



St. Joe State Park is located within the Old Lead Belt, an area where much of the nation's lead ore was once mined. Evidence of past mining operations can be seen throughout the park, including the mine tailings area that is now used for off-road-vehicle riding.

Lead tailings in the mine tailings area may pose a health risk, especially for children six years of age and under. Actions you can take to lower your exposure include the following:

- Avoiding or limiting your time in the mine tailings area
- Washing face and hands before eating
- Removing as much dust and soil as possible from clothing, equipment and vehicles before leaving the park

For more information on lead health effects, contact the park office or the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. For more information on lead mining and lead exposure, visit Missouri Mines State Historic Site, located adjacent to St. Joe State Park.



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