuivre River Trail	13.40	Orange/Red	  	Rugged	2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12
Frenchman’s Bluff Trail	1.60	Blue		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 12
Hamilton Hollow Trail	0.90	Green		Moderate	2, 3
Lakeside Trail	3.40	Green		Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11
Lone Spring Trail	5.10	Yellow	 	Rugged	2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12
Mossy Hill Trail	0.80	Red		Moderate	2, 3, 9
Old Schoolhouse Trail	3.80	Red	 	Moderate	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12
Prairie Trail	0.30	Brown		Easy	2, 3
Turkey Hollow Trail	0.80	Yellow		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 9
Connector Trail (  )		White			

*Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your route. 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

## HAMILTON HOLLOW TRAIL

**0.90-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 40 minutes

Hamilton Hollow Trail begins and ends near the stone picnic shelter that was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. A wide array of spring wildflowers and some of the largest trees in the park can be found in Hamilton Hollow. A portion of this trail is shared with mountain bikers. The CCC Spring spur takes hikers past a former rock quarry used by the Civilian Conservation Corps and to a spring. The CCC used rocks from the quarry to line the spring and trail edge and is available to foot traffic only.

## LAKESIDE TRAIL

**3.40-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Following the entire shoreline of Lincoln Lake, the trail is frequently used by anglers as well as by hikers. During the summer, a good display of wildflowers can be found along the trail, especially the western and northeastern portions. Hikers may witness the work of beavers or catch a glimpse of one swimming in the lake. Lakeside Trail is easy to follow and hike. A short section of the red Old Schoolhouse Trail allows access from the Lakeside Shelter to Lakeside Trail. This trail has multiple spurs, each ending in a loop of the campground.

## LONE SPRING TRAIL

**5.10-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 5 hours, 10 minutes

Lone Spring Trail is named for a perennially flowing spring that emerges in the valley at the base of a ridge. The trail includes sections on the north and the south side of Highway KK. The trail loops through Northwoods Wild Area and crosses a tributary of Big Sugar Creek, a designated state natural area. The southwestern part of the trail goes through an open woodland that is being restored to its original condition by the use of prescribed burns. White Connector 7 is available to shorten the trip. A connecting spur to the north allows the option to hike to Shady 80 Lake, and White Connector 6 to the south provides access to Big Sugar Creek Trail. There is also a spur that leads to the backpack camp.

## MOSSY HILL TRAIL

**0.80-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 35 minutes

Mossy Hill Trail has the same entrance and exit and then splits to provide a half-mile loop. After following a wooded valley, the trail crosses Mossy Hill, an open woodland with luxuriant growths of mosses and lichens and several unique wildflowers.

## OLD SCHOOLHOUSE TRAIL

**3.80-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 hours, 50 minutes

The Old Schoolhouse Trail receives its name from the foundation of an early 1900s one-room schoolhouse that can be seen along the trail. The loop trail, which is suitable for mountain biking, provides a spectacular view of Lake

Lincoln as it shares a path with Lakeside Trail. Along the way, the trail crosses several park roads, makes use of an old service road and passes through Camp Cuivre.

## PRAIRIE TRAIL

**0.30-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Easy  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 15 minutes

A leisurely walk on Prairie Trail takes hikers through a tallgrass prairie landscape. Sac Prairie is only a small remnant prairie but this special area gives a glimpse of the vast prairies that once covered more than a third of Missouri in presettlement times. A bulletin board at the trail entrance provides more information about the prairie and preservation efforts.

## TURKEY HOLLOW TRAIL

**0.80-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 35 minutes

The first part of the natural surface trail passes through an old field before entering woodlands with many large oak trees. The trail crosses a bridge over a small valley and loops around the point of a ridge before heading back toward the entrance. Turkey Hollow Trail is named for the wild turkeys that are frequently seen in the area.

## Things to Know Before You Go

The trails in Cuivre River State Park are yours. Please help to maintain and preserve their beauty by following these rules:

- Only hikers, backpackers, equestrians and bicyclists, as designated, are permitted on the park trails.
- Equestrians must stay on trails designated for equestrian use.
- Backpackers must register online before starting their trip. A registration form can be found at [mostateparks.com](http://mostateparks.com) under this park’s homepage.
- Camping is permitted only by backpackers. No equestrian camping is allowed on trails.
- Camp only in designated areas.
- Cutting implements such as saws and hatchets are not allowed on the trail.
- All pets must be leashed for their protection and that of other visitors and wildlife.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable to trail users.

**NOTE:** *Ticks, chiggers and mosquitoes are common in Missouri April through October. Be prepared with insect repellent.*

