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Bennett Spring State Park



A Message from the Governor



Missouri has a fantastic state parks system. If you are looking for a memorable experience in the outdoors, you don't have to cross state borders or travel to faraway countries. Missouri is full of adventure right in our own backyard.

We are blessed as a state to enjoy Missouri's state parks and historic sites without entrance fees, thanks to the 80-percent statewide approval of the 2016 Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax renewal.

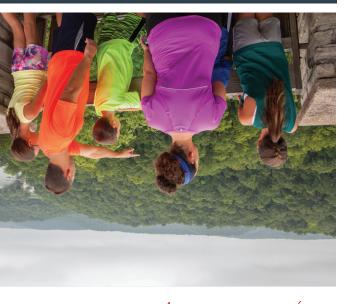
At our Missouri state parks and historic sites, you can find everything from caves to giant elephant-sized boulders to trout fishing to the state's tallest peak, Taum Sauk Mountain.

Missouri also has a rich cultural heritage. You can step back in time to Watkins Woolen Mill, experience the Civil War era at several battle sites, hear the ragtime tunes of Scott Joplin, or discover Missouri's Native American history.

I am proud of the century-long legacy Missouri State Parks has provided Missourians and our visitors. Whether you kayak, hike, bike, camp, fish, ride a horse, or drive an ATV, we promise you lasting memories of a great outdoor adventure.

It is my hope that Missouri state parks are already part of your outdoor recreation. If not, I invite you to visit a park or historic site near you and experience hiking Missouri's Little Grand Canyon, getting to know German or French cultures, cooling down in a shut-in stream, or roaring down a dirt path. Whatever path you choose, we hope to see you time and time again. Remember, you are always welcome at Missouri State Parks!

FRONT COVER PHOTO: Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park



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* Viney Creek Recreation Area in Golden is mana For more information, visit **mostateparks.com**.

These facilities preserve a part of Missouri's history but do not offer any of the amenities listed on the grid: Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones-Confluence Point State Park and Battle of Carthage, Gov. Dunklin's Grave, Jewell Cemetery, Locust Creek Covered Bridge, Sappington Cemetery, Towosaghy and Union Covered Bridge state historic sites.

Memories of Adventure

You can begin creating memories as soon as you enter a Missouri state park or historic site and there are endless opportunities for adventure waiting for you. From hiking through ancient forests to exploring a mysterious cave to paddling along on crystal-clear waters, Missouri's state parks and historic sites are perfect places to embark on adventures that you will always remember, even if your definition of adventure is relaxing under a shade tree with a good book or learning more about Missouri's rich and varied cultural history.

TRAILS

There is no better way to find memorable adventure than by setting out on a new trail and you'll find some of the state's very best trails in Missouri's state parks. More than 60 of our parks and historic sites together comprise an extraordinary trail system totaling more than 1,000 miles of trails – not just for hiking, but also for walking, backpacking, bicycling, horseback riding and paddling. Our trails offer something for virtually everyone who hears adventure calling.

HOOFING IT Walking trails provide a way for visitors of all abilities to explore state parks at their own pace, while hiking and backpacking trails will take the more adventurous into some of Missouri's most remote and ruggedly beautiful areas. For a different trail adventure, saddle up a horse and experience a bit of what it was like for explorers and pioneers who traveled through Missouri when it was still wild and unsettled.

ROLLING ALONG Hitting the trail on a bicycle is another great way to have adventurous fun at a Missouri state park. Nine of our parks offer trails designed for bicycles, including hard-packed and paved surfaces. Mountain bikers can choose from a range of challenging trails with all types of terrain, including the bicycle pump track at Finger Lakes State Park and the skills course at Echo Bluff State Park – both favorites with avid mountain bikers. Anyone who likes getting off-road on all-terrain vehicles can find trails made especially for them at both St. Joe and Finger Lakes state parks.

PADDLE POWER Lakes and streams might not be considered trails, but at Missouri State Parks, we think paddling along in a canoe or kayak is a great way to find adventure. Three of our parks offer water trails that visitors can use to explore what they have to offer: Lake of the Ozarks, Stockton and Finger Lakes state parks.

WATER FUN

With more than 40 state parks offering access to rivers, streams or lakes, you can find endless ways to make lifelong memories of adventure on Missouri waters. Our state parks offer a range of facilities for boaters, from full-service marinas on major lakes to more simple boat ramps and docks. You can also cast off from state parks to find floating adventure on some of Missouri's best paddling streams, and many state parks rent canoes and kayaks. Of course, some of the best memories can be made with a fishing rod in hand. From wading in a stream to testing your fly-fishing skill against elusive trout to relaxing on a lake bank with a worm and bobber, you can have your style of fishing fun at a Missouri state park. And when the hot sun threatens your summer fun, head to one of our swimming beaches or pools to cool off and beat the heat.

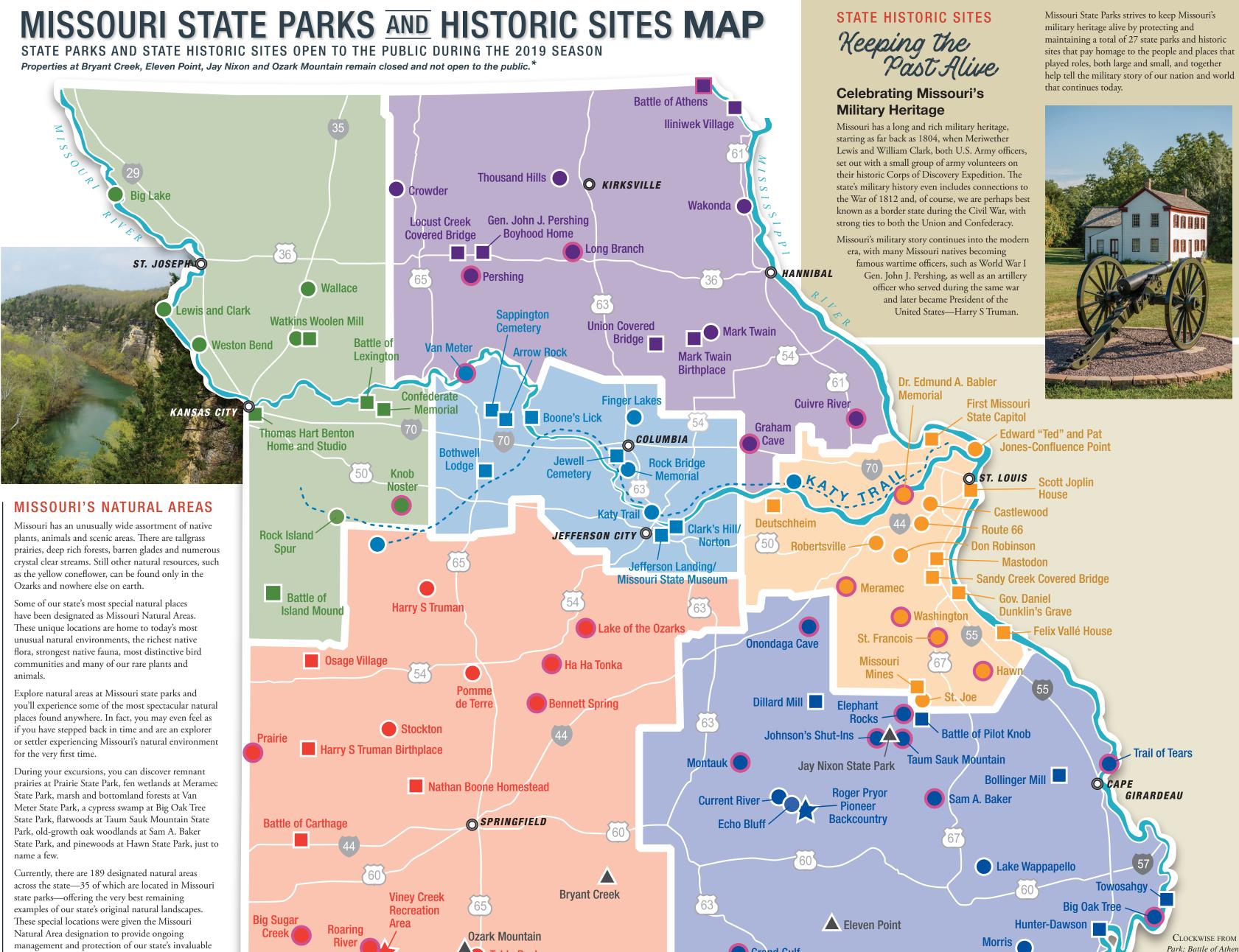


Table Rock



natural heritage for future generations to enjoy.



Major Civil War Battlegrounds

Missouri was a Civil War border state, making it a key to both Union and Confederate interests. The following state historic sites memorialize five significant and costly battles fought on Missouri soil.

- Battle of Athens State Historic Site
- Battle of Carthage State Historic Site
- Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site
- Battle of Lexington State Historic Site Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site

Sites of Other Military Actions

Not every military action during the Civil War in Missouri was a pitched battle – some had strategic purpose, such as the Bollinger Mill burning by Union forces. These historic sites and parks preserve and interpret four of those locations.

- Bollinger Mill State Historic Site
- Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site Missouri State Museum/Jefferson Landing
- State Historic Site
- Trail of Tears State Park

Stay the Night

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Pack up your tent or stock up your recreational vehicle for a fun way to enjoy nature and explore Missouri state parks. Forty-one state park campgrounds provide more than 3,600 campsites for everyone – from walk-in sites tucked away in the trees to ample sites ready for today's modern recreational vehicles Facilities range from basic sites to premium sites with sewer, water and electric service.

CAMPING SEASON AND RATES

Camping is available year-round at many state parks with water turned off in the campground for much of the winter season. The camping on-season for most state parks is April 1-Oct. 31. At Roaring River State Park, Bennett Spring State Park and Montauk State Park, the on-season begins Feb. 25. Some northern parks begin on-season operation on April 15. The on-season for Table Rock State Park runs from March through November.

Camping rates vary depending on the park, the time of the season and the type of utilities available (water, sewer, electric). Nine state park campgrounds offer "value camping" with lower rates depending on the day and season. More than 1,000 campsites offer premium 50-amp electrical service, ideal for today's modern recreational vehicle. For camping rates for each park, go to mostateparks.com.

A \$2 per night camping discount is available year-round for senior citizens (65 years and older), persons with disabilities and some military personnel. Proof of age, disability or military status is required at check in. Go to mostateparks.com for more information.

CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER: Onondaga Cave State Park; Battle of Athens State Historic Site; Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site; Arrow Rock State Historic Site; Battle of Carthage State Historic Site; Weston Bend State Park; Table Rock State Park; Echo Bluff State Park; Finger Lakes State Park; Ha Ha Tonka State Park; Big Sugar Creek State Park



Birthplaces and Homes

A number of Missourians became well-known because of their military service, while others were veterans or had other military associations, but became famous for other reasons. These historic sites preserve and interpret the birthplaces and homes of Missouri natives whose names became known worldwide.

- Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio State Historic Site
- Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home
- State Historic Site Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site
- Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site

CAMPING TYPES AND AREAS

There's a campsite tailored just for you and your next visit to a Missouri state park campground. You can choose from a secluded walk-in site, a basic campsite, or a paved pad with sewer, water and electric hookups for your recreational vehicle.

For those who want to camp with their family and friends, family campsites are a great solution. Family campsites consist of two camping pads as well as two tables, grills and lantern posts so everyone can share in the fun and good times together.

There are campgrounds designed for equestrian users in four state parks, 13 organized group camps in seven state parks and special use camping areas for non-profit organizations such as Scouts in many state parks. Many parks with backpacking trails offer primitive camping in designated areas along the trails. Check the grid in this brochure for information on where these and other special camping areas are located.

SPENDING THE NIGHT

There are two ways to camp in Missouri state parks. Many campgrounds offer first-come, first-served campsites, or you can reserve a site in advance by taking advantage of the centralized reservation system. All reservable campsites that are not reserved may be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

When making reservations, a two-night minimum stay on the weekend (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/ Sunday) is required in most state parks. There are no minimum stay requirements for first-come, firstserved users.

A CAMPING EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMFORTS OF LODGING

If you are looking for the comfort of a lodging experience but still crave the fun of going camping, Missouri State Parks offers several alternatives.

Camper Cabins

Camper cabins, a cross between housekeeping cabins and a campsite, give the feeling of camping without the hassle. Bring your own sleeping bag and enjoy the comforts of electricity, heating and air conditioning and access to campground amenities.

🔥 Making Our Parks Accessible

on Accessibility Information in the Park File.

Named in Honor

Five state parks were named in honor of Missourians celebrated for their military service, as well as those who were veterans but gained cclaim for other accomplishm Crowder State Park

- Pershing State Park
- Harry S Truman State Park
- Lewis and Clark State Park

State Parks and Historic Sites with Other Military Affiliations

Other state parks and historic sites had more indirect military ties, such as Arrow Rock State Historic Site, which was the location of a trading post during the War of 1812. Arrow Rock State Historic Site

- Bennett Spring State Park

Yurts

Motels

Dining

- Mark Twain State Park

Boone's Lick State Historic Site

Clark's Hill/Norton State Historic Site

Camper cabins are available at Johnson's Shut-Ins, Mark Twain, Stockton and Lake Wappapello state parks. Lake of the Ozarks State Park offers Outpost Cabins that are similar to camper cabins.

Premium camper cabins are offered at Big Lake State Park. In addition to electricity heating and air conditioning, these premium cabins offer running water and

For a more tentlike experience, try a yurt at Lake of the Ozarks and Pomme de Terre state parks. A yurt is a circular structure with a fabric cover and a wooden frame making it strong and weathertight. The yurts feature the comforts of electricity, heating and air conditioning and access to campground amenities.

The premium yurt at Table Rock State Park offers running water, a full kitchen and restroom in addition to electricity, heating and air conditioning.

Lodging Opportunities

Missouri State Parks offers you the perfect "home away from home" with lodging opportunities ranging from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms with all the amenities.

Cabins and Duplexes

There is a cabin to fit everyone's taste and interest. Cabins built in the 1930s retain the rustic feel but have been renovated and updated for today's visitors. Cabins and modern duplexes and fourplexes vary at each park and provide a cozy setting for two people or an entire family.

Six state parks offer modern motel rooms for overnight guests. Lodging is available seasonally at most state parks while a few offer accomm year-round. With all the comforts of home, they provide the perfect place to stay as you explore Missouri state parks.

Hearty appetites go hand in hand with state park adventures. For those who don't want to fix their own meals, 13 state parks have dining facilities that range from modern restaurants and rustic dining lodges offering full meals to a simple grill for a quick snack.













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Van Meter State Park is the location of a prisoner of war camp during World War II. In 1944, about 500 Italian POWs were housed at Camp Weingarten in Saline County, the present-day site of the park.

Camping Reservation Information

More than 3,000 state park campsites are available for reservation at 38 state park and historic site campgrounds. You can call or go online beginning six months in advance and up until 7 p.m. CT the day prior to arrival.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

 Call toll free 877-<u>ICampMO</u> (877-422-6766) 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. C1 seven days a week

Or visit mostateparks.com 24 hours a day

RESERVATION FEES

To MAKE a reservation: \$ 8.50 – General Camping \$ 8.50 – Group Tent Area

To CHANGE a reservation:

\$ 5.25 – General Camping \$ 10 – Group Tent Area

To CANCEL a reservation: \$ 8.50 – General Camping

\$ 10 – Group Tent Area

The reservation fee applies to each site reserved, whether for one day or 15 days and is non-refundable.

When making reservations there are various options for payment, including credit cards, debit cards, camping coupons and gift cards. Check the website at mostateparks.com for mor information about making a camping reservation and payment requirements

ACTIVITIES | AMENITIES

To ensure our state parks can be used and enjoyed by everyone, we make our facilities accessible to all persons, regardless of abilities. Look for this symbol to identify campsites, showerhouses, picnic areas, fishing docks and other areas that are accessible. For more details about accessibility in Missouri State Parks, visit mostateparks.com and click