WELCOME:

Public Meeting 2019 Saturday, July 20th

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park
Taum Sauk Mountain State Park
Jay Nixon State Park



Missouri State Parks – a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Introductions

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park Natural Resource Manager Krista Kennon

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park
Park Specialist I
Tyler Keim

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park
Maintenance Worker II
Vernon Montgomery

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park
Park Ranger
Chris Johnston

Eastern Regional Director Greg Combs

Deputy Regional Director
Alex Kovac

Deputy Division Director
Michael Sutherland

Data Sheet

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park

BY THE NUMBERS

LOCATION: Reynolds County

NUMBER OF ACRES: 8,780.51

ACRES IN ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP: 889

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STAFF: 9

NUMBER OF PART-TIME STAFF: 36

VOLUNTEER HOURS:* 1,864.5

2017 ATTENDANCE:* 373,204

MILES OF TRAIL: 36.8

NUMBER OF STRUCTURES: 54

MILES OF ROADWAYS: 4.84

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PRESENTED:* 72

STATE SALES TAX PAID: \$20,740.86

LOCAL SALES TAX PAID: \$6,684.98

BUDGET

CAMPING & LODGING

SMALL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR BUDGET: \$10,400.00

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$646,315.00

NUMBER OF CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD:* 9,740

NUMBER OF LODGING NIGHTS SOLD:* 1,119

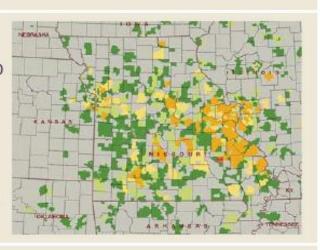
NUMBER OF CAMPSITES: 79

NUMBER OF LODGING UNITS: 6

NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT GUESTS:* 37,064

CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD BY ZIP CODE: >>>>>>





Small Maintenance and Repair Projects Completed

- ✓ River Store Deck
- ✓ Scour Trail Overlook
- ✓ Added gravel to parking areas, graded
- ✓ Electric switches in Camper Cabins replaced
- Exterior lighting at Black River Center repaired
- ✓ Brush cleared from Main Entrance
- ✓ Shower House Repairs
- ✓ Lagoon Pump Repairs

- ✓ River Access Stairs
- Repair Walk-In Campsite Tent Platforms
- ✓ Paint interior of all pit latrines
- ✓ Paint/repair/replace grills and picnic tables
- Removed damaged interpretive kiosk at Fen Pavilion
- ✓ Restriped main shut-ins parking area







Additional Projects - Completed

Trails

All trails within Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, with the exception of a small portion of Ozark Trail and Goggins trail, have been cleared of debris, down trees removed, vegetation cut back, and re-blazed.



Johnson Family Cemetery

The graveyard stones within the cemetery were cleaned with B2 solution. Stones which were leaning were reset to their original position. Stones which were broken or had been previously, poorly fixed were repaired.







AFTER

Natural Resources

Lichen Survey

Completed in June 2019, Missouri's top lichenologist, Doug Ladd, concluded that "Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park and the surrounding St. Francois Mountains landscape represents an irreplaceable and globally significant center of lichen diversity."



Bird Survey

Completed in January 2019, a bird survey of the facility, identified a diverse number of bird species. Additional a Red-Breasted Nuthatch was observed at Johnson's Shut-Ins for the first time.



Planned Projects

- ✓ Grade and re-rock Black River Trail System in Campground
- ✓ Replace remaining River Store deck
- Continue to restripe roads and parking lots
- ✓ Replace old, faded park signs
- ✓ Continue Trail Maintenance
- Repair rock walls along campground roads
- ✓ Paint Exterior of Camper Cabins

- ✓ Paint exterior of River Store
- ✓ Paint exterior of Pit Latrines
- Replace damaged Scour Trail Interpretation Sign
- Create sign to interpret Fen Area
- Create sign to interpret geology of split boulder
- ✓ Replace non-working displays in Black River Center

Data Sheet

Taum Sauk Mountain

Managed by Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park

BY THE NUMBERS

LOCATION: Iron and Reynolds counties

NUMBER OF ACRES: 8,732.23

ACRES IN ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP: 6.888

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STAFF: 0

NUMBER OF PART-TIME STAFF: 0

2017 ATTENDANCE: 144,160

MILES OF TRAIL: 14

NUMBER OF STRUCTURES: 3

MILES OF ROADWAYS: 1.89

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PRESENTED: 13

STATE SALES TAX PAID: \$150.92

LOCAL SALES TAX PAID: \$77.05

BUDGET

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:* 1

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$750.00

CAMPING & LODGING

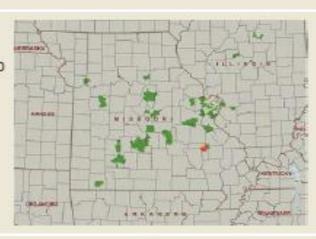
NUMBER OF CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD: * 303

NUMBER OF CAMPSITES: 12

NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT GUESTS:* 1,192

CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD BY ZIP CODE: >>>>>>





Taum Sauk Mountain State Park

Small Maintenance and Repair Projects Completed/In Progress

- ✓ Repair/Grading of gravel roads within facility
- ✓ Remodel of the interior of pit latrines
- ✓ Replace benches at trailhead and picnic area
- ✓ Replace picnic tables in picnic area
- ✓ Replace lantern posts on campsites

Taum Sauk Mountain State Park

Planned Projects

- ✓ Continue to replace benches and picnic tables
- ✓ Replace fire pits and grills
- ✓ Continue trail maintenance
- ✓ Construct tent platforms on campsites
- ✓ Replace pit latrines with pre-cast latrines
- ✓ Paint exterior of pit latrines
- ✓ Paint exterior of well house

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.

Jay Nixon State Park

Public Access

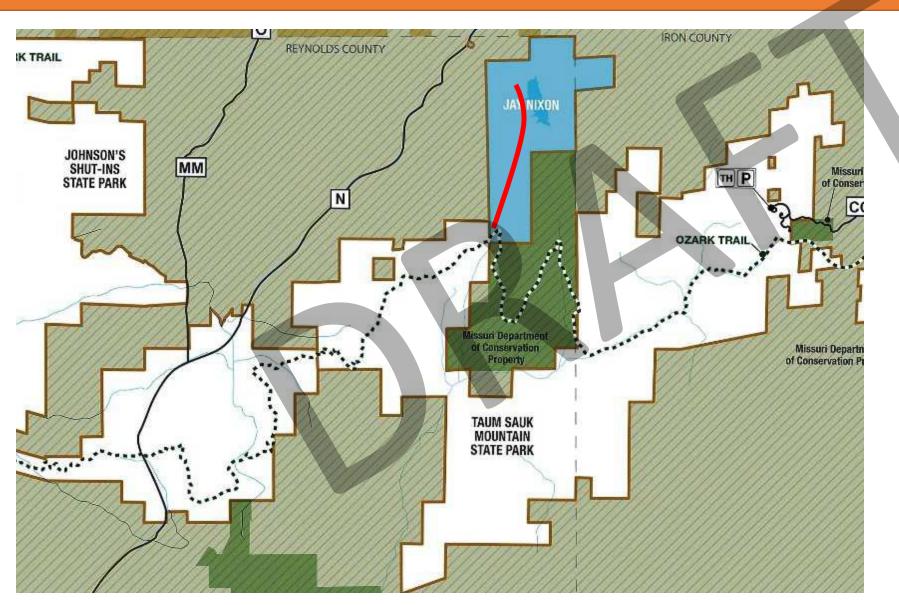
Public access into Jay Nixon State Park is currently unavailable, which includes a location along Highway N. This includes not only vehicle access, but foot and equestrian access.

Completed Projects

The entire boundary of Jay Nixon State Park has been marked by Missouri State Park property signs and/or blue indicator paint.

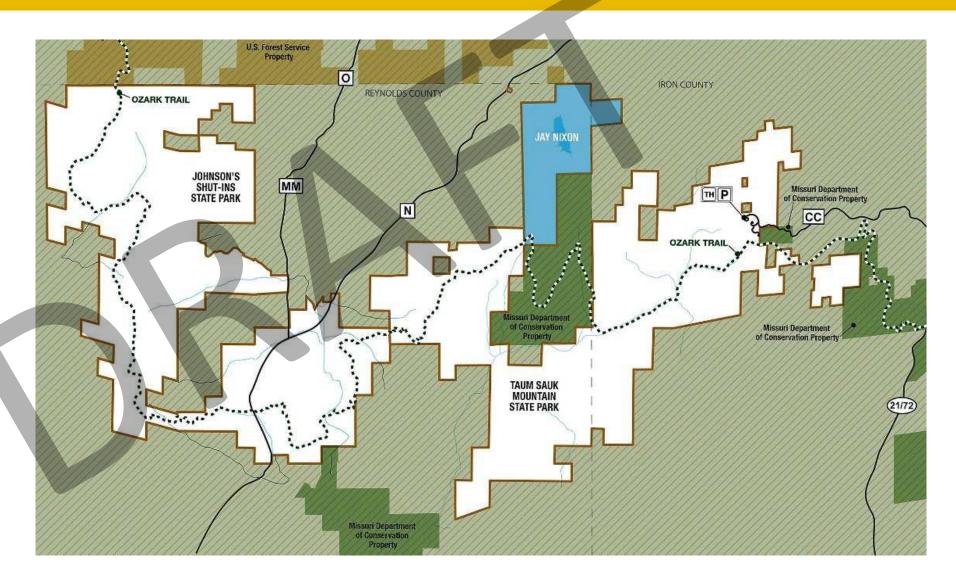
Firepit Lake dam passed inspection by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Geological Survey.

Jay Nixon State Park



Challenges for all Facilities

- Feral Hogs
- PositionVacancies
- Emergency Trail Access
- Illegal Access into properties from private property



Ranger Presentation

Questions

Comments

Thank You!