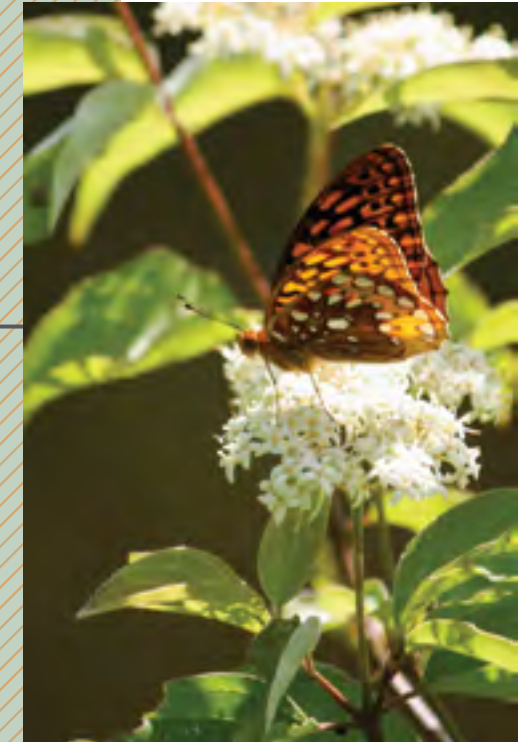
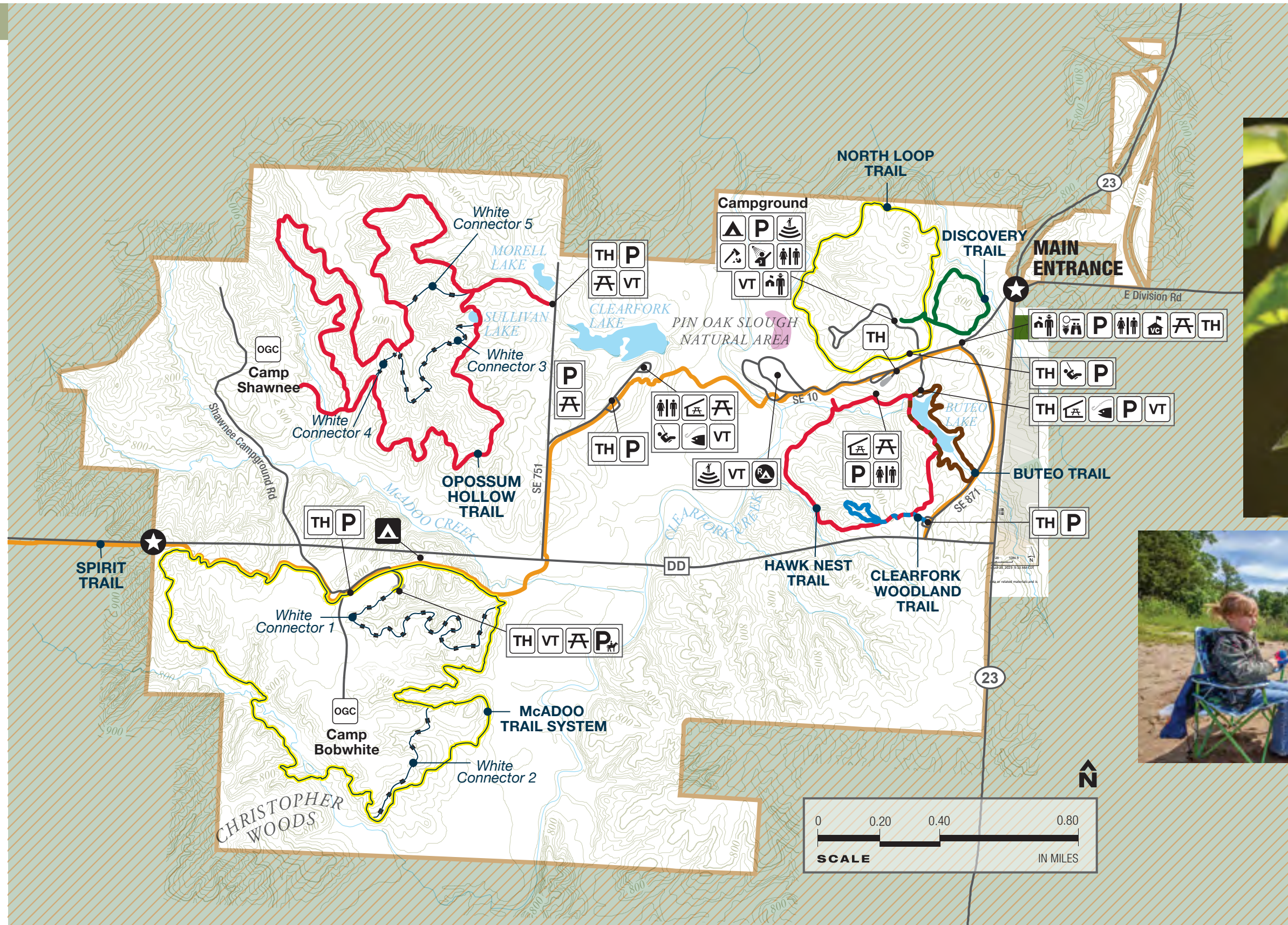


# KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK MAP

## LEGEND

- Main entrance
- U.S. highway (two-lane)
- State route
- 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 (connector)
- Trail (overlapping)
- Water
- Camping
- Backpack camp
- Hiking trail
- Equestrian trail
- Backpacking trail
- Mountain biking trail
- Picnicking
- Visitor center
- Amphitheater
- Check Station
- Equestrian parking
- Fishing
- Nature center
- Organized Group Camp
- Paddling
- Parking
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Restroom
- Showerhouse
- Special-use area
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet
- Woodlot



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## BUTEO TRAIL

**1-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 45 minutes

Buteo Trail circles Buteo Lake allowing easy access for anglers. Beaver, muskrat, frogs, snakes, several species of fish and even freshwater jellyfish inhabit Buteo Lake.

This dirt-surfaced trail does get wet and muddy after rain, has a water crossing in which hikers must cross Buteo Lake's spillway via strategically placed rocks and stone steps, and, for a very short distance, the trail is along a park road. This trail may occasionally be closed for prescribed burns. Please call the park for details.

Buteo Trail was constructed by park staff and is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

## CLEARFORK WOODLAND TRAIL

**0.70-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 30 minutes

Clearfork Woodland Trail shares a section of trail with Hawk Nest Trail. It allows access to a small interior section of a large open woodland management area known as Clearfork Woodland. This woodland has been managed for more than 20 years and shows a distinct contrast from the density of the woodland management area along Opossum Hollow that has had limited management application. This trail may occasionally be closed for prescribed burns. Please call the park for details.

Clearfork Woodland Trail is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

## DISCOVERY TRAIL

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

Discovery Trail winds to the visitor center, travels along a creek for a short distance, then returns to the campground. It is rich in spring and summer wildflowers. Deer, birds, frogs and turtles are common sites along Discovery Trail. The trail intersections North Loop Trail.

Users will encounter bridges, water-bars, and rocks and roots along this dirt-surfaced trail. Discovery Trail was constructed by park staff and is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

## HAWK NEST TRAIL

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

Hawk Nest Trail shares sections of trail with both Buteo and Clearfork Woodland trails. Wildflowers are abundant in the spring and summer months. Oak hickory woodlands dominate this area of the park, allowing for ample wildlife viewing opportunities. There is a short spur along this trail that leads to the special-use area.

Hikers may encounter occasional water over the trail, slippery, muddy trail surfaces, rocks and roots. There are also wooden bridge crossings, stone steps, and steep grades and inclines of more than 10 percent along the dirt-surfaced trail. The trail acts as a burn line for prescribed burn management within the woodland and may occasionally be closed for prescribed burning. Please call the park for details.

Works Progress Administration workers constructed a small portion of Hawk Nest Trail near the picnic area. The trail is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

## MCADOO TRAIL SYSTEM

**5-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 4 hours, 55 minutes

McAdoo Trail System is the park's only trail open to equestrian riders and hikers. Travelers will pass through Christopher Woods, a section of forest that contains the oldest stand of continuous timber within the park. Designated trailside camping sites are provided along the trail.

Users will encounter both bottomland and upland forests with several creek crossings, steep grades and inclines, slippery conditions and possible downed vegetation. This trail may occasionally be closed to equestrian users due to inclement weather. Please call the park for details. White connector 1 (1.20 miles) and white connector 2 (0.30 miles) are provided for shortening the hike or creating additional looping options.

This trail is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

McAdoo Trail System is the park's only trail open to equestrian riders and hikers. Spirit Trail will also have a portion open to equestrian rides.

## NORTH LOOP TRAIL

**1.80-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Works Progress Administration workers constructed a few sections of North Loop Trail in the early 1940s. Hikers can see their stonework around water crossings. The forested dirt-surface trail opens up into a prairie management area before leading visitors through a rich, moist bottomland timber stand vivid with spring and summer wildflowers. Possible wildlife sightings include the eastern bluebird, pileated woodpecker, turkey and deer.

Hikers will encounter bridges, steep grades and rocks or roots along this trail. The trail intersects with Discovery Trail.

North Loop Trail is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

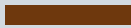

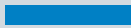




















## OPOSSUM HOLLOW TRAIL

**5.75-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 4 hours, 20 minutes

Opossum Hollow Trail takes users through a woodland management area similar to Clearfork Woodland Trail. Works Progress Administration-era erosion control structures and remnants from former landowners' farms are scattered within the area. Along the dirt-surfaced trail, users will encounter areas filled with wildflowers.

Along this trail, users will encounter water crossings without bridges, steep grades and inclines of more than 10 percent, and rocks and roots in the trail. This trail may occasionally be closed for prescribed burns. This trail may occasionally be closed to bicyclists due to inclement weather. Please call the park for details. This trail has 3 white connectors to shorten or lengthen the hike - White Connector 3 (.7 mi.), White Connector 4 (0.10 mi), and White Connector 5 (0.25 mi.).

Opossum Hollow Trail, which was partially constructed by Whiteman Air Force Base bike trail volunteers and Free Ride Volunteers, is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

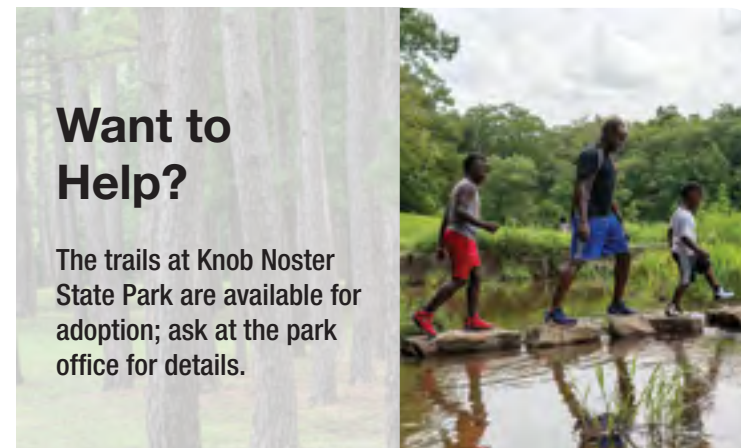
TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
<b>Buteo Trail</b>	1	 Brown		Moderate	2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12
<b>Clearfork Woodland Trail</b>	0.70	 Blue		Moderate	2, 3, 11
<b>Discovery Trail</b>	0.90	 Green		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 9, 12
<b>Hawk Nest Trail</b>	1.70	 Red		Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11
<b>McAdoo Trail System</b>	5	 Yellow	  	Rugged	2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12
<b>North Loop Trail</b>	1.80	 Yellow		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 9, 12
<b>Opossum Hollow Trail</b>	5.75	 Red	 	Moderate	2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11
<b>Spirit Trail</b>	4.40	 Orange	  	Moderate	2, 3, 9, 11, 12
<b>Connector Trail (  )</b>		 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

## SPIRIT TRAIL

**4.40 one way through park** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 hour, 20 minutes

Spirit Trail shares a section with McAdoo Trail. It allows users access throughout from the park's western boundary to the eastern boundary, and it connects to Johnson County's portion of the Spirit Trail, which connects to the City of Warrensburg, Whiteman Air Force Base, and the City of Knob Noster. Along this trail, users will encounter areas filled with wildflowers, varieties of wildlife, Clearfork Creek, McAdoo Creek, and Clearfork Lake. Users will encounter several surfaces: asphalt, concrete, and rock, as well as portions which are share the road. This trail may occasionally be closed for prescribed burns. This trail may occasionally be closed to bicyclists and horses due to inclement weather. Please call the park for details.



## Rules of the Trail

- All pets must be leashed for their protection and that of visitors and wildlife.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable to trail users.
- Backpack camping reservations can be made online at [icampmo.com](http://icampmo.com) or by calling the reservation center at 877-422-6766.

*NOTE: Trail conditions are monitored, and trails are closed to all uses except hiking when surface conditions warrant. Trail status is available on the Park and Site Status Map at [mostateparks.com](http://mostateparks.com).*

## Mountain Biking

Ride only on designated trails when trail conditions allow them to be open to bicycling.

- Helmets are recommended.
- Yield to other trail users and ring a bell or give a verbal warning when approaching other trail users.
- Ride safely and in control.

*NOTE: Ticks and chiggers are abundant May through mid-October. Be prepared with insect repellent.*