Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park

PAVED BICYCLE TRAIL

(The main trailhead is in the middle of the trail, so description here begins from the campground end.)

Paved Bicycle Trail travels from the campground to the central portion of the park. From the campground, the trail winds northwest. It passes a small cemetery on the right just across from an access road for park staff. Continuing on the trail, the path leads down a hill and through a tunnel built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The trail continues downhill from here, steep in places, and passes Crystal Spring, one of two continuously flowing springs in the park. It is on this sheltered section that the moist runoff creek that parallels the trail provides verdant foliage. Pawpaw, spicebush, jack-in-the-pulpit, trillium and other deep green plants grow along each side of the trail. The trail passes the trailhead and the parking area (where a small footbridge leads from the trailhead to the trail). From here, the trail continues north, where it intersects and follows Woodbine trail. Here, the linear trail ends near the other trailhead parking lot.

Although a trailhead is not located at the campground, campers will find it a convenient point to access the trail. The trail intersects and shares a section with Woodbine Trail.

Distance from Trailhead 1: 1.7 Miles
Uses: 
Hiking 
Hardened Surface Biking
Blazes:
Yellow
Class: Linear
Surface Type: Paved/Concrete
Trail Rating: Easy
Estimated Hiking Time: 50 Minutes
Trailhead & GPS Location:
1) 38.62194, -90.69844
2) 38.61514, -90.70044

Elevation profile is not available
You may experience:
7) Steep grades and inclines more than 10%
9) Bridges and/or structural crossings
TRAIL BLAZE COLORS & SURFACE TYPES
The maps on this website indicate the blaze colors for each trail. If more than one trail shares tread, that portion of the trail is identified by more than one color. The surface type of a trail is indicated on the maps generated by this website by a pattern overlapping the blaze color of the trail.

TRAIL TYPE – Loop, Multi-loop, One Way, System or Multi-section
A loop trail is one that will return you to the trailhead. Multi-loop trails offer two or more separate loops, ex. a trail having a north and south loop. A one-way trail takes you from the trailhead to the farthest point on the trail and you will have to retrace your steps to return to the trailhead. If you plan to return to your starting point on a one-way trail, you will have to double the distance to calculate your estimated mileage and/or hiking time.
A trail system is a series of interconnected trails that allow you to chose your own route.
A Multi-section trail offers two or more separate sections, ex. Katy Trail State Park, and distances are shown both for the entire trail and the sections.

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.