# **ELEPHANT ROCKS STATE PARK MAP**



## LEGEND

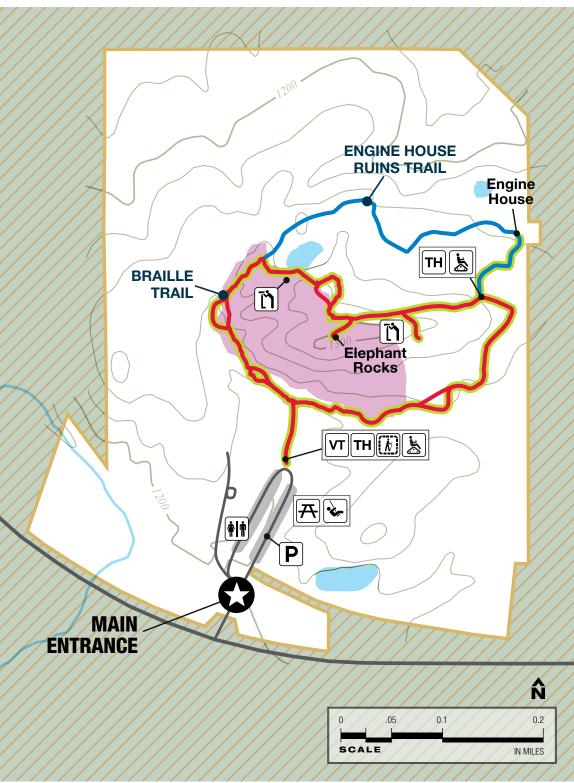
- Main entrance
- State route
- Land contour
- Natural area
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in blue
- Water
- Track chair (TC) approved route
- Track chair (TC) trail
- **^** Hiking trail
- Interpretive trail
- Picnicking
- الج Accessibility
- ħ Overlook
- P Parking
- ·&-Playground
- Restroom †I†
- Trailhead TH
- Vault toilet



#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Braille Trail	0.90	Red	k & B &	Easy	1, 2, 6, 8, 9
Engine House Ruins Trail	0.40	Blue	<b>*</b>	Easy	2, 3, 8
Connector Trail (					
surface, etc. 3 Rocks, roots and or stone steps 7 Steep grades a stream crossings without bridges passages 5 Raised or protruding boat traffic 40 Unexpected waves	and inclines over Occasional v g obstacles 6	10% 8 Bluffs or drop-ovater over trail 12 Road/Electric fence crossings	offs next to trail <b>9</b> Bridges highway crossing <b>13</b> Eme <b>19</b> Bison <b>18</b> Rapidly chan	s and/or structi ergency respon	ural crossings <b>10</b> Water/se signs <b>14</b> Narrow

#### **BRAILLE TRAIL**

**0.90-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Easy ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 30 minutes

Designed especially for people with visual or physical disabilities, the Braille Trail is the first of its kind in Missouri state parks and is designated as a National Recreation Trail. The spur from the trailhead leads to this loop trail, which provides views of the 7.5-acre Elephant Rocks Natural Area. The trail passes by a quarry pond, which supports a variety of animal life. A short spur off of the trail leads to the top of the granite outcrop for access to the maze of giant elephant rocks. A second spur leads to a point overlooking an old quarry site where Missouri red granite was quarried from the 1860s through the early 1900s. The main asphalt section of the trail features interpretive signs and is accessible to persons with disabilities. Several loops are available to vary the hike.





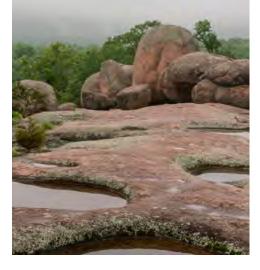
#### **ENGINE HOUSE RUINS TRAIL**

**0.40 miles one way** TRAIL RATING: Easy

ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 15 minutes

Accessed from the Braille Trail, the level trail at the east entrance is paved for approximately 430 feet to the ruins of an old engine house. The engine house originally was built to repair train engines and cars from the Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad in the 1890s and to service Sheehan Quarry operations in what is now the state park. By 1902, railroad cars were being operated regularly, shipping Missouri red granite throughout the country. The trail continues through the back side of the old quarry and over natural terrain.





## Things To Do

#### **Trails**

Two trails showcase the park's interesting geology and history, and feature the state park system's first Braille Trail and ruins of an old engine house.

#### **Picnic Area**

Picnic sites are scattered throughout the park, creating an inviting place to have lunch under a shady tree and not far from an "elephant." A playground offers enjoyment for the younger visitors.

### **Bouldering**

Bouldering is a form of rock climbing that is performed without the use of ropes and harnesses and is usually performed at heights of no more than 16 feet off the ground. A rock climbing permit is not required for bouldering.