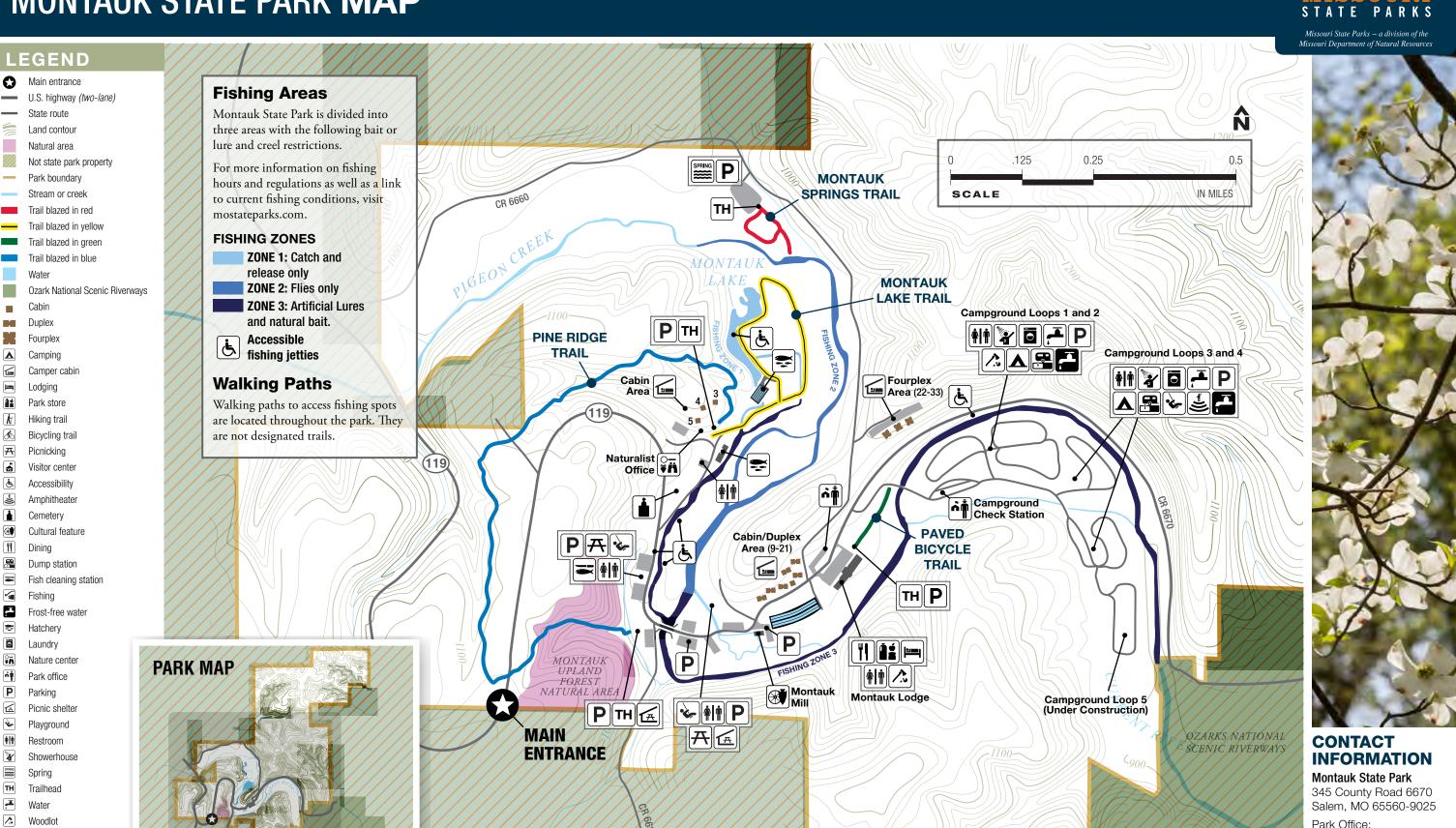
MONTAUK STATE PARK MAP





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TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Montauk Lake Trail	0.80	Yellow	(Easy	2, 3, 9
Montauk Springs Trail	0.25	Red	k	Easy	2, 3
Paved Bicycle Trail	0.25	Green	(*)	Easy	1
Pine Ridge Trail	2.90	Blue	(Rugged	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 12

* YOU MAY EXPERIENCE: • Slippery conditions and/or downed vegetation • 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 2 Steep grades and inclines over 10% 8 Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail 9 Bridges and/or structural crossings 40 Water/stream crossings without bridges **1** Occasional water over trail **1** Road/highway crossing **1** Emergency response signs **1** Narrow passages B Raised or protruding obstacles B Electric fence crossings Bison B Rapidly changing weather conditions Motorized boat traffic 1 Unexpected waves 2 Changing water levels 2 Surface or submerged objects

MONTAUK LAKE TRAIL

0.80-mile loop TRAIL RATING: Easy ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 25 minutes

Montauk Lake Trail is popular with hikers, bicyclists and even walkers with strollers for small children because of its level surface. This trail makes use of a road open only to authorized motor vehicles, making it a safe place to stroll. The walk begins with crossing the bridge over the spring branch, followed by the catch-and-release fly fishing area and the trout rearing pools. On the opposite bank from the wheelchair-accessible fishing access, the waters of Bluff Spring flow out from the base of the stone cliff. This spring supplies the water for the trout rearing pools, the hatchery and the wetland area. This unique wetland area is actually what remains of the old hatchery rearing pools that now serve as a man-made wetland. The trail goes by Montauk Lake, which is fed by what looks like boiling springs of sand. The trail loops by the headwaters of the Current River, around the wetland area and then back to the hatchery office. Montauk Lake Trail offers excellent opportunities to view wildlife including bald eagles, ducks, otters, deer, armadillo, bobcats, rabbits, belted kingfisher, great blue heron, beavers, muskrats, mink, and a host of other aquatic creatures.

MONTAUK SPRINGS TRAIL

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

Montauk Springs Trail is a .25 mile loop that allows hikers to access the spring and headwaters of the Current River.

PAVED BICYCLE TRAIL

0.25 miles out-and-back TRAIL RATING: Easy

ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 10 minutes

This is a short, level trail that is lighted and has a bench by the banks of the Current River for resting and enjoying the area. The trail runs from the bridge over the Current River near Campground Loop 1 to Montauk Lodge.

PINE RIDGE TRAIL

2.90 miles out-and-back TRAIL RATING: Rugged ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 hours, 50 minutes

Pine Ridge Trail follows a "C" shape with trailheads on either end. The trail begins near the stone picnic shelter, which was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The trail then crosses the stone and concrete footbridge before traveling uphill into the 25-acre Montauk Upland Forest Natural Area. This natural area represents a good example of a mature pine-oak-hickory woodland. At the top of the hill, the trail levels out, crosses Highway 119 and continues through mature stands of shortleaf pines, the only pine native to Missouri. The trail crosses the road again and gradually descends until you get to the bottom of a ravine. After crossing a footbridge, the trail goes up a steep grade to a summit with scenic views. It is a good place to take a break to enjoy the scenery. The trail begins to descend again and offers great views of the areas fed by Bluff Spring, Montauk Lake and the wetland area. Instead of turning around, hikers can take the road back to the hatchery office, making total hike roughly 2 miles. Along the trail, a variety of flowering plants and fleeting glimpses of wildlife are common.

Things to Know Before You Go

The trails in Montauk State Park are yours. Please help to maintain and preserve their beauty by following these rules:

- Only hikers and bicyclists, as designated, are permitted on
- All pets must be leashed for their protection and that of other visitors and wildlife.
- 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.



Fishing

A trip to Montauk State Park would not be complete without the thrill of catching a rainbow trout from the clear waters of the Current River. The park is considered a premier location for fishing for both rainbow and brown trout, which are stocked daily during the regular fishing season from March 1 through Oct. 31. A catch-and-release program offers chances during the other months for year-round angling fun.

A fishing license and daily trout tags are required and may be purchased at the park's store. The store also offers fishing supplies and tackle. Experts at the tackle shop also can provide tips on how to be successful for the current fishing conditions.

Montauk State Park has three fishing areas: a catch-and-release only area; a flies only area; and artificial lures and natural bait area. See map for specific areas, indicated by color. Successful fishermen can make use of the fish cleaning station located nearby.

Five accessible fishing sites are located throughout the fishing stream, ensuring that all anglers have a chance to catch a lunker trout.

Store

The park's store offers everything from last-minute items to the souvenirs of the long-anticipated vacation at Montauk State Park. Located in the Dorman L. Steelman Lodge, the store offers all essentials for a successful fishing trip – fishing supplies, including hand-tied flies made by local craftsmen, tackle, waders, fishing licenses and tags. For campers, the store offers snacks and groceries such as marshmallows, milk and bread, and camping supplies such as charcoal and sleeping bags. For those that want to remember their trip to the park, the store sells a variety of souvenirs and apparel such as sweatshirts and t-shirts.

Dining

The Dorman L. Steelman Lodge features a full-service restaurant that serves home-cooked meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Local favorites include the fresh bread, rolls, freshly made pies and steaks. Reservations are not required.

For those wanting a quick meal, the lodge features a snack bar, pizza and soda fountain. Their hand-dipped ice cream is a special treat.

Camping









Montauk State
Park offers a large

campground with four different loops – Loop 1 offers basic campsites and Loops 2, 3 and 4 offer electric campsites. Electricity and frost-free water spigots are available in the campground year-round. On-season services may include a year-round dump station, showers and laundry. All reservable campsites that are not reserved are available as walk-up registration sites.

For those needing a little extra space and wanting to camp with family and friends, the campground offers family campsites in both the basic loop and the campground loops with electricity.

For current nightly camping rates, visit mostateparks.com.

FIREWOOD

Campground guests may purchase firewood from the campground woodlot during posted hours. Campers planning to carry in firewood must comply with current firewood advisories.

Lodging

Montauk State Park offers a variety of lodging options, including single, duplex and fourplexes, one- to three-

bedroom cabins, sleeping cabins and motel rooms. With this many lodging options, there is something to fit every taste, whether it is a rustic cabin or a modern fourplex. Lodging is available year-round.

The motel offers 18 comfortable guest rooms with two double beds, walk-in showers and televisions. The cabins vary from one bedroom to three bedrooms and offer a variety of options including kitchens, fireplaces and televisions. All rooms are non-smoking. As part of Missouri State Parks' Cabins for Canines program, dogs are allowed in a limited number of cabins for an additional fee.

