



Battle of Athens State Historic Site Accessibility Information

Site Office

One handicap parking space is located near the site office entrance, however, the building is not considered accessible at this time.

The Town of Athens

The main road is asphalt and you can drive past several historic houses. Taking the gravel road on around will lead you to the Thome-Benning House.

A new, accessible picnic shelter provides extended-end tables, flush restrooms, electricity, a modern kitchen and seating for up to 160 people.

The Thome-Benning House

A gravel road leads to the house with access over natural, mostly level, grass turf. The house entrance is up three steps. Once inside, there is maneuvering room among the exhibits that interpret the town's history.

The Thome Mill Ruins

A steep trail leads to the dressed-stone foundation of the mill. Interpretation of the mill is found at the Thome-Benning House.

Campground

The campground has natural turf sites with gravel pads, which provide a fire ring, lantern post and table. Several are quite level, such as sites 23-25 and 29, which are electric sites.

An accessible vault toilet is located at the end of the loop with a path of packed gravel fines. The other two vault toilets have slightly larger gravel on the approach.

The wood lot has drive-up convenience.

Picnic Area

The picnic area has mostly level, paved parking. At this time, access is over natural turf, which is best achieved from the end near the information kiosk. Tables are scattered under the trees with pedestal grills available. A new, accessible playground is centrally located. A vault toilet is provided, however, access is across natural turf and is best approached from the lower parking area.

The Lake Area

This area has not yet been modified for accessibility. A vault toilet is provided near the picnic area, which is located along the edge of the lake, under the trees. Much of the bank area is grassy, level turf with a hardened boat ramp available.



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Trails

Trails have not been modified for accessibility. However, the trailhead between the lake area and the campground offers two-tenths of a mile of trail with slopes of less than 5 percent over natural turf.

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