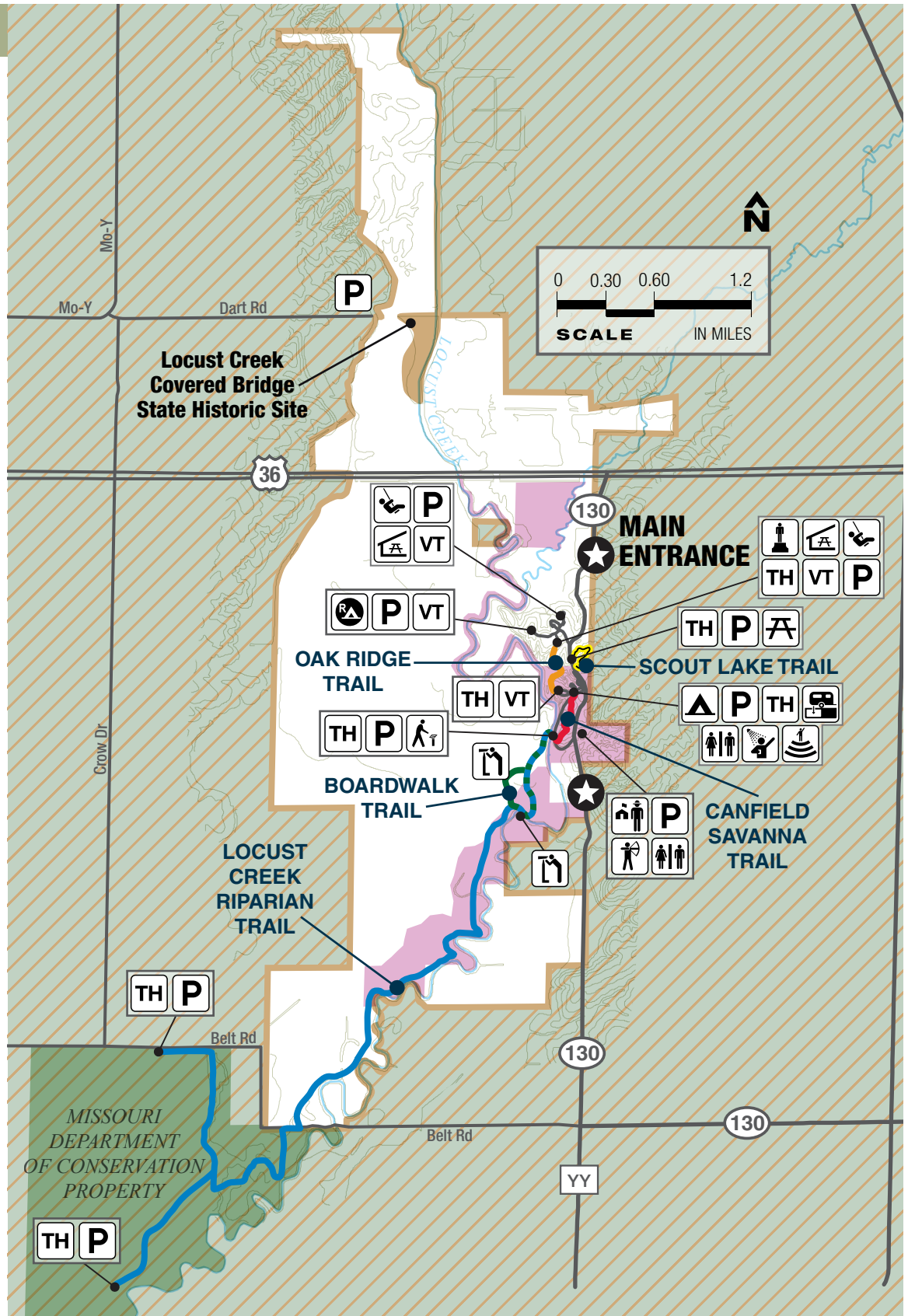


PERSHING STATE PARK MAP



LEGEND

- Main entrance
- U.S. highway (multi-lane)
- State route
- Road lines
- Land contour
- Natural area
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in orange
- Trail blazed in yellow
- Trail blazed in green
- Trail blazed in blue
- Trail (overlapping)
- Water
- Camping
- Hiking trail
- Backpacking trail
- Accessible
- Amphitheater
- Archery
- Dump station
- Interpretive exhibit
- Memorial
- Overlook
- Parking
- Park office
- Picnicking
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Restroom
- Showerhouse
- Special-use area
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet















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TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Boardwalk Trail	1.40	 Green	 	Moderate	9, 11
Canfield Savanna Trail	0.40	 Red		Moderate	2, 3, 7, 9, 11
Locust Creek Riparian Trail	5.90	 Blue	 	Moderate	2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Oak Ridge Trail	0.40	 Orange		Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11
Scout Lake Trail	0.30	 Yellow		Rugged	2, 3, 8, 9

* **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

BOARDWALK TRAIL

 **1.40-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 1 hour, 5 minutes

The best way to explore the wetlands and view wildlife is on this accessible interpretive boardwalk. The exhibits along the boardwalk explain the forces that interact with one another to create and maintain the wetlands and wildlife found in the park. The boardwalk leads visitors through bottomland forest, shrub swamps, marsh and wet prairie. An observation tower overlooks the largest remaining wet prairie in north Missouri at nearly 1,000 acres.

The area along the trail has been designated an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society. Bird watchers can enjoy a huge variety of birds including great blue herons, barred owls, pileated woodpeckers, migrating songbirds, waterfowl and wintering eagles. On the prairie, visitors will find cordgrass, compass plant, spiderwort, blue flag iris and the rare pale green orchid. The endangered massasauga rattlesnake can be found along with deer, raccoon, river otter, mink, beaver, muskrat and several species of amphibians. The trail shares a trailhead and a section with Locust Creek Riparian Trail.

CANFIELD SAVANNA TRAIL

 **0.40 mile one way** TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 20 minutes

From the campground, this trail winds through an area inhabited by large oak trees and an understory of native grasses and wildflowers. Ending at the parking lot beside Locust Creek, hikers may return to their starting point via the asphalt road or continue their hike on the boardwalk.

LOCUST CREEK RIPARIAN TRAIL

 **5.90 miles one way** TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 4 hours, 25 minutes

Riparian refers to the land along rivers and streams and this trail follows the west bank of Locust Creek from the iron bridge to the northeast portion of Fountain Grove Conservation Area. It uses Boardwalk Trail's first .80 mile before branching off and paralleling Locust Creek before it terminates on Fountain Grove Conservation Area.

Locust Creek Riparian Trail is unique to north Missouri and it follows a meandering prairie stream with its associated oxbows and wetlands under a tall canopy of bottomland forest of oak, hickory, cottonwood, sycamore and silver maple in Locust Creek Natural Area. The type and amount of vegetation in this corridor have great influence on the water quality of the

stream. Human settlement along rivers has replaced native vegetation with agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial developments, often to the detriment of the stream.

Since this trail is not a loop trail, hikers will need to plan for a pick-up at the south end, or drop a vehicle there first to hike its full course. Short hikes are also encouraged by hiking in and out from the same location.

Due to the potential of flooding along parts of this trail, users are encouraged to contact the park office or check the park's web page for notices.

Two trailheads also are located in Fountain Grove Conservation Area. One is at the parking area on the north end of the conservation area, which can be reached via Belt Road. The second is located off the auto tour route on the east side of the area, accessed on Crown Drive. About one mile of this trail is located on Missouri Department of Conservation property. Special rules, regulations and access may apply on Missouri Department of Conservation property.

The trail is open to backpacking/overnight camping. The group must be less than seven people and camp 100 feet away from the trail, one-fourth mile away from the trailhead or access point and 200 feet away from a lake or stream.

OAK RIDGE TRAIL

 **0.40 mile one way** TRAIL RATING: Rugged
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 25 minutes

Oak Ridge Trail begins next to the open shelter in the day-use area and takes you through an oak-hickory forest along Locust Creek and near a shrub swamp. Visitors may have a chance to view wildlife associated with both an upland forest and wetlands environment, including deer, squirrel, beaver, an occasional otter and migrating waterfowl.

SCOUT LAKE TRAIL

 **0.30-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 20 minutes

Scout Lake Trail winds through an upland wooded area accented with wildflowers. This trail crosses wooden foot bridges and encircles the Scout Lake Area of the park. Picnic sites and parking lots are located just north of the trailhead at the intersection of Highway 130 and Husk Road.