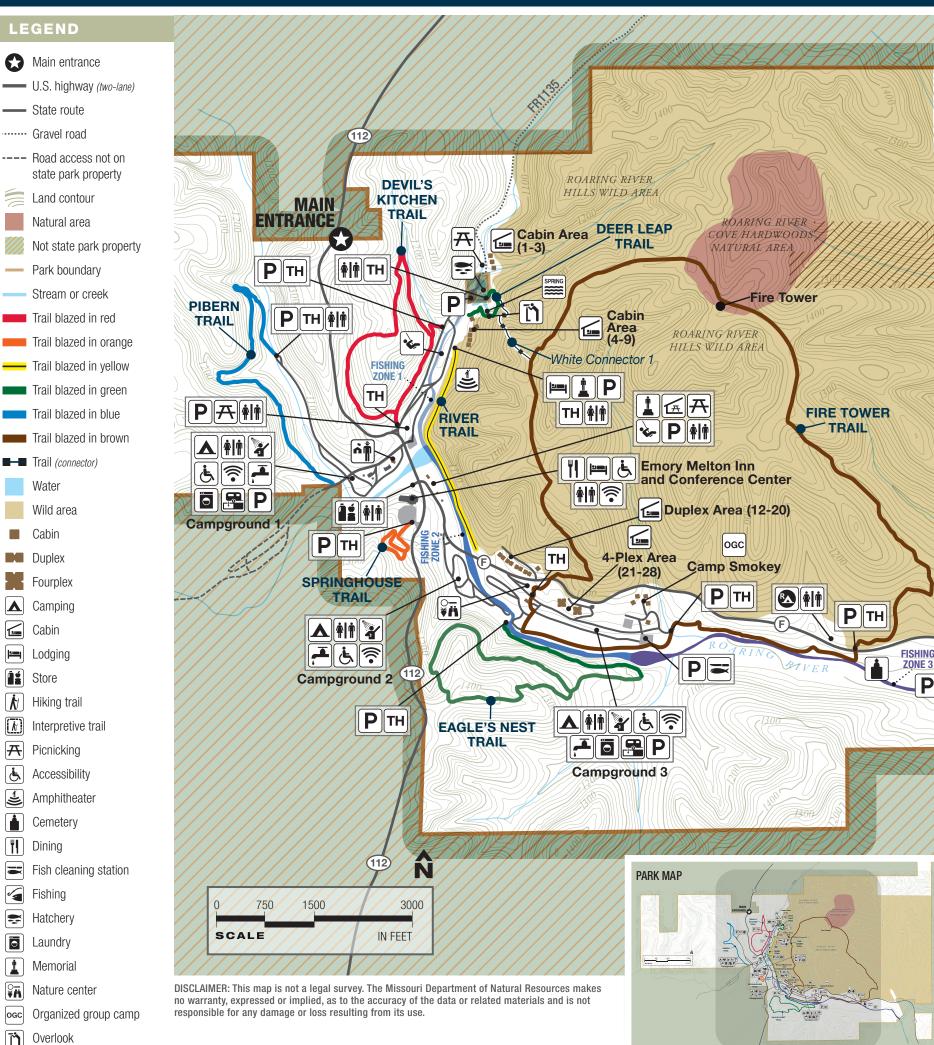
# ROARING RIVER STATE PARK MAP





Roaring River State Park is divided into three zones, with the following

For more information on fishing hours and regulations, as well as a link to current fishing conditions, visit mostateparks.com.

**ZONE 1:** From the hatchery to the posted sign at the mouth of Dry Hollow Creek, only flies, artificial lures, and (scented and unscented) soft plastic baits are permitted.

**ZONE 2**: From the posted sign at the mouth of Dry Hollow Creek to the old dam in the lower end of Campground 3, only flies are permitted.

> In the area of Zone 2 designated as catch-and-release only (from the posted sign at the mouth of Dry Hollow Creek to the posted sign below the bridge on Hwy. F) trout may not be possessed and must be returned to the water unharmed immediately. This portion of

**ZONE 3:** From the old dam to the park boundary, artificial lures, soft plastic baits, flies and natural

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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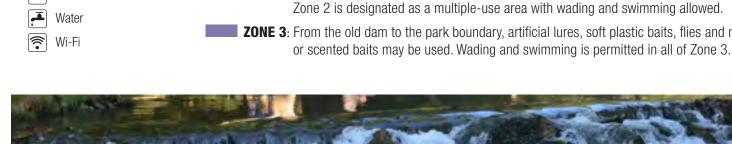
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Picnic shelter

Playground

Restroom

Special-use

camping area

Shower

Spring

Trailhead

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TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAG	E RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *	
Deer Leap Trail	0.20	Green	<b>ķ</b>	Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9	
Devil's Kitchen Trail	1.40	Red	<u>k</u>	Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	
Eagle's Nest Trail	2.60	Green	<b>ķ</b> /	Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11	
Fire Tower Trail	4.40	Brown	<b>ķ</b> /	Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12	
Pibern Trail	1.10	Blue	<b>ķ</b> /	Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11	
River Trail	0.60	Yellow	<b>ķ</b> /	Moderate	2, 3, 8, 11	
Springhouse Trail	0.40	Orange	<b>ķ</b> /	Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11	
Connector Trail (		White		Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered		

\* 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 ② Steep grades and inclines over 10% ⑥ Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail ② Bridges and/or structural crossings ⑩ Water/stream crossings without bridges ① Occasional water over trail ② Road/highway crossing ⑧ Emergency response signs ① Narrow passages ⑥ Raised or protruding obstacles ⑥ Electric fence crossings ⑨ Bison ⑥ Rapidly changing weather conditions ⑩ Motorized boat traffic ② Unexpected waves

20 Changing water levels 22 Surface or submerged objects

#### **DEER LEAP TRAIL**

**0.20-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 15 minutes

Deer Leap Trail leads to an overlook and boardwalk above the fish hatchery and the spring. From the overlook, it is easy to see the axle shaft from an undershot waterwheel that powered a gristmill in the mid-19th century. The trail was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s and the rocks used for steps on the trail were harvested in the park. White Connector 1 provides access to Fire Tower Trail.

## **DEVIL'S KITCHEN TRAIL**

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

Devil's Kitchen Trail's name is derived from an odd rock outcrop that formed a roomlike enclosure. According to legend, this room was used as a hideout by Civil War guerrillas but has since collapsed. A self-guided interpretive brochure for this trail is available at the nature center and the park office. In addition to Devil's Kitchen, the interpretive trail provides information on other geologic features such as caves and different landscapes and plants visitors will find along the trail.

# **EAGLE'S NEST TRAIL**

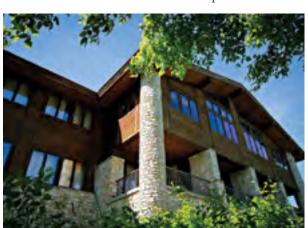
**2.60-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 hours, 40 minutes

Eagle's Nest Trail follows Roaring River before ascending to one of the highest points in the park. An old homestead was located where lilac bushes and yucca grow along the ridge. The trailhead can be accessed by driving to the back of Campground 2. Behind campsite 94, there is a gravel drive that leads to the parking area near the trailhead.

# FIRE TOWER TRAIL

**4.40-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 4 hours. 25 minutes

Most of Fire Tower Trail is located inside the 2,075-acre Roaring River Hills Wild Area and passes next to the Roaring River Cove Hardwoods Natural Area. This area offers rugged Ozark terrain, dense hardwood woodlands, open dolomite glades and deep hollows. The views from its wildflower-filled natural meadows remain pure wilderness. The steep hillsides have extensive woodland belts that hide numerous stony bluffs, sheltered forest coves, springs and clear-water streams. The old lookout tower, about 1.5 miles from the nature center, was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. This trail is excellent for birders and photographers. White connector 1 connects to Deer Leap Trail.



#### **PIBERN TRAIL**

1.10 miles, one way TRAIL RATING: Rugged ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 5 minutes

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed Pibern Trail in the 1930s while they were harvesting material for the construction of features in the park. A variety of habitats, including both dry and moist limestone woodland, tall bluffs, north- and south-facing slopes and a small Ozark stream, are featured on this trail.

#### **RIVER TRAIL**

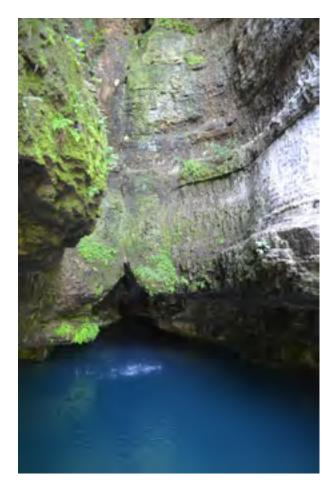
**0.60 miles, one way** TRAIL RATING: Moderate ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 30 minutes

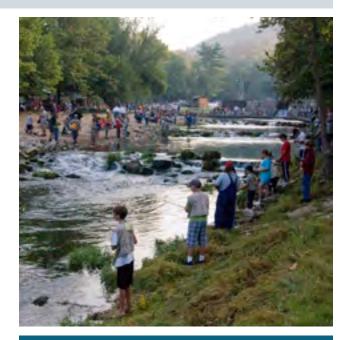
The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed River Trail in the 1930s and it remains a good example of trail work they completed. This trail runs parallel to Roaring River between the lodge and campground. Wildflower displays are outstanding along the trail in the spring.

### **SPRINGHOUSE TRAIL**

**0.40-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 20 minutes

Springhouse Trail passes through a dry-mesic wooded area with a variety of trees and wildflowers. It passes by an old homestead with a springhouse that was used to keep food cold by using the naturally cool temperature of the spring water that passed through the rock layer structure.





# The Ethics of Good Trail Use

- Carry out what you carry in. If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trach too
- Keep your group small. This is less likely to harm the native landscape.
- Dispose of human waste properly. The top six or eight inches of soil provide a system of biologic disposers that decompose organic material. 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 and tramp in the sod. Nature will do the rest.
- Stay on the trail. Do not take shortcuts. The trail has been laid out to minimize destruction of vegetation and prevent erosion.

# Rules of the Trail

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

- Only hikers are permitted on the park trails.
- 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.

