Knob Noster State Park

**HAWK NEST TRAIL**

Hawk Nest Trail shares sections of trail with both Buteo and Clearfork Woodland trails. Wildflowers are abundant in the spring and summer months. Oak hickory woodlands dominate this area of the park, allowing for ample wildlife viewing opportunities. There is a short spur along this trail that leads to the special-use area.

Hikers may encounter occasional water over the trail, slippery, muddy trail surfaces, rocks and roots. There are also wooden bridge crossings, stone steps, and steep grades and inclines of more than 10 percent along the dirt-surfaced trail. The trail acts as a burn line for prescribed burn management within the woodland and may occasionally be closed for prescribed burning. Please call the park for details.

Works Progress Administration workers constructed a small portion of Hawk Nest Trail near the picnic area. The trail is available for adoption; ask at the park office for details.

**Distance:** 1.6 Miles  
**Uses:** Hiking  
**Blazes:** Red  
**Class:** Loop  
**Surface Type:** Natural  
**Trail Rating:** Moderate  
**Estimated Hiking Time:** 1 Hour, 12 Minutes  
**Trailhead & GPS Location:** 38.74975, -93.58163

Elevation profile is not available

You may experience:  
2) Natural Surface-dirt/mud/gravel, shifting rock, slippery surface, etc.  
3) Rocks, roots and/or downed vegetation on trail  
6) Wood or stone steps  
7) Steep grades and inclines more than 10%  
9) Bridges and/or structural crossings  
10) Water/stream crossings without bridges  
11) Occasional water over trail
You may experience:

These conditions are all things you may encounter while on a Missouri state parks trail. Trailhead signs at the start of each trail also indicate which conditions exist on that trail.

Estimated hiking time:

The estimated hiking time was determined by considering the average user’s speed and the conditions that might be experienced on a specific trail. Your speed may be slower or faster than the time listed.

GPS Coordinates:

There are several methods of communicating GPS coordinates. Most GPS units will convert from one coordinate system to another. If you require a different coordinate system for your unit, visit dnr.mo.gov/gisutils/ to convert the coordinates shown on this map to another version.

Natural areas/wild areas:

Natural areas are identified in pink. Natural areas are recognized as the best remaining examples known of Missouri’s original natural environments. These natural areas are managed and protected for their scientific, educational and historical values. Missouri state parks have 38 designated natural areas, encompassing almost 22,000 acres.

Wild areas are identified in brown. The Missouri Wild Area System is made up of large tracts of land set aside as wilderness, which make the perfect setting for hiking and backpacking. A wild area must be 1,000 or more acres in size, show little impact from humans, and possess outstanding opportunities for solitude. They are strictly protected for their wilderness benefits as well as for their use for environmental education and scientific study.