

# HA HA TONKA STATE PARK MAP

## LEGEND

- Main entrance
- State route
- Gravel road
- Sidewalk
- Bridge
- Land contour
- Natural area
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in yellow
- Trail blazed in green
- Trail blazed in blue
- Trail blazed in brown
- Trail (overlapping)
- Trail (connector)
- Water
- Hiking trail
- Backpacking trail
- Backpack camp
- Interpretive trail
- Picnicking
- Accessibility
- Boat dock
- Castle
- Cave
- Fishing
- Historic structure
- Interpretive shelter
- Kayaking
- Natural bridge
- Overlook
- Park office
- Parking
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Restroom
- Special-use camping area
- Spring
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet
- Visitor center
- Water fountain

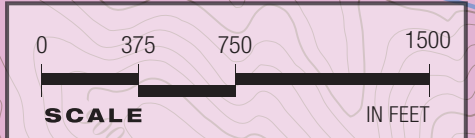
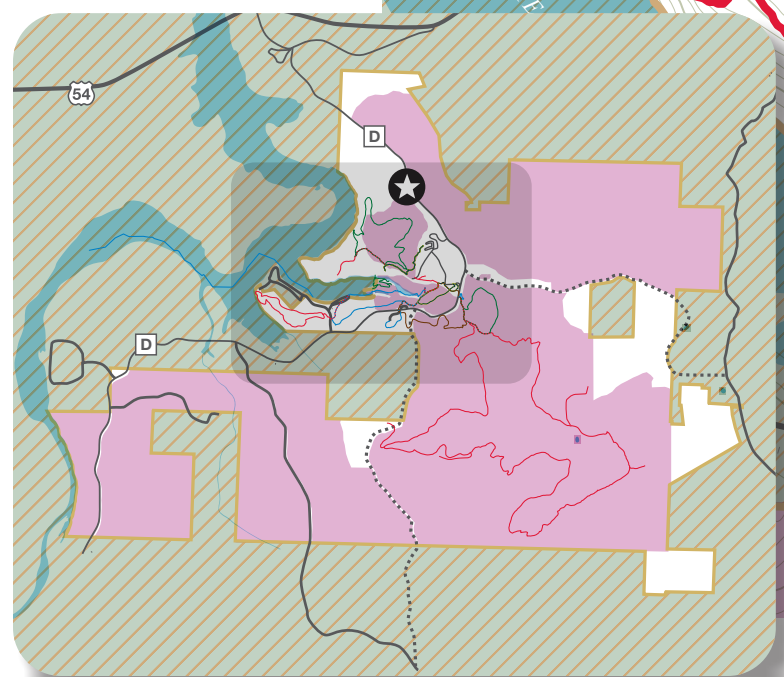
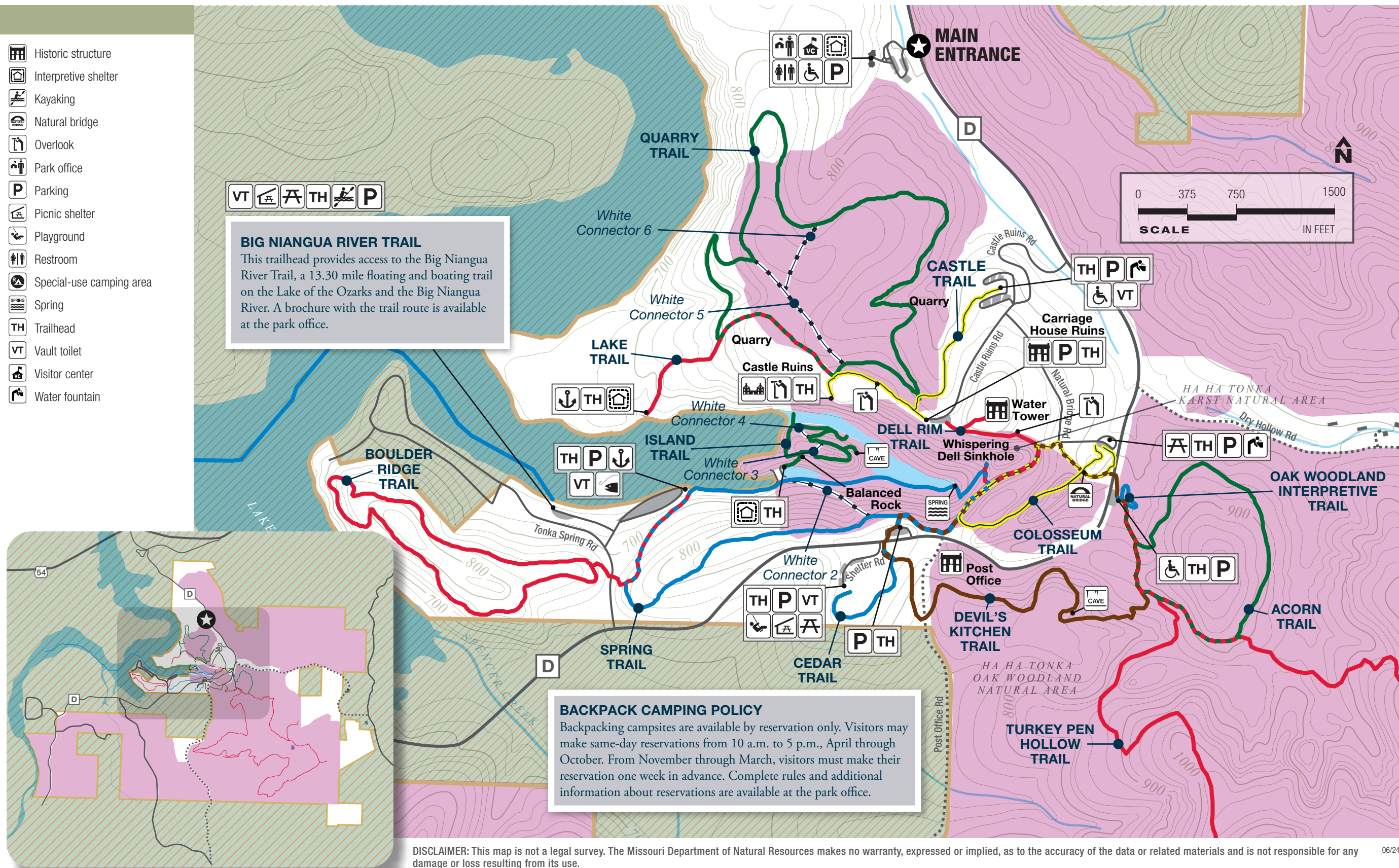
- VT
- Picnic shelter
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**BIG NIANGUA RIVER TRAIL**  
 This trailhead provides access to the Big Niangua River Trail, a 13.30 mile floating and boating trail on the Lake of the Ozarks and the Big Niangua River. A brochure with the trail route is available at the park office.

**BACKPACK CAMPING POLICY**  
 Backpacking campsites are available by reservation only. Visitors may make same-day reservations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April through October. From November through March, visitors must make their reservation one week in advance. Complete rules and additional information about reservations are available at the park office.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACORN TRAIL

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

Acorn Trail is a self-guiding interpretive trail that leads hikers through an open woodland and glade complex that is maintained with periodic prescribed fire. A trail guide is available at the trailhead and at the park office to help interpret the management of this area for hikers.

## BOULDER RIDGE TRAIL

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

Boulder Ridge Trail shares a trailhead with Spring Trail and makes a loop around the long narrow ridge top southwest of the lake parking area. The initial section of the gravel trail travels through oak woodland until it reaches a rocky area, then veers to the right and down the slope to Tonka Spring Road. After crossing the county road, the trail travels up an old roadbed then up stone steps to a loop section of the trail.

## CASTLE TRAIL

**0.40 mile one way** TRAIL RATING: Easy  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 10 minutes

Access to the ruins of a 20th century castle and spectacular views of Lake of the Ozarks make Castle Trail one of the park's most popular trails. Parking is limited at the parking area closest to the castle and is recommended for people with disabilities and the elderly and is 0.20 miles from the upper trail. More parking is offered at the lower lot, 0.40 miles away.

From the lower parking area, the trail provides a shady walk through an open oak woodland area. As this trail joins the upper portion, it provides views of the carriage house ruins and the lake. This paved trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible from both castle parking areas.

## CEDAR TRAIL

**0.20 miles one way** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 10 minutes

An interpretive guide is available for this self-guiding trail that leads hikers through an open woodland and glade complex. The trail is located within Ha Ha Tonka Oak Woodland Natural Area. Several interpretive stops point out different features.

## COLOSSEUM TRAIL

**0.60-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 40 minutes

The natural surface Colosseum Trail winds under the natural bridge and through a large sinkhole, the Colosseum, in Ha Ha Tonka Karst Natural Area. The natural bridge is a massive stone arch left behind when the cave system around it collapsed. The natural bridge spans 60 feet, is 100 feet high, and is 70 feet wide.

Colosseum Sinkhole is 150 feet deep. As the trail exits out of the sinkhole, it goes between large boulders – evidence of the rocky ceiling that once covered this cave room. It is a long, steep climb out of the sinkhole to near the top of the ridge.

## DELL RIM TRAIL

**0.30 miles one way** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 10 minutes

Initially, Dell Rim Trail goes through a rocky south-facing glade area with an abundance of wildflowers. The first highlight along the trail is a one-way series of steps that leads to the water tower. The wooden boardwalk

leads visitors to an overlook above the 150-foot deep Whispering Dell Sinkhole. This initial section of trail is wheelchair accessible.

The trail continues from the Whispering Dell overlook with a series of steps that connect the trail to Colosseum, Spring and Devil's Kitchen trails. The trail takes hikers part way down the 316 wooden steps to Ha Ha Tonka Spring. The boardwalk to the first Whispering Dell Overlook, 0.07 mile, is stroller and wheelchair accessible, but the step portions after Whispering Dell to the second overlook are steep and can be difficult for some hikers.

## DEVIL'S KITCHEN TRAIL

**1.40-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 20 minutes

This natural surface trail travels through dry chert woodland and glade communities before entering the Devil's Kitchen sinkhole. An opening in a large area of rocks with a small shelter cave provides a view of the sky through the chimney. The trail leads to a steep concave bluff wall known as Devil's Promenade, which is reached by stepping across a small gap in the bedrock surface of the trail. After Devil's Promenade, the trail climbs out of the sinkhole and crosses a county road. It continues to the Post Office Day-Use Area, where it crosses State Road D. The trail then joins Spring, Colosseum and Dell Rim trails and hikers can follow the brown blazes to Devil's Kitchen Trail and the top of the natural bridge.

## ISLAND TRAIL

**0.50-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 25 minutes

Access to the island is provided on this rugged loop trail that passes by Balanced Rock, a large cylinder-shaped dolomite boulder sitting on one end. The trail offers glimpses of an old abandoned water pipe. The trail goes to the confluence of Ha Ha Tonka Spring and Lake of the Ozarks, and then follows the spring channel to a small breached dam where the spring water runs over large boulders. The trail continues to Island Cave, a small, gated cave. The loop then leads around the rocky east and south sides of the island before returning to Spring Trail. White Connectors 3 and 4 can shorten or enhance the hiking experience.

## LAKE TRAIL

**0.40 miles one way** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 25 minutes

For visitors coming by boat, Lake Trail is the main access to the castle ruins and the park's trail complex. The trail access is located on the 15 mile marker of the Niangua Arm of the lake. This trail climbs 250 feet through open oak woodlands. Lake Trail takes visitors to the intersection of Castle Trail for access to the castle and Quarry Trail to see where greenhouses were once built.

## OAK WOODLAND INTERPRETIVE TRAIL




























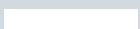
**0.10-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Easy  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 10 minutes

Oak Woodland Interpretive Trail is a paved wheelchair and stroller-accessible trail that features an interpretive kiosk and interpretive signs. The signs identify characteristic plants of the park's Ha Ha Tonka Oak Woodland Natural Area.

## QUARRY TRAIL

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

Visitors on this trail can access two quarry sites where sandstone was mined to build the castle, carriage house and water tower. At the trailhead

TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
<b>Acorn Trail</b>	0.90	 Green		Moderate	2, 3, 7
<b>Boulder Ridge Trail</b>	1.60	 Red		Moderate	2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12
<b>Castle Trail</b>	0.40	 Yellow		Easy	1, 7, 8
<b>Cedar Trail</b>	0.20	 Blue		Moderate	2, 3
<b>Colosseum Trail</b>	0.60	 Yellow		Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9
<b>Dell Rim Trail</b>	0.30	 Red		Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9
<b>Devil's Kitchen Trail</b>	1.40	 Brown		Rugged	2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12
<b>Island Trail</b>	0.50	 Green		Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9
<b>Lake Trail</b>	0.40	 Red		Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7
<b>Oak Woodland Interpretive Trail</b>	0.10	 Blue		Easy	1
<b>Quarry Trail</b>	1.75	 Green		Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10
<b>Spring Trail</b>	1.40	 Blue		Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9
<b>Turkey Pen Hollow Trail</b>	6.80	 Red		Rugged	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10
<b>Connector Trail</b> (  )		 White			<i>Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your route. 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

near the castle ruins, the trail passes next to the site where 10 greenhouses were constructed. White Connectors 5 and 6 can be used to shorten or enhance the hike. A shorter hike is also possible by leaving the trail at the carriage house and walking to the parking area.

## SPRING TRAIL

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

The first 0.40 mile of the Spring Trail is paved and accessible to visitors with physical limitations. The trail follows the shoreline of Lake of the Ozarks and Ha Ha Tonka Spring. One of the first stopping points is the site of an old gristmill. After the second mill raceway, the trail becomes a boardwalk. The trail squeezes between large rocks that were once part of the ceiling over this collapsed chasm. The spring emerges from the water-filled cave at the base of the small bluff.

The next section of Spring Trail ascends 316 wooden steps, climbing 200 vertical feet, and is strenuous. At the top, hikers can choose between following Dell Rim Trail to the castle ruins or continue on the upper

section of Spring Trail. Shortly after, White Connector 2 heads back to the mill site to end the hike early or hikers can continue another loop of Spring Trail.

## TURKEY PEN HOLLOW TRAIL

**6.80-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 6 hours, 30 minutes

Turkey Pen Hollow Trail passes through high-quality dolomite glades and woodland natural communities that are managed by periodic prescribed fire. The trail goes by large sinkholes, across a large south-facing glade and near an intermittently wet seep area

White Connector 1 will shorten the hike to 4.75 miles. A spur leads to a primitive backpack camping area for groups of seven or more in a sheltered valley on the east side of the trail. A spur to Post Office Road provides access to the restricted special-use area.