

LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK MAP

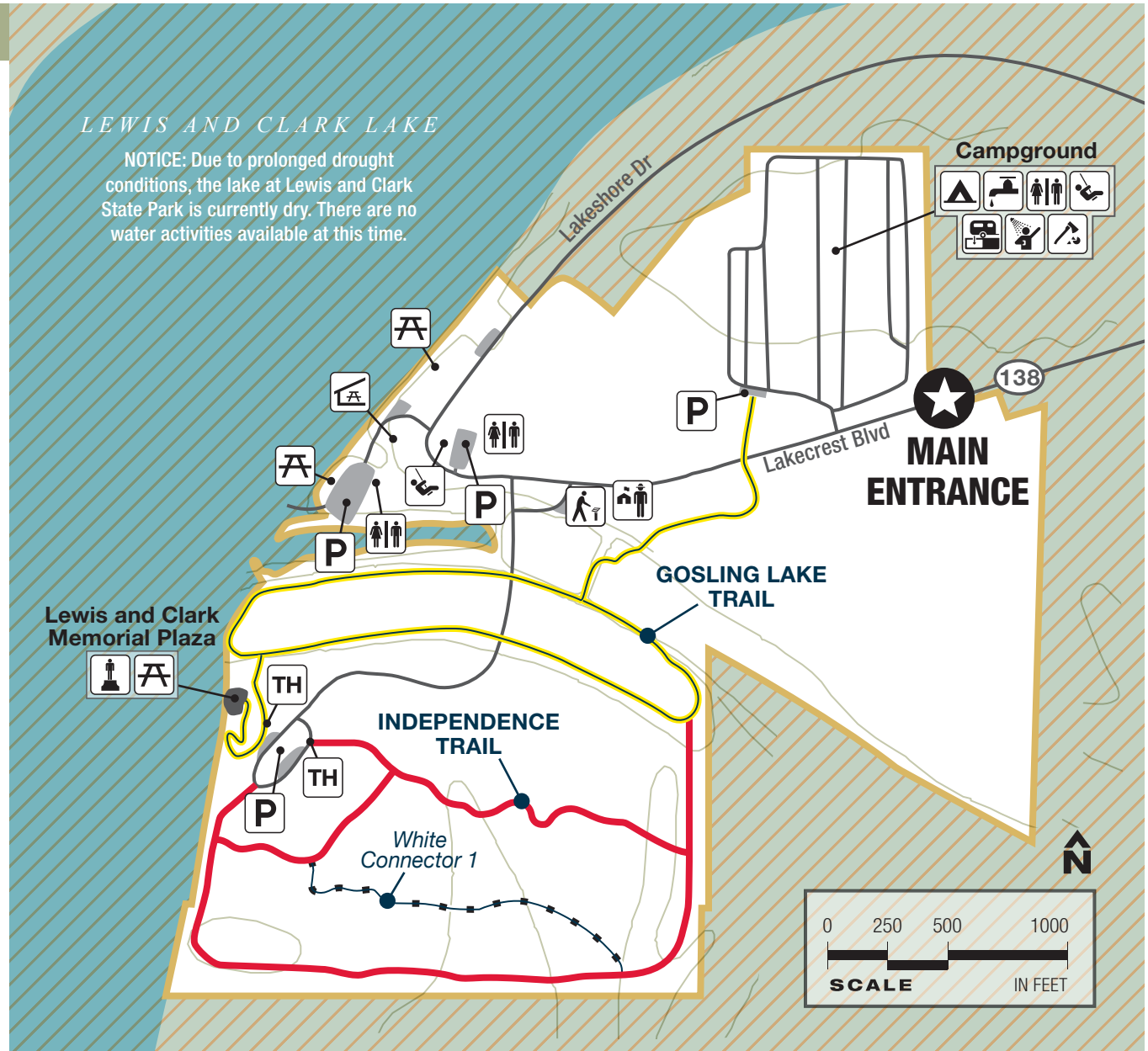


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| Main entrance | Accessible |
| U.S. highway (multi-lane) | Paddling |
| U.S. highway (two-lane) | Dump station |
| State route | Interpretive exhibit |
| Land contour | Memorial |
| Not state park property | Park office |
| Park boundary | Parking |
| Stream or creek | Picnic shelter |
| Trail blazed in red | Playground |
| Trail blazed in yellow | Restroom |
| Water | Showerhouse |
| Camping | Trailhead |
| Hiking trail | Water |
| Bicycling trail | Woodlot |
| Picnicking | |

LEWIS AND CLARK LAKE

NOTICE: Due to prolonged drought conditions, the lake at Lewis and Clark State Park is currently dry. There are no water activities available at this time.



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GOSLING LAKE TRAIL

1.0-mile loop TRAIL RATING: Easy
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 30 minutes






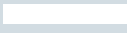
Gosling Lake Trail derives its name from Gosling Lake, the name members of the 1804 Lewis and Clark Expedition gave the oxbow lake after observing many flocks of geese on its surface. Today, the trail provides visitors with a level walking path to explore the park, including a loop around the former fish hatchery. Users will see river bottom habitats that include both wooded areas and open fields, providing a perfect setting for a large number of native and migratory bird species. The trail begins at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Plaza where along a 0.10-mile spur visitors can learn about the expedition's trek up the Missouri River. When using the trail access at the campground, the trail loop distance is 1.30 miles. The majority of the trail is gravel/compacted limestone with a short paved section leading from the campground.

INDEPENDENCE TRAIL

1.10-mile loop TRAIL RATING: Easy
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 35 minutes

Independence Trail is a 1.1 mile natural surface path open to hiking and biking. Beginning near the Lewis and Clark Memorial Plaza, the trail takes visitors on a loop through a grassy landscape and bottomland forest restoration area. An excellent opportunity for birdwatching! Midway through the loop White Connector 1 provides a shortcut back to the trailhead. An access trail on the east side of the loop connects hikers and bikers to the Gosling Lake Trail and campground.



TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Gosling Lake Trail	1.00	 Yellow		Easy	2, 3, 12
Independence Trail	1.10	 Red		Easy	2, 3
Connector Trail ()		 White	<i>Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your hike. See map for more information.</i>		

*** 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

Camping



Visitors wanting to spend the night can take advantage of the level and roomy campsites that make it easy to maneuver a large recreational vehicle. The park has both basic campsites and those with electrical hookups. Premium campsites with 50-amp service are also available. During the on-season from April 15 through Oct. 31, the campground features modern restrooms, showers, water and a woodlot. All campsites are reservable, those not already reserved are available as walk-up registration sites.

Bird Watching

The park is located within the Iatan/Weston River Corridor Important Bird Area and falls between the two major migratory flyways – the Mississippi Flyway and the Central Flyway. During the spring and fall migration seasons, waterfowl stop to rest and feed in the marsh. Along with the “goslings” seen by Lewis and Clark, white pelicans, trumpeter swans, great blue herons and snowy egrets make regular appearances. Wintering bald eagles can often be seen searching for food around the area.

Picnicking



Visitors can enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the numerous picnic tables with grills scattered throughout the day use area. The picnic area is located in the shade of stately cottonwood, sycamore and walnut trees. The day use area also offers access to an open shelter house, modern restrooms, and a playground.

For larger gatherings, groups can reserve the open picnic shelter, which was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The shelter, which has electricity and water, can be reserved in advance. To reserve the shelter, visitors should go online to icampmo.com, select the park and shelter they wish to reserve and fill out all information. Submission of the application does not guarantee reservation of the shelter.

Trails



Two trails open to hiking and biking offer a good way to explore the park and learn about its association with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A description of the trails can be found on the map side of the brochure.

Interpretive Programs



During the summer months, visitors should check for programs that interpret the park's features and its history associated with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Programs may include viewing the keelboat replica.