Lakeview Trail
8-mile loop
TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 6 hours
TRAILHEAD: On County Road 2000 (the campground/marina road); 37.60581, -93.74581
Lakeview Trail follows a contour above the shores of Stockton Lake and provides spectacular views of the lake. The trail travels through young woodlands as well as areas with more mature oak and hickory trees. The trail passes the state park beach, which is a good place to take a quick break. Continuing on, the trail joins Umber Ridge Trail and passes near the Gordon Cemetery. After the trail crosses Highway 215, it reaches a bluff along the Big Sac River arm of the lake. During winter months, this is a great area for viewing bald eagles and other waterfowl. The trail passes through the Hartley Boat Launch area before crossing Highway 215 and returning to the main trailhead. White connector 1 dissects the loop, providing trail users with shorter alternatives.

Nyblad Trail
0.50-mile one-way
TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 25 minutes
TRAILHEAD: In the West Campground, across from site #17, if not camping, park at the walk-in camping parking area; 37.60972, -93.74512
Nyblad Trail has a natural surface with a gentle terrain that is easy to hike. Traveling along the shoreline of the Little Sac arm of the Stockton Lake, hikers will be treated to views of the clear water of the lake. The trail passes through secondary woodlands of elm, hickory and oaks. In the spring, the area is brightened with blooming redbud and dogwood trees. In the fall and winter, squirrels, white-tailed deer, and wild turkey feed on acorns and hickory nuts along the trail. Hikers may see birds that feed or live near water, including great blue herons, barred owls, ospreys and eagles. When rainfall has been plentiful, there are two small creek crossings that may contain water.

The trail runs between the East and West campgrounds. The trail does not make a complete loop so hikers will need to walk back along the trail or walk a half mile along the campground road to a vehicle. The park amphitheater is located on the trail near the East Campground. In the East Campground, the trail can be accessed next to site #61.

Water Trail
6.65-mile one-way
TRAIL RATING: Easy
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 hours, 20 minutes
TRAILHEAD: 1) South of the Marina Store & Gas Pumps, 37.60393, -93.73523; 2) On the north side of the Hartley boat launch, 37.60525, -93.75399
This water trail follows the shoreline of Stockton State Park and provides an opportunity to enjoy the park and Stockton Lake from a canoe or kayak. Along the way, boaters will see limestone bluffs cut by the Little Sac and Big Sac rivers and wildlife such as bald eagles and beavers.

While on the trail, fishermen may be tempted by large-mouth bass, spotted and smallmouth bass, crappie, crappie, walleye, and bluegill. Green fish habitat signs indicate underwater fish structures for great fishing opportunities. The trail provides access to quiet coves for lunch and an island for exploring.

The two trailheads are only 1.1 miles apart by road and bicycle racks are located at each trailhead for easy bicycle shuttling. Kayaks are available for rent at Stockton State Park Marina.

Umber Ridge Trail
1.60-mile loop
TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 10 minutes
TRAILHEAD: At the Gordon Cemetery parking area at the beginning of the beach road; 37.62546, -93.75682
Umber Ridge Trail has a natural surface with a gentle terrain so it is easy to hike and also popular with mountain bikers. The area is typical of the western Ozarks where the prairie meets the woodlands. The trail travels along a west-facing slope offering several vistas of Stockton Lake before turning and traveling along open oak woodlands on an east-facing slope. The trail travels through open woodlands including large oaks and hickory trees. Springtime hikers may see several different types of wildflowers including trillium, spring beauty, coral root orchid and wild hyacinth. Autumn hikers can witness the beauty of the Ozark woodlands as the leaves change color and begin to fall. Wildlife can be observed all year but some of the best times to catch a glimpse of a white-tailed deer or a bald eagle are during the winter when the woods are open and the leaves are gone.