



# Knob Noster State Park Accessibility Information

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

## **Park Office/Interpretive Center**

The park office was built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and still retains much of its late-1930s architecture, but has been modified to allow greater accessibility. One parking space is designated in front of the building with a paved pathway to the entrance. Inside is a lobby with the office to the left and the interpretive center to the right.

The office takes reservations for the shelters and group camps. Campsite fees can also be paid at the office when the campground contact station is closed (see office hours).

The Interpretive Center contains exhibits of the history of the park and of local animals and plants on the main level. The lower level offers hands-on exhibits and interpretive programs. Some visitors may need assistance in reaching the lower level, either by stairs or a steep exterior ramp. Accessible restrooms are available, however, the doors open onto a 3-foot hallway. An alternative parking space for weekend interpretive programs can be found behind the office, where a paved pathway leads to a rear entrance.

## **Campground**

### Camping

This wooded campground offers three electric and one basic accessible campsite. Campsites include an extended-end table, pedestal grill, fire-ring and lantern post on a paved base.

### Showerhouse

While the main showerhouse has had some modifications, it is not considered accessible. A smaller, centrally located showerhouse has been constructed to be accessible to all users. This showerhouse has a reserved, paved parking space and a water fountain. Inside each room has a lavatory, toilet, urinal and roll-in shower.

### Dumpstation

The dumpstation has had modifications, however, the fresh water may be difficult for some to access.

The woodlot, laundry, amphitheater and playground have not been modified. Wood is available at the campground contact station.

Just outside the campground is a basketball court with a reserved parking space and a paved pathway to the court entrance.



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### **Special-Use Area**

This area consists of partially wooded, unimproved group campsites with picnic tables, fire-rings and water hydrants. Some sites are level; but have natural turf and there is no accessible toilet.

### **WPA Shelter Area**

#### Shelter

This shelter has been renovated to be historically accurate with the addition of extended-end tables, an accessible water fountain and a pathway to parking. It accommodates up to 100 people and has a group grill and a fireplace. Parking is not marked, but the large lot is level.

#### Restroom

The restroom is also a historic structure and cannot be modified, although grab-bars have been installed for the front-transfer toilets. The restroom is down an 8 to 10 percent slope ending in gravel and has a confined entrance with a flagstone base.

#### Picnic Area

There are no accessible individual picnic sites in this area.

### **Lake Buteo Shelter Area**

This shady hilltop shelter overlooking Buteo Lake can be reserved for up to 35 people and has two extended-end tables and a group grill. A parking space is reserved and access is by 3-foot wide paved pathways at slopes of less than 5 percent. The vault toilet has been modified for greater accessibility, but has only a 3-foot wide porch at the entrance. The water fountain is not accessible.

#### **Clearfork Lake Day-Use Area**

Two shady, individual picnic sites have been constructed for accessibility. They are equipped with extended-end tables, pedestal grills and benches. An accessible restroom with a reserved parking space is just down the road near the shelter.

The playground has not been modified at this time.

Clearfork Shelter sits above the lake and provides extended-end tables, a water fountain and a group grill for up to 100 people. A paved pathway allows access to a reserved parking space located across the road. An accessible restroom is nearby.

### **Opossum Hollow Day-Use Area**

At the end of Opossum Hollow Road, you'll find a shady, private picnic site near the lake. A paved path adjacent to the designated parking space takes you to the site, which has an extended-end table and a pedestal grill. There is no accessible toilet in this area.



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### **Equestrian Camp**

This campground provides five gravel trailer pads with fire-rings, picnic tables, lantern posts and hitching posts. The sites are located around the shady edges of the camp and are of natural turf with varying slopes. A corral is provided. The vault toilet is accessible, having a paved apron, an information board and a near-by water hydrant.

### **McAdoo Trailhead**

For day-rides, the McAdoo Trailhead provides level trailer parking on packed gravel. The trail allows hiking and horses, and winds through hills, across streams and along Clearfork Creek. Some sections of trail have steep grades or may have standing water.

### **Group Camps**

#### Camp Shawnee

This historic camp contains the original late-1930s architecture of the WPA. Being listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the camp has not been modified for accessibility. All main buildings have steps and doorways less than 3-feet wide. Access is across natural turf. Paved roads connect the main buildings. Gravel roads connect the cabins, showerhouses and swimming pool.

#### Camp Bob White

Camp Bobwhite allows for a little more maneuverability than Camp Shawnee. A paved road circles through the mostly level camp connecting all buildings. While not considered accessible, some modifications have been made.

The six cabins hold 24 people each. Doorways have 34-inch openings and the lower bunk beds are accessible. Cabins #2 and #6 have side-transfer toilets and shower stalls. The shower units have hand held showerheads; but some may encounter difficulty with the handles. Similarly, the lavatory faucet handles may be difficult for some. The pathways to the cabins are of wood chips or packed gravel fines. At this time, some cabins have a 4 to 6 inch step.

The infirmary houses 12 people and has 34-inch doorways. A paved drive leads up to a concrete path to the entrance. The restrooms have not been modified.

The rustic dining lodge has a parking area of packed gravel fines adjacent to a concrete apron with a 15 percent slope. Inside, tables are accessible. This building does not have a restroom.

A paved pathway leads from the drive to the entrance of the recreation hall, where there is a 6-inch step.

A flush restroom is located further down the drive; but has not been modified at this time.



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Access to the pool house is across natural turf with a 4-inch step onto the porch. An easier means of access may be through the back gate onto the pool deck. The pool has a ramp for easier entry.

A paved ball court is approached over level, natural turf.

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