



# Ha Ha Tonka State Park

## Accessibility Information

The symbol  indicates that the specified area is fully compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

### **Park Office/Visitor Center**

At the park office is a large asphalt parking lot containing two handicap spaces and a continuous concrete pathway leading to a covered, outdoor interpretive exhibit, accessible restrooms and the office.

A phone with volume control is available in the office.

### **Castle Area**

This area may be accessed by a 521 foot long asphalt trail leading uphill from the lower parking lot. The parking lot has three handicap spaces, a water fountain and an accessible vault toilet. An information kiosk is provided for park information. There are benches spaced along the trail to rest and enjoy the scenery. This trail may require assistance for some users.

An alternate means of access is provided in a small parking lot at the top of the hill with two handicap spaces. At the west end of the lot, a continuous concrete path leads to a water fountain, interpretive displays, scenic overlooks and the ruins. Benches are provided along the trail. At the east end of the lot, a wooden boardwalk goes past other interpretive displays. The boardwalk may require assistance for some visitors until further modifications are made. This trail continues past the water tower and down the bluff in a series of steps to the spring. This is a strenuous path and driving to the Spring Day-Use Area provides an alternate method of access.

### **Natural Bridge Day-Use Area**

Following the road across from the lower parking lot brings you to a woody cul-de-sac with an asphalt parking lot providing one handicap space. This area provides individual picnicking with one accessible site and a deck with a water fountain, information board and bench overlooking the sinkhole. The trail through the natural area contains steep slopes and some narrow stretches, which may inhibit some users.

### **River Cave Day-Use Area**

This shady area has individual picnicking with three accessible sites and a continuous concrete pathway connecting these to an information board and the asphalt parking lot with one handicap space.

The entrance to River Cave is in a sinkhole and accessed by a series of steps. Special tours are given during the winter season when less harmful to the bat population. An overlook with an interpretation panel is available to all users.

### **Oak Woodland Interpretive Trail**

This 430-foot trail has been paved in an effort to allow more users the opportunity to experience a typical Missouri woodland landscape. The trail is self-guiding using interpretive panels. A paved handicap parking space is provided and a bench is located at an information kiosk nearby for your rest and enjoyment. Some users may need assistance as some slopes may be excessive.



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## Old Post Office Day-Use Area

Named after the 1872 circa. structure nearby, this area provides an asphalt parking lot with a total of four handicap spaces. The main feature is a large sandstone shelter house with a concrete floor and an outdoor patio area with a group fire ring and accessible horseshoe pits. This shelter accommodates 100 people and has electricity, group grills and extended-end tables.

Centrally located is an accessible playground with benches and a nearby information board and water fountain.

At the end of the road are individual picnic sites with two sites fully accessible. These are concrete with extended-end tables and pedestal grills.

Across the road is a small overlook that allows those with disabilities to view the castle on the other side of the collapsed chasm. An interpretive panel in the area provides history on the old town of HaHaTonka.

A vault toilet is provided for all users.

## Spring Day-Use Area

A large asphalt parking lot includes handicap spaces at either end. At the near end is a small stone shelter with a group grill and electricity accommodating 60 people connected to parking by a concrete pathway. At the far end of the lot is a boardwalk accessing a fishing dock and a patio area with seating overlooking the lake. Also in this area are an accessible vault toilet and a one half-mile asphalt path leading to the spring. The path is very scenic following the bank around the bend to another stone shelter. This shelter interprets the area and provides a place to rest and enjoy the beauty. The path continues to an overlook where you can view the head of the spring. Past this area, the boardwalk continues with steps.

## Special-Use Area

This area is mostly in its natural state with a gravel parking lot, three camp areas and a vault toilet. It is situated on a hill that slopes down to the creek. Camp area 'A' is closest to the parking lot and vault toilet. Campers with mobility impairments may need assistance.

From this area, a connector trail leads to the seven-mile backpack trail.

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