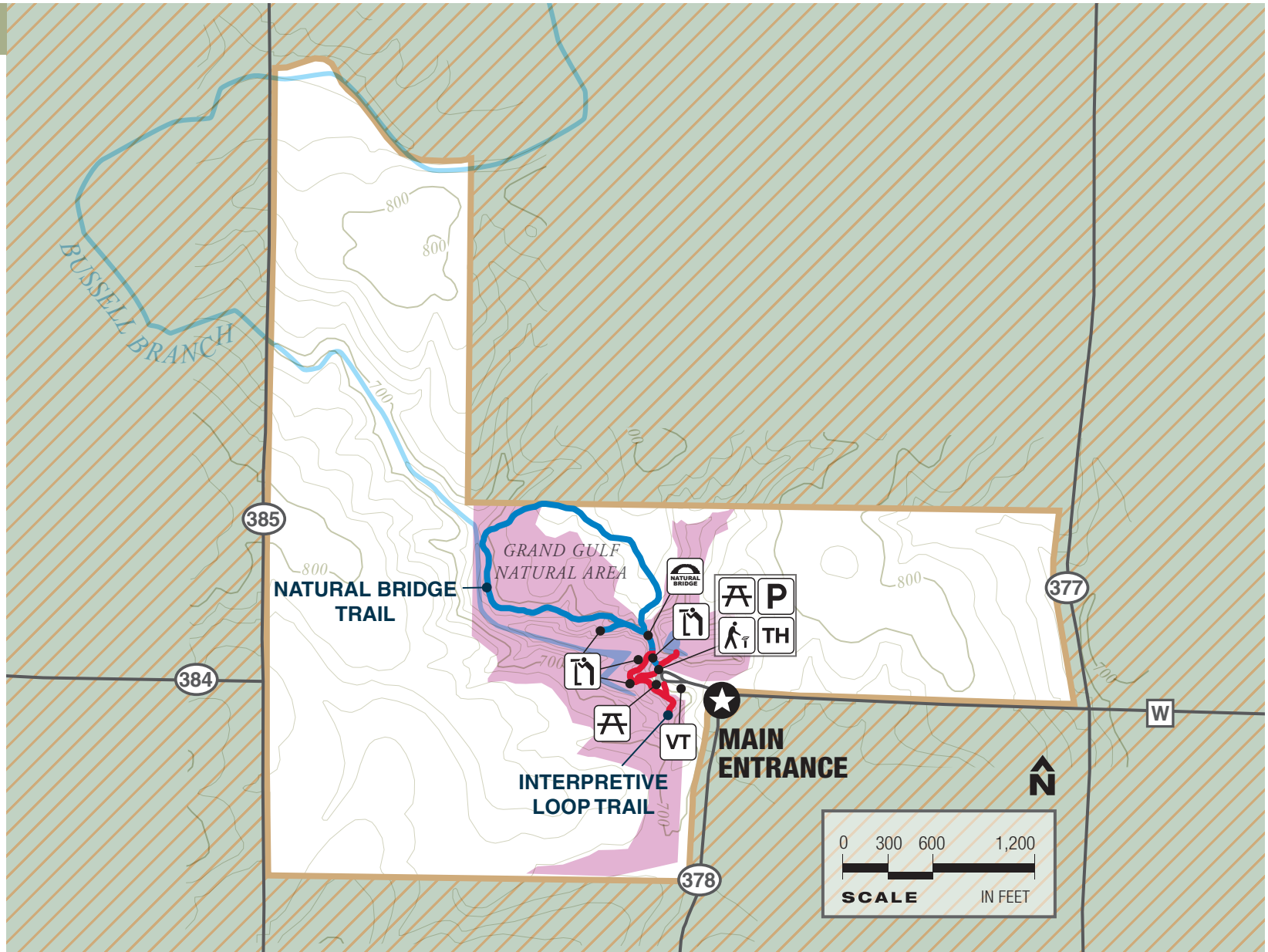


# GRAND GULF STATE PARK MAP



## LEGEND

- Main entrance
- State route
- Land contour
- Natural area
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in blue
- Trail (overlapping)
- Water
- Hiking trail
- Natural bridge
- Overlook
- Picnicking
- Parking
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet



## CONTACT INFORMATION

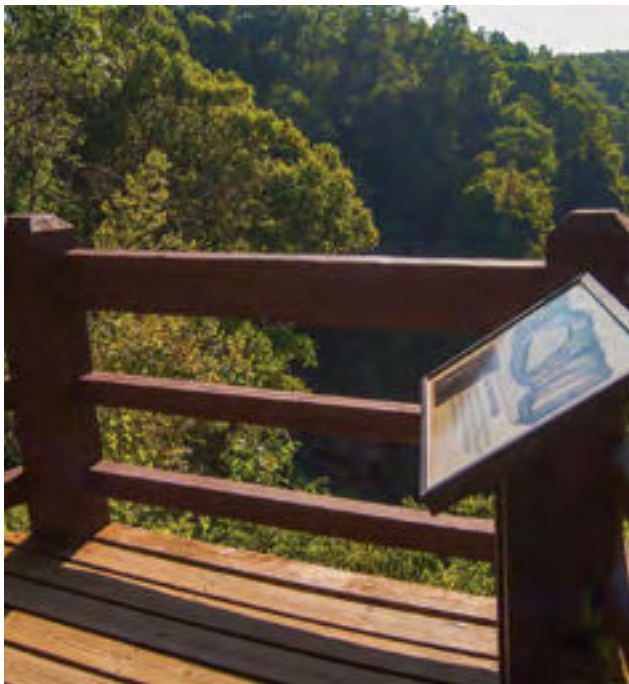
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## INTERPRETIVE LOOP TRAIL



**0.15 miles one way** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 15 minutes

Interpretive Loop Trail offers some of the most spectacular views of the gulf. Four overlooks allow visitors to view the sights of Grand Gulf. Hikers can see the remains of the collapsed cave system as well as the remaining cave located in the Grand Gulf sink. Unusual rock formations and geological features are visible while hiking along the edge of the gulf. Interpretive panels located at the kiosk and along the trail explain the formation of the gulf and point out different features of the gulf.

The trail's 72 steps allow visitors to view the bottom of the gulf and occasionally see the wet-weather waterfall. A platform lets hikers stop and take in the impressive view of the gulf. Numerous stopping areas are available for visitors to enjoy the view and to rest when coming back out.

The surface of the trail is crushed rock with wooden steps and steep slopes. Trail users should wear a good pair of shoes or hiking boots.

Interpretive Loop Trail shares a trailhead and a section with Natural Bridge Trail.

TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
<b>Interpretive Loop Trail</b>	0.15	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:10px; background-color:red;"></span> Red		Moderate	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11
<b>Natural Bridge Trail</b>	0.75	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:10px; background-color:blue;"></span> Blue		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 8

**\* YOU MAY EXPERIENCE:** ① Slippery conditions and/or downed vegetation ② Natural surface: dirt, mud, gravel, loose rocks, slippery surface, etc. ③ Rocks, roots and/or downed vegetation on trail ④ Low-hanging vegetation ⑤ Physically challenging obstacles ⑥ Wood or stone steps ⑦ Steep grades and inclines over 10% ⑧ Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail ⑨ Bridges and/or structural crossings ⑩ Water/stream crossings without bridges ⑪ Occasional water over trail ⑫ Road/highway crossing ⑬ Emergency response signs ⑭ Narrow passages ⑮ Raised or protruding obstacles ⑯ Electric fence crossings ⑰ Bison ⑱ Rapidly changing weather conditions ⑲ Motorized boat traffic ⑳ Unexpected waves ㉑ Changing water levels ㉒ Surface or submerged objects

## NATURAL BRIDGE TRAIL

**0.75-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 40 minutes

A remnant of an ancient collapsed cave system has formed one of the largest natural bridges in Missouri. Natural Bridge Trail takes hikers over the natural bridge and offers a glimpse into the spectacular Grand Gulf as it travels along the edge. Hikers can see wildflowers and wildlife as they go along the trail.

Though it offers views of the gulf in the summer, the best time to walk this trail is in the late fall and winter seasons. Visitors are treated to greater views without leaves on the trees. Deer and turkeys can be spotted off in the distance. Fall is also a great time to hike the trail because of the changing colors.

Users will encounter a gravel trail with steep slopes and should wear good hiking shoes or boots for comfort.

Natural Bridge Trail shares a trailhead and a section with Interpretive Loop Trail.

Volunteers are always welcome to maintain the trails. Contact the park office for details.



## Rules of the Trail

- All pets must be kept on a leash for their protection and that of other visitors and wildlife.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable to trail users.

## The Ethics of Good Trail Use

- Carry out what you carry in. If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash, too.
- Stay on the trail. Do not take shortcuts. The trail has been laid out to minimize destruction of surrounding vegetation and to prevent erosion.