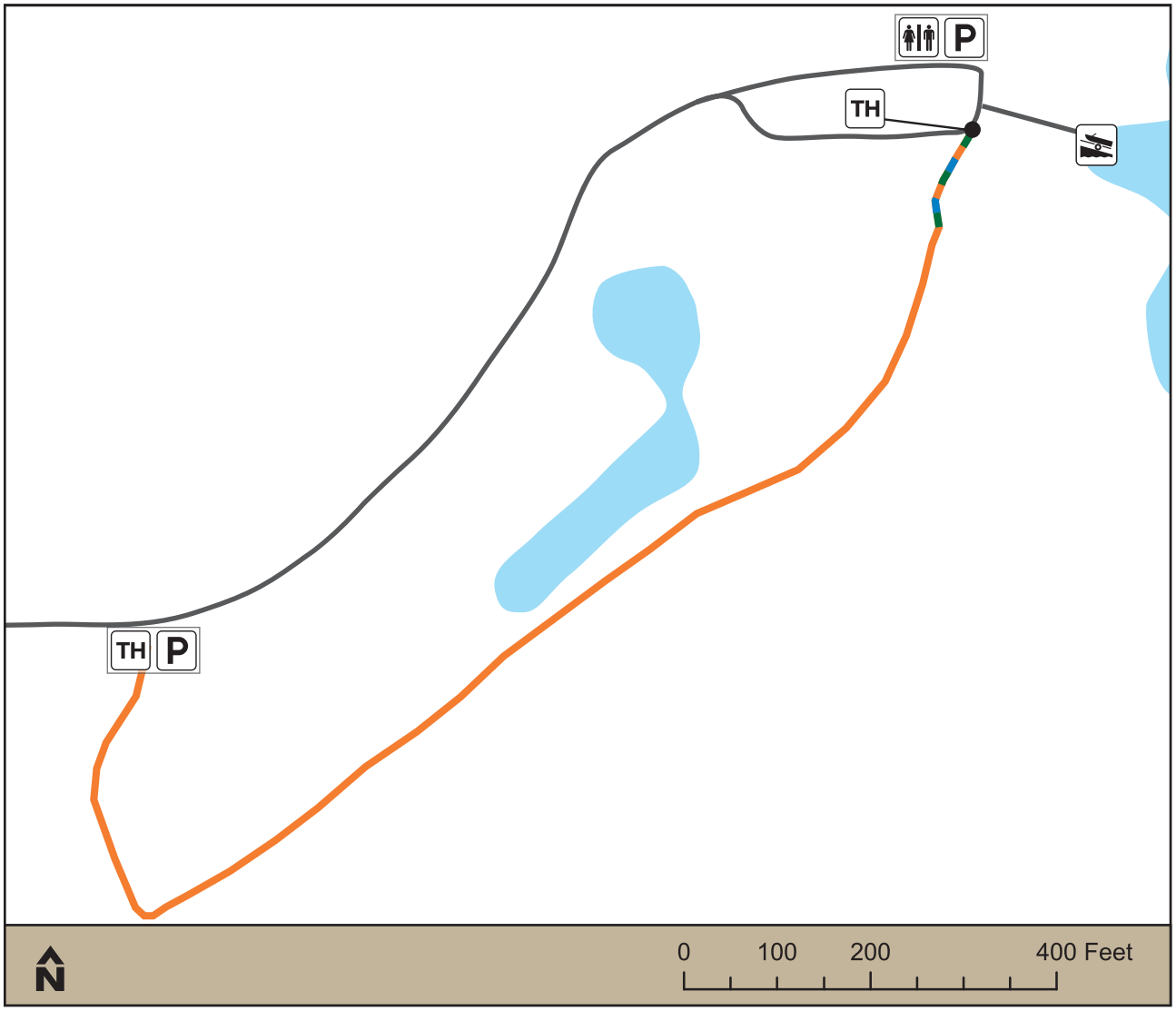
Wakonda State Park

Quartz Lake Trail .30 Mile



Uses: Hiking, Bicycling – Mountain Biking suitable
Blazes: Orange
Type: One way
Trailheads: ❶ At the main Agate Lake parking area; 40.00528686, -91.5147055 ❷ Along the road to Agate Lake, southwest of the main lake parking area; 40.00675968, -91.5115338
Estimated Hiking Time: 10 minutes, one way

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Missouri State Parks' Trails Legend

Trail Blaze Colors

The maps in this book 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. Yellow trails are shown with a navy stripe on the maps in this book; trails blazed in yellow do not have a navy stripe.

- Red
- Orange
- Yellow
- Green
- Blue
- Brown
- Black
- White connector
- Shared tread (colors will vary)

You May Experience

The following conditions are all things you may encounter while on a Missouri state parks trail. Conditions for each trail are listed on the introductory page for each state park and historic site:

YOU MAY EXPERIENCE: ❶ Slippery conditions and/or downed vegetation ❷ Natural surface: dirt, mud, gravel, shifting rocks, slippery surface, etc. ❸ Rocks, roots and/or downed vegetation on trail ❹ Low-hanging vegetation ❺ Physically challenging obstacles ❻ Wood or stone steps ❼ Steep grades and inclines over 10% ❽ Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail ❾ Bridges and/or structural crossings ❿ Water/stream crossings without bridges ⓫ Occasional water over trail ⓬ Road/Highway crossing ⓭ Emergency response signs ⓮ Narrow passages ⓯ Raised or protruding objects ⓰ Electric fence crossings ⓱ Bison/elk

Trail Type: Loop, One way or System

A loop trail is one that will return you to the trailhead. 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.

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

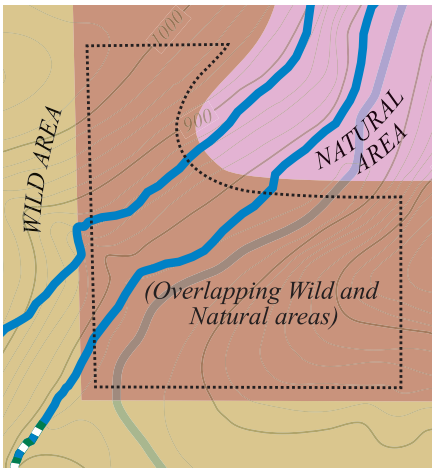
There are several methods of communicating GPS coordinates. This book uses the decimal degree method. Most GPS units will convert from one coordinate system to another. If you require a different coordinate system for your unit, visit **dnr.mo.gov/gisutils/** to convert the coordinates listed in this book to another version.

Natural Areas

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.

The smallest designated natural area is the seven acres that encompass the pink granite formations at Elephant Rocks State Park.

The largest natural area is 7,028-acre St. Francois Mountains Natural Area with the majority of it in Taum Sauk Mountain and Johnson's Shut-Ins state parks.



On the maps, natural areas are identified in pink.

Wild Areas

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.

Missouri has nearly 23,000 acres of wild areas in nine state parks: Cuivre River, St. Francois, Johnson's Shut-Ins, Rock Bridge Memorial, Trail of Tears, Sam A. Baker, Lake of the Ozarks, Roaring River and Hawn state parks.

On the maps, wild areas are identified in brown.

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Trail Legend

The following symbols will help you identify key features and landmarks on the trail maps. Also, these symbols are used on signage in the park.

- Interstate highway
- U.S. highway (2-lane)
- State route
- Railroad tracks
- Road lines
- Land contour
- Natural area
- Not state park property
- Stream or creek
- Water
- Wild area
- Park boundary
- Non-park property
- Main entrance
- Trailhead
- Hiking trail
- Backpacking trail
- Equestrian trail
- Bicycling trail
- Accessible
- ATV/ORV trail
- Overlook
- Parking
- Equestrian parking
- Amphitheater
- Boat dock/marina
- Boat ramp
- Cabins
- Camping
- Castle
- Cave
- Cemetery
- Dining
- Hatchery
- Interpretive exhibits
- Interpretive pavilion
- Lodging
- Mill
- Monument
- Motorcycle riding
- Museum
- Natural bridge
- Nature center
- Organized group camp
- Park office
- Park store
- Picnicking
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Restroom*
- Special-use area
- Spring
- Stables
- Trail shelter
- Tunnel
- Visitor center

** This symbol is used to indicate either flush restrooms and/or vault toilets. Also, please note that flush restrooms are available during the on-season, usually April 1 through Oct. 31.*

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