

FINGER LAKES STATE PARK MAP

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STATE PARKS

LEGEND

- Main entrance
- State route
- Roads
- Land contour
- Not state park property
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Water
- Buoy (water trail)
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in orange
- Trail blazed in yellow
- Trail blazed in blue
- Trail (connector)
- Open riding area
- Camping
- Hiking trail
- Mountain biking trail
- ORV trail
- Paddling trail
- Picnicking
- Accessibility
- Boat launch
- Cemetery
- Dump station
- Fishing
- Ice
- Metal detecting
- No alcohol
- Overlook
- Parking
- Park office
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Pump track
- Restroom
- Showerhouse
- Swim beach
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet
- Water
- Wi-Fi
- Woodlot



NOTICE: For everyone's safety alcohol is only allowed in the campground.

IMPORTANT

The ORV Main Trail has been marked with orange blazes. All unmarked areas have been designated as Open Riding Areas. The Open Riding Areas require advanced riding skills. Use extreme caution when riding in the Open Riding Areas.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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FINGER LAKES STATE PARK WATER TRAIL

4.50-mile system TRAIL RATING: Easy

North Loop 2.20 miles

South Loop 2.30 miles

This water trail allows visitors to see a different side of the park by experiencing it from a canoe or kayak on Peabody Lake. The park was once an active strip mine operated by Peabody Mining Co. and the lakes throughout the park are the water-filled pits created when the coal was removed. After mining operations ceased in the late 1960s, the land became a project to demonstrate the use of strip-mined land for recreational purposes and Finger Lakes State Park was created.

The trail is divided into two sections— the 2.20-mile north section and the 2.30-mile south section. A 0.40-mile white connector between the two sections lets you complete the entire trail. Buoys are placed every tenth of a mile, with blue buoys for the north section and red for the south.

KELLEY BRANCH MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL (Closed to ORVs)

4-mile multi-loop TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 hours

Red Loop 2 miles
ESTIMATED PADDLE TIME: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Yellow Loop 2 miles
ESTIMATED PADDLE TIME: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Kelley Branch Mountain Bike Trail is set inside the 90-acre Kelley Branch Restoration Area. The trail traverses up and down the wooded hills along the Kelley Branch stream. The stream area has been set aside for restoration work and is closed off from off-road vehicle riding. The trail takes riders through wooded landscapes that feature steep mounds measuring 20 to 30 feet high.

Beginning from the main trailhead and going north, the Red Loop of the trail ascends a hill then travels along the edge of the ORV riding area, eventually dropping down into flat bottomland near the stream. White Connector 1 is available to shorten or enhance the ride, connecting to the Yellow Loop or a short spur leading back to the trailhead. White Connector 2 also bisects the loop and leads back to the trailhead. Where the Yellow Loop takes off south it descends to the flat bottomland for a short ride, then back up the hillside, where there is a waterfall. The trail then goes down to the old remains of a mining bridge. This area was reclaimed from Peabody Coal, which strip-mined coal from the area during the 1960s. Deer and beaver are common in the area. Benches are available at the waterfall and overlook.

The trail is signed in a counterclockwise direction and trail users are urged to follow this route. The trail features a concrete oval pump track with eight bumps or 'pumps' that require bicyclists to use an up and down pumping motion to propel the bicycle forward without pedaling. The pump track can be used by all ages and skill levels and is open to any size bicycles, skateboards, non-motorized scooters, rollerblades or roller skates. The trail also features a 12-piece skills course so bicyclists can practice their mountain biking skills.










ORV TRAIL SYSTEM

12.80 miles

In the open riding area of the park, a designated dirt trail is identified that leads motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles from the campground to the motocross track, the staging area and south to the park office. The trail takes riders through wooded landscape that has been reclaimed from Peabody Coal, which strip-mined coal from the area during the 1960s. Riders will pass by a number of lakes and steep mounds measuring 20 to 30 feet both deep and high.

The main trail is blazed in orange and trails are numbered to lead riders to around the ORV designated area. The main trail is designed for all skill level riders. There are steep grades and mud along the trail as well as slippery surfaces and some down vegetation.

These nearly 13 miles of trail are the only designated and maintained trail in the off-road riding area. However, riders may have developed other paths and routes in the area. All riders are advised to use caution at all times. Efforts have been made to make Finger Lakes State Park a safe riding area, however natural forces may create unknown hazards. Riders ride at their own risk.








TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE*
Finger Lakes State Park Water Trail	4.50	 Blue/Red		Easy	18, 20, 21, 22, **
Kelley Branch Mountain Bike Trail	4.00	 Yellow/Red	 	Moderate	2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
ORV Trail System	12.80	 Orange		NA	2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12
Connector Trail ()		 White			<i>Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your hike. See map for more information.</i>

* 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

** Personal floatation device usage is recommended.

Outdoor Activities

Off-Road Riding Area





       A major attraction at Finger Lakes State Park is the open riding area where off-road vehicles and motorcycles can explore more than 900 acres of landscape created on the former coal mining site. Trails have been designated through the area to accommodate ORVs, motorcycles and side-by-sides with a maximum width of 64 inches. For more information, see the trails portion on the map side of the brochure. The ORV staging area features a vault toilet and loading ramps; during the on-season, flush restrooms are available at the track.

The park also features an ORV youth riding area. The special area is set aside for youth under 12 years of age and riding ATVs and motorcycles that are 80cc or less.


Motocross Track

The motocross track is available for use by motorcycles and ATVs. Side-by-sides are prohibited on the motocross track. The motocross area will be closed prior to and during motocross race events. Contact the park office for event dates. The track area includes stadium seating, loading ramps and flush toilets during the on-season.

Trails

    The park's varied landscape offers options for several different kinds of trails, including ORV trails in the reclaimed mining area, a mountain biking trail in the challenging hills and ravines, and a water trail in one of the park's lakes.

Pump Track and Skills Course

 Near the entrance to the Kelley Branch Mountain Bike Trail, the park features a pump track and a skills course. The concrete oval pump track with eight bumps or "pumps" requires bicyclists to use an up and down pumping motion to propel the bicycle forward without pedaling. The pump track can be used by all ages and skill levels and is open to any size bicycle, skateboard, non-motorized scooter, rollerblades or roller skates. The 12-piece skills course offers bicyclists of all levels the opportunity to practice their mountain biking skills.


Picnic Area

The day-use area near Kelley Branch offers a shady place to enjoy lunch. The area features tables, grills, a restroom and a water fountain designed to supply a refreshing drink for people and pets.

An enclosed shelter near the motocross track can accommodate 40 people and can be rented in advance from April 15 through Oct. 31 by calling the park office.

Metal Detecting

 Metal detecting is allowed with a permit on the beach at Finger Lakes State Park. Metal detecting permits may be obtained free of charge by sending an email to moparks@dnr.mo.gov.



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Water Activities





Nearly a dozen small, isolated lakes left by the mining company were joined together by a series of dams and canals. The result is a long, narrow strand of finger-shaped lakes perfect for all forms of non-motorized water recreation.

Boating



   

A boat ramp allows easy access to Peabody Lake. Only electric motors are allowed on boats. Smaller boats like kayaks and canoes can put in at any location around the lake. For those who do not have their own watercraft, kayaks and canoes can be rented at the park office. Canoeing or kayaking is a great way to explore the park's water trail.

Swimming

    A designated swimming beach is a popular place in the summer. The sand beach features a change house and a rinsing shower. Swimming is allowed in all the park's lakes but is not allowed in the boat ramp area or from any watercraft. Scuba diving is popular in the lakes, especially in the North Shore Lake near the campground.

Fishing

  Fishing is popular in all the park's lakes with anglers searching for bass, catfish, crappie and other pan fish. An accessible fishing pier is located near the boat ramp. A fishing permit is required.

