

JOHNSON'S SHUT-INS STATE PARK MAP

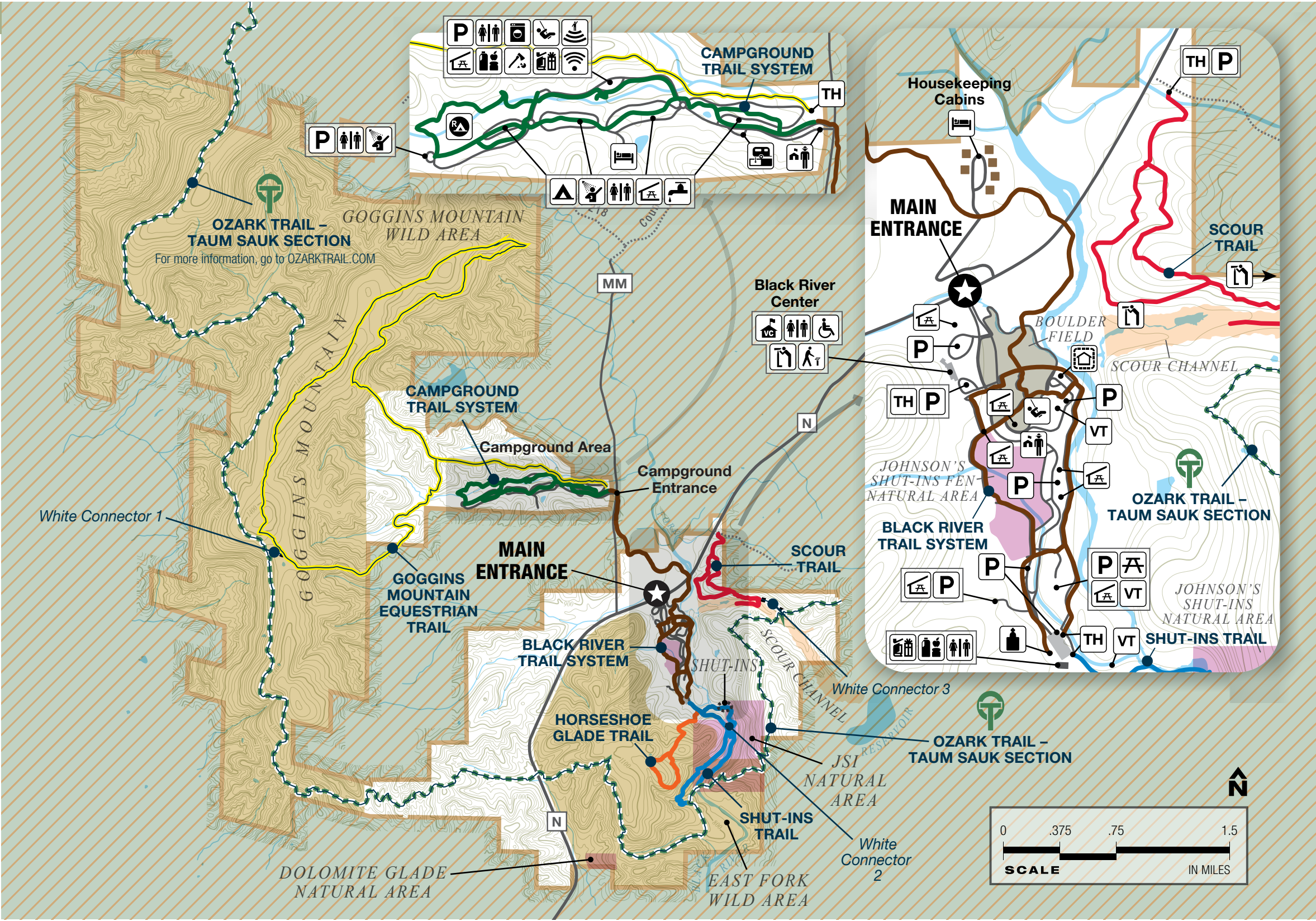


LEGEND

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| Main entrance | Bicycling trail |
| U.S. highway (two-lane) | Backpacking trail |
| State route | Picnicking |
| Gravel road | Visitors center |
| Direction of travel | Accessibility |
| Land contour | Amphitheater |
| Natural area | Cemetery |
| Not state park property | Check station |
| Park boundary | Dump station |
| Stream or creek | Gift shop |
| Trail blazed in red | Interpretive exhibit |
| Trail blazed in orange | Interpretive pavilion |
| Trail blazed in yellow | Laundry |
| Trail blazed in green | Lodging |
| Trail blazed in blue | Overlook |
| Trail blazed in brown | Parking |
| Trail (connector) | Picnic shelter |
| Ozark Trail | Playground |
| Water | Restroom |
| Wild area | Shower |
| Cabin | Special-use area |
| Camping | Trailhead |
| Park Store | Vault toilet |
| Hiking trail | Water fountain |
| Equestrian trail | Water |
| | Wi-Fi |
| | Wood lot |

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BLACK RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM

3.10 mile system TRAIL RATING: Easy
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 30 minutes

The best way to access the shut-ins valley is on the Black River Trail. This trail system was developed to connect people with the different features of the park, including the campground, the day-use area, the interpretive center and the trail leading to the shut-ins. Beginning at the park’s campground, the trail provides a convenient way for campers to access the valley. From the campground, the trail crosses Highway MM then traverses an open area before crossing under Highway N and over a bridge at Cope Hollow. Once inside the main day-use area of the park, the trail provides easy access to the main features of the park. The trail is paved with concrete between the campground and the Shut-Ins Trail trailhead. The trail surface of the remaining sections is crushed limestone. Open to hikers and bicyclists, the trail offers benches along the way for convenient resting places.

For visitors wanting to access the main day-use area of the park from the campground, the distance is 1.35 miles one way. For visitors wanting to access the shut-ins area from the campground, the distance is 2.50 miles one way.

CAMPGROUND TRAIL SYSTEM

2.50 mile system TRAIL RATING: Easy
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 15 minutes

A trail system in the campground will make it easier for campers to get around the area. The 2.50-mile trail, marked in green, takes walkers and bicyclists through the various areas of the campground, including the campsites, the campground store, the camper cabins and the special use area.

GOGGINS MOUNTAIN EQUESTRIAN TRAIL

10.1-mile loop TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 7 hours, 30 minutes

Goggins Mountain Equestrian Trail loops through the 5,000-acre Goggins Mountain Wild Area. The trail, free of roads, power lines and other development, is open to hikers and horseback riders wanting to experience the extensive oak-hickory woodland. The trail, marked in yellow, begins at the Goggins Mountain Trailhead just inside the entrance to the Johnson’s Shut-Ins campground. A connector trail for hikers only connects to the Ozark Trail – Taum Sauk Section.

NOTE: Horses are *not allowed* on the Ozark Trail – Taum Sauk Section.

HORSESHOE GLADE TRAIL

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

This 1.50-mile trail takes visitors into the heart of the East Fork Wild Area. Visitors can experience a sense of wildness as they pass through woodlands dominated by oaks and hickories and dotted with scattered shortleaf pines. Woodlands give way to a rocky clearing that provides views across the St. Francois Mountains. The trail, marked in orange, also passes near a smaller glade overlooking the East Fork of the Black River.

NOTE: The following are not allowed on the Shut-Ins Trail, the Horseshoe Glade Trail or in the shut-ins: food, alcohol, disposable drink containers, coolers, pets (do not leave pets unattended or in vehicles), bikes, skateboards, rollerblading or fishing in the swimming area. Do not go beyond the restricted area signs at the bluff.

SCOUR TRAIL

1.4-mile loop TRAIL RATING: Rugged
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 25 minutes

The water that rushed down the mountain after the reservoir breach scoured out a 1.50-mile stretch and stripped it of trees, soil and rocks. Exposed geology in the scour channel reveals rocks dating back 1.4 billion years, showing how some of the oldest mountains in the world were formed. The 1.4-mile Scour Trail loop, marked in red, takes visitors into the scour channel and leads hikers near some of the many geologic features. At the pavilion, the white connector provides the option to take an alternate route along the edge of the scour to the overlook. This also offers a shorter hike back to the trailhead. The trail begins at the parking area along State Highway N just east of the main park entrance. Visitors are encouraged to stop at the interpretive pavilion and upper overlook to learn more about the revealed geology. This trail also connects with the Ozark Trail – Taum Sauk Section.

SHUT-INS TRAIL

2.3-mile loop TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 45 minutes

The Shut-Ins Trail takes visitors to the namesake of the park confined within the rocky gorge of the East Fork of the Black River. From the parking area, an easy wheelchair-accessible 0.3-mile trail leads to an observation platform over the flowing waters of the shut-ins. After continuing up a stairway, the trail becomes more difficult. Entering the East Fork Wild Area, the Shut-Ins Trail winds through oak-hickory woodland and small glade openings, eventually returning to the main parking lot.

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OZARK TRAIL – TAUM SAUK SECTION

15.00 miles through park TRAIL RATING: Rugged
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 15 hours

The 35-mile Ozark Trail – Taum Sauk Section runs through the heart of the ancient St. Francois Mountains and some of the most scenic areas of this rugged trail are within Johnson’s Shut-Ins State Park. The 15-mile trail within the park winds through mountains of oak-hickory woodland dotted with shortleaf pine, bluffs and rocky glades. The Ozark Trail, marked with green and white Ozark Trail markers, is open for hiking, backpacking and backpack camping. (See park staff for restrictions.) Within Johnson’s Shut-Ins State Park, the Taum Sauk Section connects with the Goggins Mountain Equestrian Trail and the Scour Trail.

NOTE: Trail extends beyond park boundaries. See ozarktrail.com for distance to the next trailhead.

TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Black River Trail System	3.10	<div></div> Brown	<div></div> <div></div>	Easy	1, 2, 3, 9, 12
Campground Trail System	2.50	<div></div> Green	<div></div> <div></div>	Easy	2, 3, 7, 10, 12
Goggins Mountain Equestrian Trail	10.10	<div></div> Yellow	<div></div> <div></div>	Moderate	2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10
Horseshoe Glade Trail	1.50	<div></div> Orange	<div></div>	Moderate	2, 3, 10
Scour Trail	1.4	<div></div> Red	<div></div>	Rugged	2, 3, 7, 10
Shut-Ins Trail	2.3	<div></div> Blue	<div></div> <div></div>	Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Ozark Trail – Taum Sauk Section	15 (through park)	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> Green/white (OT)	<div></div> <div></div>	Rugged	OZARKTRAIL.COM **
Connector Trail (<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>)		<div></div> White	Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your route. See map for more information.		
* YOU MAY EXPERIENCE: ❶ Slippery conditions and/or downed vegetation ❷ Natural surface: dirt, mud, gravel, loose rocks, slippery surface, etc. ❸ Rocks, roots and/or downed vegetation on trail ❹ Low-hanging vegetation ❺ Physically challenging obstacles ❻ Wood or stone steps ❼ Steep grades and inclines over 10% ❽ Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail ❾ Bridges and/or structural crossings ❿ Water/stream crossings without bridges ⓫ Occasional water over trail ⓬ Road/highway crossing ⓭ Emergency response signs ⓮ Narrow passages ⓯ Raised or protruding obstacles ⓰ Electric fence crossings ⓱ Bison ⓲ Rapidly changing weather conditions ⓳ Motorized boat traffic ⓴ Unexpected waves ⓵ Changing water levels ⓶ Surface or submerged objects					
** Visit the Ozark Trail website for trail descriptions/conditions.					

Things to Know Before You Go

The trails in Johnson’s Shut-Ins State Park are yours. Please help to maintain and preserve their beauty by following these rules:


- Only hikers, equestrians, bicyclists and backpackers, as designated, are permitted on the park trails.
- All pets must be kept on a leash for their protection and that of other visitors and wildlife.
- All backpackers must register at the trailhead or online at mostateparks.com.
- Primitive camping is permitted only on the Ozark Trail. See park staff for details.
- Please do not camp on glades.
- Campfires are prohibited. Stoves will be needed for cooking.
- Cutting implements such as saws and hatchets are not allowed on the trail.

— 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.

The Ethics of Good Trail Use

Stay on the trail. Do not take shortcuts. The trail has been laid out to minimize destruction of surrounding vegetation and to prevent erosion. Keep your groups small to reduce impact. Avoid using trails when wet.



The Ozark Trail, a National Recreation Trail since 2008, is 400+ miles of trail that wind through the Missouri Ozarks. It is part of a more than 40-year-old concept to run a trail from St. Louis to the Arkansas border and eventually connect with the Ozark Highland Trail in Arkansas to create a 700-mile through-trail. **OZARKTRAIL.COM**