

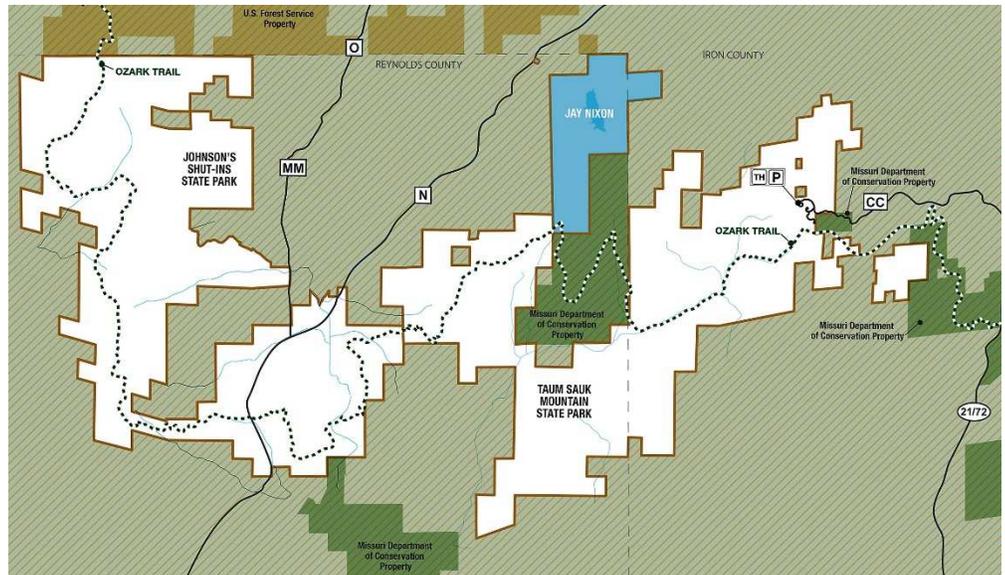
This property remains closed to the public.

Location

The Jay Nixon property covers 1,231 acres, most of which are in northern Reynolds County, though about 100 acres of its northeast corner lie in Iron County. The property is adjacent to Taum Sauk Mountain State Park and it shares a border with Ketcherside Conservation Area.

Key Natural Attributes

- 1,231 acres
- Outstanding St. Francois Mountains scenery
- Rugged and remote
- Heavily forested
- Igneous glades
- 50-acre lake, with two miles of shoreline
- Includes a portion of the Ozark Trail, and borders the 6,900-acre St. Francois Mountains Natural Area



General Description

The Jay Nixon property features a distinctive St. Francois Mountains forest and glade landscape. It consists of two long ridges with a deep, narrow valley between and a 50-acre manmade lake.

The property's native igneous glades, woodland and forest natural communities are continuations of those found in the adjacent public lands. The lakeside views are of forested mountainsides, and the scenery across Taum Sauk State Park and Ketcherside Conservation Area is spectacular when viewed from open glades atop the highest ridges.

Plants and Wildlife

The Taum Sauk region is known for its extensive forest cover, which attracts migratory birds, and is home to more than 800 species of native plants. The trees are a mix of oaks, hickories and shortleaf pine, with some having been recently harvested. The ground flora is entirely native and generally of good condition and variety. The igneous glades within these forests are some of the highest quality natural communities on the property, featuring open, grassy areas abundant with rock sheets and boulders. The glades are rich with wildflowers, including dwarf dandelions, prairie parsley, blazing stars and three-leaved sundrops. Several drainages present high-gradient, wet-weather waterways and waterfalls through the rugged upland forests.