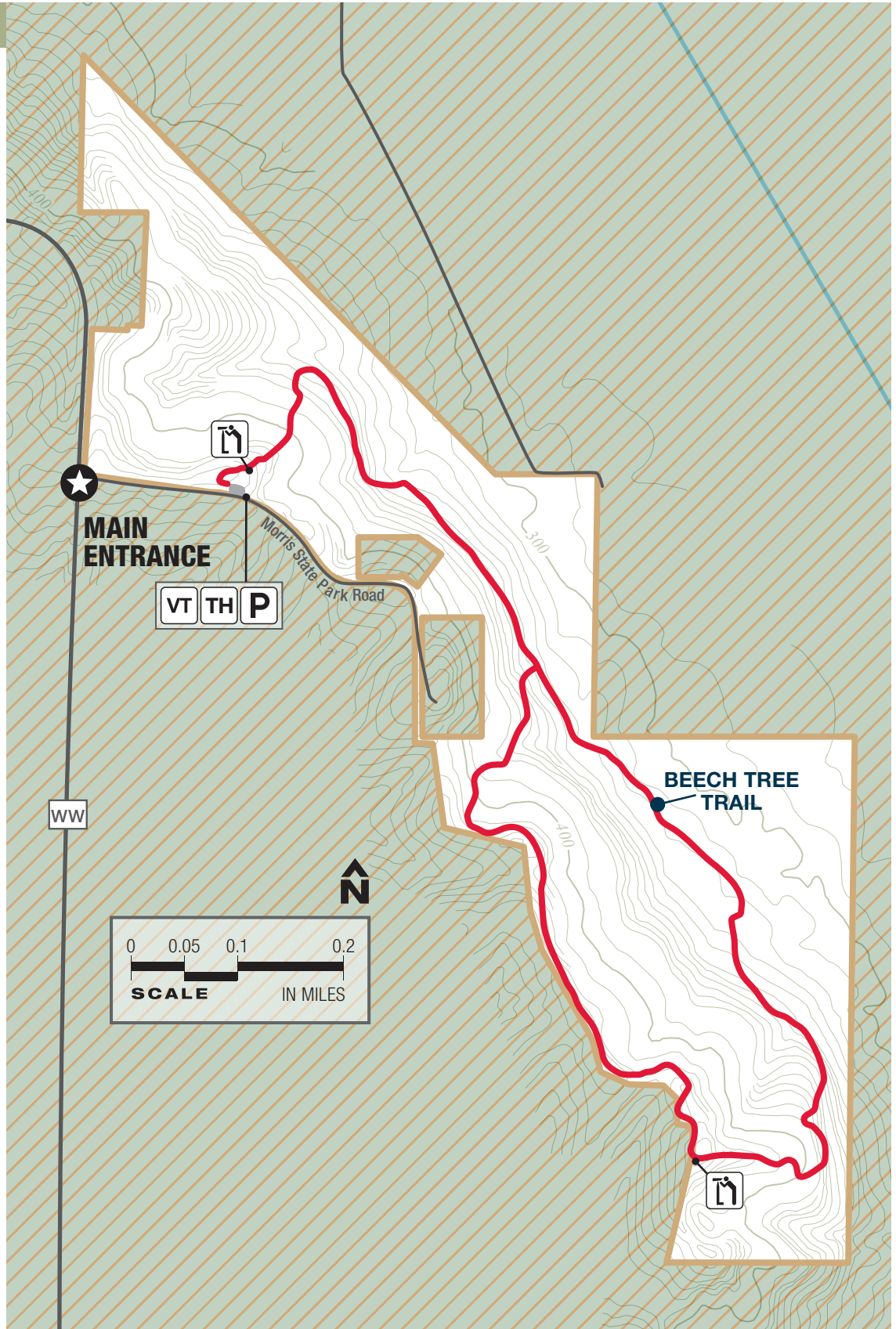


MORRIS STATE PARK MAP



LEGEND

- Main entrance
- State route
- Road lines
- Land contour
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Water
- Trail blazed in red
- Accessible
- Hiking trail
- Overlook
- Parking
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet






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| TRAIL NAME | MILEAGE | BLAZE COLOR | APPROVED USAGE | RATING | TRAIL EXPERIENCE * |
|------------------|---------|---|---|----------|--------------------|
| Beech Tree Trail | 2.6 |  Red |   | Moderate | 2, 3, 7, 9, 11 |

*** 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

BEECH TREE TRAIL

 **2.6-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate

ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 hours

Beech Tree Trail showcases many of the unique aspects of Crowley's Ridge, including the American beech. The trail begins on the top of the ridge and descends into bottomlands before returning to the ridge top, passing through different natural communities along the way.

Crowley's Ridge rises up to 250 feet above the surrounding flatlands of the Mississippi River delta. Some of the trees, wildflowers and ferns of Morris State Park are restricted in Missouri to this

long-running ridge. American beech, Hercules club and many herbaceous plants commonly associated with woodlands of the eastern United States have their westernmost range on or around Crowley's Ridge. The fragile loess soils were formed through thousands of years of wind-blown deposition of glacial silt and are highly fertile. Dissected slopes give a glimpse of the soil composition of Crowley's Ridge.

The first 0.1 mile of the trail is one way and is considered accessible. The final section of the trail along the orchard is private property so hikers are asked to be respectful of property owners. Mosquitoes are common and can be abundant during the late spring, summer and early fall.



Rules of the Trail

- Only hikers as designated, are permitted on the park trails. Bicycles are prohibited.
- All pets must be leashed for their protection and that of visitors and wildlife.
- Removal of plants, animals, rocks, downed timber, artifacts or relics is prohibited.
- Cutting implements such as saws and hatchets are not allowed on trails.
- No hunting or discharging of firearms is permitted.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable to trail users.

The Ethics of Good Trail Use

- Plan ahead. Bring enough water. Be sure you can get back to your vehicle before it gets dark.
- Carry out what you carry in. If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash.
- Keep your group small. Small groups are less likely to harm the environment.
- Dispose of human waste properly. Hikers should select a spot at least 100 feet from any open water, dig a small hole no deeper than six or eight inches; after use, fill the hole with loose soil.
- Please do not create new trails. Trails are designed to prevent soil erosion and damage to surrounding vegetation.

NOTE: Mosquitoes, ticks and chiggers are abundant May through mid-October. Be prepared with insect repellent.

